
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

August 8, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the financial update, Policy Manual revisions; the curriculum development process, the Budget Development Committee, Performance Based Curriculum, and the superintendent and School Board evaluation documents.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Mr. Adam Reimer, Tsalteshi Trails Association Board vice chair, gave a multi-media presentation detailing services provided to students and the community by the Tsalteshi Trails Association.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater presented the 2010-2011 Superintendent's Annual Report and noted that the report will be distributed across the borough. He reported that he recently attended the annual Summer Superintendent's Meeting in Juneau held by the Department of Education and Early Development. He noted that the District will be audited by Teacher's Retirement System (TRS) and Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) staff as well as the annual financial audit. He reported that summer maintenance work is ongoing and that Russian village schools start on August 10 while other schools begin on August 23. He thanked District staff for their work in preparing for the new school year.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT: Mr. Jones reported on budget transfers Numbers 955 through 1661 for various schools and departments within the District.

PAY SCHEDULE: The Board unanimously approved the proposed pay schedule for substitutes and other temporary employees for the 2011-2012 school year.

SNS MEAL PRICE INCREASE: The Board unanimously approved Student Nutrition Services meal prices for K-6 students to be increased from \$2.75 to \$2.85, the paid meal price for 8-12 students be increased from \$3.25 to \$3.35 and that adult school lunch pricing be increased from \$4.00 to \$4.25 for the 2011-2012 school year.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for Belinda M. Stevens, school psychologist, district-wide, Central Peninsula; Connie L. Courmier, K-12 intervention specialist, districtwide, curriculum; Denyse Hurst, science teacher, district-wide, distance education; Joseph A. Pazar, intermediate grade teacher, K-beach Elementary; Margee Starr, intermediate teacher, K-beach Elementary; Lisa E. Schramek, art/technology applications teacher, Kenai Middle; Rafael J. Curiel, intermediate grade teacher, Nanwalek School; Geoffrey K. Clark, music teacher, vocal and instrumental, Nikiski Middle/High; Christine M. Snow, school counselor, Nikiski Middle/High; Adrienne J. Bostic, temporary, mentor teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Jennifer Olson, primary grade teacher, Paul Banks Elementary; Kyle McFall, language arts teacher, Skyview High; Gary R. Wertz, school counselor, Skyview High; James B. Harris, permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE language arts teacher/credit recovery teacher, Soldotna High; and Monica Chi, special education intensive needs teacher, West Homer Elementary.

NONTENURE TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a nontenure teacher contract for Michelle Green, primary grade teacher, Nikiski North Star.

RESIGNATION: The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Sandra Lewis, art teacher, Kenai Central High School.

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence for Ben Stephens, Grade 4, West Homer Elementary, effective for the 2011-12 school year.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved the proposed revisions to AR 5131.1, Bus Conduct; AR 5144, Discipline Guide; and AR 6153, School-Sponsored Trips. The Board unanimously approved an amendment to add “1 to 45 days” before the word “suspension” in the hazing section of AR 5144, Discipline Guide.

BUDGET TRANSFERS The Board unanimously approved a budget transfer request in the amount of \$98,099 to purchase a delivery truck for the warehouse and a budget transfer for \$414,188 to adjust reserve for incurred but not reported health care expenses (IBNR).

SCHOOL BOARD IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER: The Board approved the employment of Mr. Michael Crawford, immediate family member to Mrs. Sammy Crawford, School Board Member, pending permission by the Commissioner of Education.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of proposed revisions to BP 1321, Solicitation of Funds; BP 5124, Communication with Parents/Guardians; BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs; and BP and AR 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, September 12, 7:00 p.m., **Homer High School, Homer**, Alaska.

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