

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

October 15, 2001

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Dr. Nels Anderson, President
Ms. Deborah Germano, Vice President
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Clerk
Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Member
Mrs. Margaret Gilman, Member
Mr. Al Poindexter, Member
Miss Katie Lockwood, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Gary Whiteley, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Maurice Glenn	Mr. Clarence Duncan
Mr. Rick Matiya	Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh
Mrs. Debbie Stewart	Mrs. Mo Stoner
Mrs. Laurie Olsen	Mrs. Sharon Mook
Ms. Tammie Anderson	Mr. Blaine Gilman
Mr. Sam Stewart	Mr. Tim Navarre
Mr. Jim White	Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds
Mrs. Colette Thompson	Mrs. Reneé Henderson
Mr. Bruce Rife	Dr. Shirley Holloway
Mr. Tim Peterson	Mrs. Lana Syverson
Mr. Hans Bilben	Mrs. Beth Martin
Mrs. Patty Rich	Mr. Jerry Dixon
Mrs. Paula Christensen	Mr. Rick Abbott

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Germano called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Germano invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Margaret Gilman	Present
Mr. Al Poindexter	Present
Miss Katie Lockwood	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with a revision. Item Number 7. (Awards and Presentations) was moved ahead of Item Number 2. (School Reports).

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Ms. Germano announced that a reorganization of the Board was in order.

- ACTION Mrs. Crawford nominated Dr. Nels Anderson as president of the Board. Mrs. Mullins requested that nominations for president be closed. Mrs. Crawford seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- REORGANIZATION OF BOARD
(Continued): Mrs. Mullins nominated Ms. Deborah Germano as vice president of the Board. Mrs. Mullins requested that nominations for vice president be closed. Mrs. Crawford seconded.
- ACTION Motion carried unanimously.
- ACTION Mrs. Mullins nominated Mrs. Sammy Crawford as clerk of the Board. Mrs. Mullins requested that nominations for clerk be closed. Mr. Arness seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- ACTION Mrs. Mullins nominated Mr. Joe Arness as treasurer of the Board. Mrs. Crawford requested that nominations for treasurer be closed. Mrs. Mullins seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- ESTABLISH MEETING TIME, DATE AND PLACE: Ms. Germano moved the Board set its meeting time, date and place for 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at the Borough Administration Building, Soldotna (unless otherwise noted) and that two meetings be scheduled in Homer and Seward in the fall and spring. Mrs. Mullins seconded.
- ACTION Motion carried unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of October 1, 2001, were approved as printed.
- AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Commissioner Holloway presented the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award to Mr. Bruce Rife, Soldotna High School science teacher. She explained that aside from the recognition of receiving such a prestigious award, Mr. Rife will receive \$25,000 and the opportunity to attend a meeting in California to honor approximately 1,800 winners.
- Ms. Tammie Anderson presented the British Petroleum Teacher of the Year award to Mr. Jerry Dixon, Seward Elementary QUEST teacher. Ms. Anderson explained that the Teacher of Excellence Program began six years ago to honor excellence in education and to provide a public forum to thank those who dedicate their lives to educating youth.
- The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Mr. Clarence Duncan, Kenai Central High School custodian and Ms. Reneé Henderson, Kenai Central High School music teacher for their many years of service to the District.
- The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Mr. Rick Abbott, Spenard Builders Supply Manager, in appreciation for outstanding support for the District.

Dr. Anderson thanked Ms. Germano for serving as president of the Board for the past two years and for her hard work lobbying the legislature for additional education funding. He commended her on an outstanding job.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Maurice Glenn, Nanwalek Elementary/High School principal/teacher gave a computer-generated slide presentation showing pictures of the school and highlighting staff and programs. He reported on oil spill remediation, new playground equipment, a new multi-purpose room floor, village growth, student accomplishments and "School of Change." He stated that the school has a current enrollment of 70 students and he anticipates continued growth over the next year. He attributed the growth in enrollment to families who are returning to the village to get away from large school problems such as drugs, alcohol and violence. He noted that parents also want to connect with their culture and heritage. He noted that bilingual education classes are offered at the high school level. Mr. Glenn summarized student growth in reading and commended itinerant teachers for student success. He stated that the "School of Change" goals are to improve math, reading and writing performance; prepare students to have a productive future in society; and prepare students for the HSGQE.

Dr. Peterson asked Mr. Glenn to describe activities used during the schoolwide math block. Mr. Glenn explained that after a review of student math scores, the staff decided to change to a model allowing each student to work at his/her own level. He stated that there are gaps in students' math skills due to the constant turnover in staff. He stated that students are being held accountable for knowing certain math skills and are promoted to a higher level, if they are capable. He stated that he is expecting to see increases in student math scores at the end of the year.

Mr. Poindexter asked about the math textbooks used at Nanwalek Elementary/High School. Mr. Glenn stated that many different math textbooks are used and that the books only meet 60-65% of the state math standards.

Mrs. Mullins asked about the school water situation. Mr. Glenn responded that the school has recently passed one water test and another test is due at the end of October. He explained that if the second water test passes, the school can discontinue the use of bottled water.

Dr. Anderson asked who will live in the new houses in the Nanwalek village. Mr. Glenn stated that families are returning to the village from Anchorage and the Lower 48.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Dr. Peterson referred the Board to a letter regarding Title IX provision services and the District response. She stated that she received a letter from the Voznesenka Community Council regarding extracurricular programs for Voznesenka Elementary. She noted that the Borough Risk Manager has provided information regarding anthrax. She stated that she received an executive proclamation from Governor Knowles regarding Alaska Democracy Week.

Ms. Germano stated that she received a report on resolutions to be considered during the AASB Annual Conference.

- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson stated that she will be giving several presentations during the next few months: October 17 at the Kenai Chamber of Commerce, November 15 at the Nikiski Chamber of Commerce, November 20 at the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce, December 6 at the Homer Rotary Club. She reported that she attended the Alaska Superintendent Conference in Anchorage on October 5-6. She noted that the Administrator meeting is October 24.
- Financial Report:** Dr. Peterson presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 2001.
- Budget Transfer Report:** Dr. Peterson reported on budget transfers Numbers 1 through 62 for various schools and departments within the District.
- BOARD REPORTS:**
- Mr. Poindexter reported that he was recently appointed to the State Crosswalk Committee to work on performance standards for vocational education. He stated that he will be working on specialty items such as natural resources and agriculture. He stated that the Committee has held two teleconferences and will meet on October 25-27 in Anchorage.
- Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended the Social Studies Curriculum Committee meeting.
- Ms. Germano reported that she attended a second meeting of the Health Curriculum Committee.
- Mr. Arness noted that a parcel of property adjoining the Nikiski High School was involved in the Borough land sale and includes a portion of the cross-country running trail. He reported that the Borough has responded and that he feels the situation has been adequately resolved.
- CONSENT AGENDA:** Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Resolution Number 01-02-9, Purchase of Copiers; Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract; and New Teacher Assignments.
- Resolution Number 01-02-9, Purchase of Copiers:** By memorandum, Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve Resolution 01-02-9 and to request the Assembly approve debt issuance for the acquisition of copiers.
- Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a long-term substitute teaching contract for Debbie Brophy, special education/resource, Skyview High.
- New Teacher Assignments:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a teacher assignment for the 2001-2002 school year for Katrina Adamson, (temporary) library/teacher at Soldotna Elementary (50%) and Grades 4-6 at Redoubt Elementary (50%).
- ACTION**
- Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Mrs. Mullins seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Tim Navarre, Assembly president, asked the Board to appoint three members to serve on the Borough Reapportionment Committee. Mr. Navarre announced that the Committee will meet Thursday, October 18. Dr. Anderson stated that he, Mr. Arness and Ms. Germano will serve on the Committee.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Miss Lockwood announced that the Borough Honor Choir concert will be held Tuesday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD COMMENTS (continued):

Mrs. Mullins thanked Dr. Holloway for personally presenting Mr. Rife with the Milken Award and she congratulated Mr. Rife for receiving the award. She congratulated all of the award recipients recognized during the meeting. She welcomed Mrs. Gilman to the Board and congratulated the new Board officers. Mrs. Mullins reported that she attended the Soldotna High VICA Club meeting this week and added that she will meet with the Club again regarding parliamentary procedure.

Ms. Germano recognized Spenard Builders Supply for their support of the District. She stated that she was pleased to see that the District has a Milken award winner and thanked Commissioner Holloway for presenting the award. She welcomed Mrs. Gilman to the Board. She expressed concern for Cook Inlet Academy's request to be added to the District middle school activity competition schedule. She stated that the criteria for participation will need to be discussed since the District has limited participation of other students on the Peninsula. She thanked the Board and Peninsula communities for their support during the past two years while she was president.

Mrs. Crawford stated that she was pleased that Commissioner Holloway was able to present the Milken award. Mrs. Crawford recognized that there are many wonderful employees and businesses in the District. She thanked Mr. Glenn for his school presentation. She welcomed Mrs. Gilman to the Board and thanked Ms. Germano for her hard work as Board president. She announced that on Wednesday, October 17 she will attend the annual meeting of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Gilman thanked the Board for the welcome and added that she is looking forward to working with other Board members and the administration. She stated that she was excited that Mrs. Henderson received the Golden Apple award and noted that she was her second grade music teacher. She reported that she recently attended the Mind A-Mazes competition and encouraged those present to attend future competitions. She explained that this year's competition required students to design a game and added that in her opinion, the District has many bright children.

Dr. Anderson welcomed Mrs. Gilman to the Board. He commended Ms. Germano for her past efforts in lobbying the legislator for more funding. He added that she was instrumental in coordinating a joint lobbying effort with the District employee associations. He added that he hoped that the same lobbying effort can be repeated this year.

ADJOURN:

At 8:36 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Nels Anderson, President

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Clerk

The Minutes of October 15, 2001,
were approved on November 5, 2001
as printed.