KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 148 N. Binkley Street Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

March 16, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORT - Mr. Jim Dawson, principal, Mt. View Elementary, assisted in a studentcreated school presentation. Students recited their school cheer and presented a video tape with interview responses from students, parents and teachers on the positive climate at their school. The students reported on lessons taught by community members, shared a learning collage, demonstrated an electronic student portfolio and reported on special events which included student council, good bus behavior incentive, spirit days, school sleep-overs, recess choices, DARE program, and Turn Off TV week. The students concluded their presentation by reading the school mission statement.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS - The Board presented awards of appreciation to Rosanne VanRay, head secretary, Soldotna Middle School and Martin Galloway, head custodian, Soldotna Middle School for their outstanding service to education and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren congratulated Battle of the Books winners from Tustumena Elementary School, Soldotna Middle School and Soldotna High School. Mr. Dahlgren announced that Thursday, March 19, 1998, in the Borough Assembly Room, Lieutenant Governor Fran Ulmer will present Governor Knowles' proposed Smart Start for Alaska's Children Initiative. He stated that this time period is reserved especially for District employees and Board members to ask questions about the proposal.

PRESENTATION OF THE FY 1998-99 BUDGET - Mr. Hickey presented the 1998-99 budget to the Board. A worksession was held prior to the regular School Board meeting. The Board will consider adoption of the budget at their April 6, 1998, meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending February 28, 1998.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST - The Board unanimously approved an extended field trip request for fifteen students from various District schools to travel to Mountain View, California, to participate in the U.S. Space Camp.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT - The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1998-99 school year for Merry Zogas, special services/aide, Hope Elementary School.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/CERTIFIED - The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1998-99 school year for Jeannette Sorrels, special services/preschool, Sears Elementary and Atz Kilcher, music, McNeil Canyon/West Homer Elementary.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Stephanie Mullaly, math/physical education, Susan B. English School.

1998-99 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENT - The Board unanimously approved a tentative tenure teacher assignment for the 1998-99 school year for Anne Kendall, Nikiski Elementary.

1997-98 RESIGNATION/ADMINISTRATIVE - The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Jeffrey Harriman, principal/teacher, Hope Elementary School, effective March 20, 1998.

POLICY/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVISIONS - The Board unanimously approved housekeeping Board Policy Revisions BP 4116, Nontenured/Tenured Status, and BP 4117.6, Nonretention, to bring the District in compliance with the requirements of HB 465.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS - The Board heard a first reading of BP 6153 School-Sponsored Trips and AR 6153 School-Sponsored Trips. The proposed changes clarify current practice, streamline forms and address water travel.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 6, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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