
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

May 7, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the proposed Health Care Internal Service Fund, Policy Manual revisions and KPSAA Borough-sponsored Events.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Larry Nauta, Aurora Borealis Charter School administrator, introduced Miss Katie Delker and Miss Hannah Delker who sang, *Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better*, and Miss Olivia Brewer sang *O Mio Caro*.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater announced that the bids for roofing projects came in lower than expected and as a result, more schools were added. May 8 is National Teacher Appreciation Day and he thanked districtwide teachers for their hard work. He urged those present to post a message on Facebook or tweet a thank you. He commended Kenai Middle School students for competing in the national Math Counts and the national Future Problem Solving teams. He announced that Spring Creek High School will relocate to the Anchorage School District and thanked the school staff and the correctional center superintendent, Mr. Craig Turnbull, for their work. He thanked Mrs. Sally Tachick for her years of service and welcomed Mrs. Debbie Tressler, her replacement.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2012.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT: Mr. Jones reported on budget transfers Numbers 529 through 1043 for various schools and departments within the District.

TENTATIVE NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for the 2012-13 school year for Jennifer Riddall, teacher/regular, Aurora Borealis Charter School; Jon Kulhanek, teacher/regular, Fireweed Academy; Mark Putney, teacher/regular, Homer High School; Darcy Mueller, teacher/regular, Homer Middle School; Hannah Toporek, teacher/federal, K-12/Assessment; Ryan Miller, teacher/regular (temporary), Kachemak Selo School; Kendra Rupp, speech therapist, Kaleidoscope Charter; Darcy Marcou, teacher/regular, K-Beach Elementary School; Joseph Pazar, teacher/regular, K-Beach Elementary School; Laura Fournier, guidance counselor, Kenai Central High School; John Marquez, teacher/regular, Kenai Central High School; Meredith McCullough, teacher/regular, Kenai Central High School; John Morton, teacher/regular, Kenai Central High School; Lacey Wisniewski, teacher/regular, Kenai Middle School; Corise Story, teacher/regular, McNeil Canyon Elementary School; Kathrine Abraham, teacher/regular (temporary), Moose Pass School; Kevin Hilton, teacher/regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Shannon Hoffbeck, teacher/regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Shawna Vlasak, teacher/regular (temporary), Mountain View Elementary School; Valerie Verdries, teacher/regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Elizabeth Wallin, teacher/regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Jacob Doth, teacher/regular, Nikiski Middle/High School; Jake Eveland, teacher/regular (.50 FTE), Nikiski Middle/High School; Christine Snow, guidance counselor, Nikiski Middle/High School; Anna Widman, teacher/regular, Nikiski Middle/High School; Michelle Green, teacher/regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Katy Settlemeyer, teacher/regular (.50 FTE), Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Thor Jones, teacher/regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Emily Mayberry, teacher/regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Brianna Redfern,

teacher/regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Jennifer Olson, teacher/regular, Paul Banks Elementary School; Michelle Fournier, teacher/regular (perm .50 FTE/temp .50 FTE), Razdolna School; Liviu Rizea, teacher/regular, Razdolna School; Stephanie Belger, teacher/regular, Redoubt Elementary School; Bethany Epplin, teacher/regular, Redoubt Elementary School; Carol Hutto, teacher/regular (temporary), River City Academy; Deanne Pearson, teacher/regular, River City Academy; Denyse Hurst, teacher/regular, Secondary Ed/Student Activities; Helen Lindemuth, librarian (.50 FTE), Seward Elementary School; Jenna Fabian, teacher/regular, Seward Elementary School; Leigh Ray, teacher/regular, Seward Elementary School; Wesley Andrews, guidance counselor, Skyview High School; Karen Hamlow, librarian (.50 FTE), Skyview High School; Deborah Jacobson, teacher/regular, Skyview High School; Kyle McFall, teacher/regular, Skyview High School; Gary Wertz, guidance counselor, Skyview High School; Elizabeth Edwards, teacher/regular, Soldotna Elementary; Holly Davis, teacher/regular, Soldotna Elementary School; Bristol Whitmore, teacher/regular, Soldotna High School; James Harris, teacher/regular, Soldotna High School; Brian Dandliker, teacher/vocational education, Soldotna Middle School; Jeffrey Vincent, teacher/regular, Soldotna Middle School; Stephanie Dennis Blair, teacher/regular, Soldotna Middle School; Thomas Cavanaugh, teacher/regular, Sterling Elementary School; Tiffany Gray, teacher/regular, Sterling Elementary School; Justin Derks, teacher/regular (temporary), Susan B. English School; Christina Granger, teacher/regular (temporary), Tustumena Elementary School; Amanda Painter, teacher/regular, Tustumena Elementary School; Isaiah White, teacher/regular, Voznesenka School; and Emily Putney, teacher/regular, West Homer Elementary School.

CONTRACT AND TENURE FOR NONTENURED TEACHERS 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved contract and tenure for nontenured teachers for the 2012-13 school year for Mary Simonsen, teacher/regular, Chapman School; Heidi Stokes, teacher/regular, Chapman School; Christopher Brown, teacher/regular, Homer Flex School; Connie Akers, librarian (.50 FTE), Homer High School; Amy Christianson, teacher/regular, Homer High School; Anna Fisher, teacher/regular (temporary), Homer High School; Jennifer Booz, teacher/regular, Homer Middle School; Patricia Truesdell, teacher/regular, Hope School; Kimberly Fields, teacher/regular, Kaleidoscope Charter; Marianne Kasch, teacher/regular, Kaleidoscope Charter; Patricia Haywood, teacher/regular, K-Beach Elementary School; Douglas Armstrong, teacher/regular, Kenai Central High School; Krista Christensen, teacher/regular, Kenai Central High School; Lenore Swanson, teacher/regular, McNeil Canyon Elementary School; Renee Christensen, teacher/regular, Mountain View Elementary; Nicole Cunningham, teacher/regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Summer Dallman, teacher/regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Tammy Farrell, librarian, Mountain View Elementary School; Cynthia McKibben, teacher/regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Jesse Bjorkman, teacher/regular, Nikiski Middle/High School; Holly Boyle, teacher/regular, Nikiski Middle/High School; Laura Niemczyk, teacher/regular, Nikiski Middle/High School; Rose Armstrong, teacher/regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Karen Pala, teacher/regular (temporary), Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Kimberly Trammell, teacher/regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Eric Simonsen, teacher/regular, Ninilchik School; Seanna Gunn, teacher/regular, Paul Banks Elementary School; Kjersten Syth, teacher/regular, Paul Banks Elementary School; Amy Ware, teacher/regular (temporary), Paul Banks Elementary School; Jennifer Keil, teacher/regular, Razdolna School; Carolyn Farmer, teacher/regular, Redoubt Elementary School; Amanda Adams, teacher/regular, Secondary Ed/Student Activities; Steve Cothran, teacher/regular, Secondary Ed/Student Activities; Emanuela Meriggi, teacher/regular, Secondary Ed/Student Activities; Bethany Waggoner, teacher/regular, Seward High School; Jesse Settlemyer, teacher/regular, Skyview High School; Erin Neisinger, guidance counselor, Soldotna High School; Eric Dahl, teacher/regular, Soldotna Middle School; and Cynthia Ussing, teacher/regular, Sterling Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year from Amy Balsinger, special education resource teacher, Kenai Middle School; Kathryn Baum-Fjelstad, language arts/social studies/physical education, Ninilchik School; Jeffrey Clay, kindergarten - 6th grade teacher, Moose Pass School; Connie Courmier, K-12 intervention specialist, Elementary Education/Curriculum; Laurie Cowgill, librarian/science teacher, Kaleidoscope Charter; Lana Esposito, special education resource teacher, Seward Elementary School; Candice Goldstein, 1st grade teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Jonathan Horbach, math/science teacher, Kenai Middle School; Rochelle Horbach, science teacher, Kenai Middle School; Callie Hruby, special education resource teacher, Nikiski Middle/High School; Aaron Lohmeyer, music teacher, Soldotna Elementary/Soldotna Montessori; Timothy McFarland, music teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Garrett McMullen, special education resource teacher/Title I teacher, Tebughna School; Mary Meconi, intermediate grade teacher, Tebughna School; Melissa Morckel, math teacher, Kenai Central High School; Jessica Pena, interventionist teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Dena Pettijohn, 5th grade teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Mark Robinson, choir teacher, Homer High School; Melody Spangler-Hatch, speech language pathologist, Seward Elementary School; Benjamin Stephens, (currently on leave of absence), West Homer Elementary; Linda Kay Thompson, special education intensive needs teacher, Homer High School; and Teresa Zinck, 3rd grade teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved leave of absence requests from Mick Audette, music teacher, Sterling Elementary School/Tustumena Elementary School (effective for the 2012-13 school year) and Joanne Frey, special education intensive needs teacher, Seward Elementary School (effective for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year).

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Holly Alston, Chapman School; Wanda Rochelle Brenner, Mt. View Elementary School; Carol Conant, Seward Elementary School; Polly Crawford, Soldotna Middle; Mark Larson, Soldotna High School; and Jill Wagner, Redoubt Elementary School.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS 2011-12: The Board unanimously approved a new teacher contract for Tammy Taylor, (temporary) Kindergarten – 2nd Grade teacher, Nikolaevsk School for the 2011-12 school year.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Nick Gilbertson, 2nd/3rd multi-grade teacher, Sterling Elementary; Katy Journey Scrivo, 4th through 8th grade teacher, Moose Pass School; Amy Maguire, 1st – 4th grade teacher, Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science; and AnnMarie Rudstrom, Kindergarten/1st multi-grade teacher, Sterling Elementary for the 2012-13 school year.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 1077, for \$690,907 to pay for upgrades and modifications of existing buildings to accommodate changes in CTE programs offered at Seward High, Nanwalek, Kenai Central High and Skyview High; Number 1101 for \$104,500 to pay for replacement of CRT monitors with LCD displays; Number 1162 for \$150,822 to pay for fuel at locations that have exceeded their original heating budgets; and Number 1165 for \$90,000 to pay for the purchase of land adjoining the Aurora Borealis Charter School campus.

AURORA BOREALIS CHARTER SCHOOL LAND PURCHASE: The Board unanimously approved the purchase of four lots adjoining the Aurora Borealis Charter School by the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT AWARD: The Board unanimously approved a five-year contract for transportation services from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017 with First Student, Inc. at the costs submitted in their RFP.

HEALTH CARE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND: The Board unanimously approved establishing an Internal Service Fund which would be retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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