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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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June 4, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building  
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mr. Joe Arness, President  
Mrs. Liz Downing, Vice President  
Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk  
Ms. Lynn Hohl, Treasurer  
Mr. Marty Anderson  
Mrs. Sammy Crawford  
Mrs. Sunni Hilts  
Mr. Bill Holt  
Mr. Tim Navarre  
Miss Annaleah Ernst, Student Representative

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent of Schools  
Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent  
Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Joe Nicks	Mrs. Christine Ermold
Mr. Dave Spence	Ms. Pegge Erkeneff
Mr. John O'Brien	Mrs. Laurie Olson
Mr. Jim White	Ms. Cheryl Anderson
Ms. Heather Fuller	Mr. Tim Peterson

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 1:49 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, Mr. Navarre, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Hilts, Ms. Hohl, Mrs. Vadla and Mr. Arness were present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 1:49 p.m., Mrs. Hilts moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the School District. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss negotiations strategies and tactics. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 2:37 p.m., Mrs. Hilts moved the executive session be adjourned. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

At 2:37 p.m., the Board recessed the meeting to conduct worksessions.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

(7:00:15 PM)

Mr. Arness called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

(7:00:38 PM)

Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:**

*(7:01:03 PM)*

Mrs. Crawford read the District's mission statement.

**ROLL CALL:**

*(7:01:32 PM)*

Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mr. Marty Anderson	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mr. Bill Holt	Present
Mr. Tim Navarre	Present
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Present
Miss Annaleah Ernst	Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

*(7:02:33 PM)*

The agenda was approved with a revision to 11a(5) Approval of New Administrator Contract 2012-13.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*(7:02:53 PM)*

The School Board Minutes of May 7, 2012, were approved as printed.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:**

*(7:06:13 PM)*

Ms. Cheryl Anderson, Outreach Coordinator, Kenai Fish and Wildlife Field Office and Ms. Heather Fuller, Habitat Restoration Biologist, Kenai U.S. Fish & Wildlife Field Office spoke to the Board about the school yard habitat program, the services provided and how the program is funded.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

*(7:03:43 PM)*

Dr. Atwater announced that Nancy Kleine, the Homer area Connection's teacher, was given the Golden Apple Award. He reported receiving the Annual Nurse's Report and commended Ms. Naomi Walsworth, Nurse Coordinator, and all nurses for their work, especially during the PowerSchool software conversion. He reported on a survey conducted by First Student regarding transportation, school busses and traffic violations and that based on the results of the survey, the District will be working on an informational campaign in August to help promote bus safety.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:**

*(7:21:37 PM)*

Mrs. Christine Ermold, KPAA President, reported that school administrators will meet with the District Office Leadership team on June 5 and 6 to analyze student data and invited the Board to attend the group sessions. She commented on the superior pool of applicants available during recent District hiring.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

*(7:23:12 PM)*

Dr. Atwater reported on the lack of fresh drinking water in Moose Pass School due to a local substandard waste water facility close to the school and that the District is currently working with the DEC on a solution. He announced that the District applied for a federal grant that would provide for additional school counselors in several District elementary schools. He reported that the State of Alaska would seek a waiver from No Child Left Behind mandates; that he plans to support the waiver as it may affect some of our schools that did not make AYP last year; and he asked that the Board offer their comments during the Board Planning Session on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:**

(7:26:35 PM)

Mr. Jones reviewed the report of leases and agreements for the 2012-2013 school year.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

(7:29:23 PM)

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

**BOARD REPORTS:**

(7:30:18 PM)

Mrs. Vadla reported that she attended the Soldotna High School awards banquet and River City Academy, Ninilchik School and Soldotna High School graduations. She attended Mrs. Tachick, Ms. Manion and Mr. Spence's retirement party and wished them well in their future plans.

Ms. Hohl reported that she attended Seward High School and Connections graduations.

Mr. Anderson announced that he attended Skyview High School and Soldotna High School graduations.

Mrs. Hilts reported that she attended six graduations and that some included several Connections students.

Mr. Holt reported that he attended Skyview High School and Kenai Alternative High School graduations and commented on the superior National Anthem performance at Skyview High School's ceremony and the appreciation shown by Kenai Alternative students for their graduation.

Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended Soldotna High School's awards night and graduation and the River City Academy graduation.

Miss. Ernst reported that she attended the Nikiski graduation as an Honor Marshall and commented on the musical performance and accomplishments of several of the graduates.

Mr. Navarre reported that he attended Kenai Alternative High School, Kenai Central High School and Ninilchik High School graduations and commented on the continuing need for the Kenai Alternative High School program, that his nephew was the guest speaker at Kenai Central High School's ceremony and that the \$25,000 Oskolkoff Scholarship was given to a Ninilchik student.

**BOARD WORKSESSION REPORT:**

(7:40:13 PM)

Mr. Arness reported that the Board discussed school facilities usage, proposed Policy Manual revisions, proposed KPSAA Handbook revisions and the proposed District Strategic Plan. He announced that the Evaluation Systems worksession and the Career and Technical Education worksession were delayed due to time constraints. He noted that all Board members were present except Mrs. Downing.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

(7:40:45 PM)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of KPSAA Recommended Student Handbook Revisions; New Teacher Contracts 2012-13; Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts 2012-13; Resignations; New Administrator Contract 2012-13 Revised; Budget Transfers; Leave of Absence-Support and Long-term Substitute Contract.

**KPSAA RECOMMENDED  
STUDENT HANDBOOK  
REVISIONS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve proposed changes to the 2012-2013 Kenai Peninsula School Activities Handbooks which included eligibility for participation, student representative to KPBSD Board of Education, parent representative by-law change, middle school drug and alcohol policy change and cooperative football team formation.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS  
2012-13:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve new teacher contracts for Albert Plan, math/science teacher, Seward High School; Annaleah Karron, social studies/generalist teacher, River City Academy; Barbara Gray, temporary elementary multi-grade teacher, Nanwalek School; Chelsea Lorge, math teacher, Kenai Middle School; Chelsea Van Vickle, primary grade teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Dana Strong, language arts/social studies teacher, Ninilchik School; Isaac Erhardt, math teacher, Soldotna High School; Jamie Hughes, temporary elementary teacher, Port Graham School; Jason Leslie, K-6 teacher (Science), Kaleidoscope Charter School; Jeanne Duhan, elementary general/instrumental music teacher, K-Beach Elementary School; Jonathan Dillon, elementary general/instrumental music teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Josh Tone, secondary teacher, Port Graham School; Keith Gray, language arts/social studies teacher, Nanwalek School; Nicole Stover, interventionist (.50 FTE), Seward Elementary; Peter Dahl, permanent (.85 FTE)/temporary (.15 FTE) elementary general/instrumental music teacher, Soldotna Elementary and Soldotna Montessori School; Sami King, physical education/health/activities director teacher (.80 FTE), Seward High School and Todd Peterson, special education intensive needs teacher (cross-categorical), Tustumena Elementary School.

**TENTATIVE NON-TENURED  
TEACHER CONTRACTS 2012-  
13:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve tentative non-tenured teacher contracts for Adrienne Bostic, teacher/regular (temporary), Central Peninsula Area; Jeremy McKibben, teacher/regular [permanent (.50 FTE)/temporary (.50 FTE)], Mt. View Elementary School; Justin Zank, teacher/regular (temporary), Homer Area; Matthew Creamer, teacher/special education, Chapman School; Michelle Barrows, teacher/special education, Mt. View Elementary School; Sarah Compton, teacher/regular, Ninilchik School and Theresa Salzetti, teacher/regular (temporary), K-Beach Elementary School.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year for Eric Dahl, math teacher, Soldotna Middle School; Tammy Farrell, librarian, Mt. View Elementary School; Anna Fisher, social studies teacher, Homer High School; Maryvonne Guillemin, Spanish/French/language arts teacher, Skyview High School; Kara Schreur, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Sarah Swaney, special education intensive needs teacher, Soldotna Elementary School and Elizabeth Wallin, 3rd grade teacher, Mt. View Elementary School.

**NEW ADMINISTRATOR  
CONTRACT 2012-13:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve Mr. Dave Tressler as Director of Planning and Operations and Mr. Karl Kircher as assistant principal of Mt. View Elementary.

**BUDGET TRANSFERS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve budget transfer number 1374 for \$79,282 to pay for Fireweed Academy Charter School salaries and benefits and number 1384 for \$60,000 to pay for Aurora Borealis Charter School long-term administrator substitute salary.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE-  
SUPPORT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a request for a leave of absence-support for Carole Nolden, Kenai Middle School (effective the 2012-13 school year).

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE  
CONTRACT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a long-term substitute teacher contract for Ruby Smith, Redoubt Elementary.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 8. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Ms. Hohl removed Number 1, Approval of KPSAA Recommended Student Handbook Revisions.

Motion carried unanimously for Numbers 2 through 8.

Motion carried unanimously for Number 1.

**FY12 BUDGET REVISION:**  
(7:45:58 PM)

The Board unanimously approved a total revised General Fund budget of \$138,363,091 (\$200,000 increase to In-Kind Maintenance for unanticipated snow removal costs and a reduction of \$550,000 in the use of Fund Balance. [Prior to Alaska State Legislature action, a \$750,000 transfer from the General Fund was anticipated to make up for the shortfall in the FY12 Pupil Transportation budget. Since additional funding has been allocated for Pupil Transportation statewide, the transfer will not be required]).

**MOTION**

Mr. Holt moved the Board approve a total revised General Fund FY12 budget of \$138,363,091. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**POLICY MANUAL REVISION:**  
(7:46:42 PM)

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve proposed revisions to AR 6161.4, Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety Policy.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Vadla moved the Board approve proposed revisions to AR 6161.4, Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety Policy. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:**

*(7:48:40 PM)*

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve the 2013-17 Strategic Plan.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the 2013-17 Strategic Plan. Mr. Holt seconded.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Crawford recommended the Board approve an amendment to endorse the 2013-17 Strategic Plan. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:**

*(7:50:10 PM)*

The Board heard a first reading of proposed revisions to BP 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion; BP 6141, Curriculum Development; BP 6161.1, Selection of Instructional Materials and BP 6190, Evaluation of Instructional Programs.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

*(7:51:50 PM)*

Mr. Holt announced that he will continue to enjoy working with Annaleah Ernst and welcomed Mrs. Tressler.

Mrs. Vadla welcomed Mrs. Tressler. She recognized Mr. David Kingsland's participation in the Centennial Iditarod Monument program. She thanked Mrs. Ermold for her work with KPAA. She expressed appreciation for being a part of the KPSAA worksession and process. She thanked Miss. Ernst for her work with the Board.

Mrs. Hilts commended Mrs. Kleine, Golden Apple Award winner. She expressed appreciation for the District's overall good work and ability to work together.

Mrs. Crawford thanked Mrs. Tachick for her service. She welcomed Mrs. Tressler and thanked Miss. Ernst for her work. She expressed appreciation for the accomplishments of the District and the honor of serving on the School Board.

Mr. Anderson welcomed Mrs. Tressler. He thanked Mrs. Tachick for her service. He recognized Miss. Ernst for her work on the Board and her work in Juneau. He thanked Mr. Spence and others for their work to provide improvements to Sterling Elementary. He asked for an updated online calendar of 2012-13 board meeting dates.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

*(continued)*

Ms. Hohl expressed appreciation for the roofing work at Sterling Elementary. She reported that she attended the Sterling Art Show. She welcomed Mrs. Tressler and Mr. Dave Tressler and said goodbye to Mr. Spence. She stated that she is pleased with the District's progress at Moose Pass School. She reported on the land that would be vacant in Seward due to the Air Force leaving.

Miss. Ernst reported that she will attend the July meeting, she will be in China for the August meeting and she is planning to attend the September meeting. She thanked the Kenai Fish and Wildlife Field Office Representatives for their presentation and commented on the value of their program. She thanked the Board and Mrs. Tachick for their help and welcomed Mrs. Tressler.

Mr. Arness reminded the Board about the Planning Session meeting at Soldotna High School on Tuesday, June 5 beginning at 8:00 a.m. for coffee and breakfast and 8:30 for the meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

*(8:02:35 PM)*

At 8:02 p.m., Mr. Arness adjourned the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Joe Arness , President

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Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

The Minutes of June 4, 2012,  
were approved on  
July 9, 2012 as written.