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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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October 15, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included State and Federal Legislative Priorities, Strategic Plan Review, Math Curriculum, Soldotna Area Schools Survey Results, District Improvement Plan, School Climate and Connectedness Survey, and the Board Reorganization Process.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Tim Navarre, Mr. Marty Anderson and Mrs. Liz Downing, by notary public, Mrs. Debbie Tressler.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Ray Marshall, West Homer Elementary principal, gave a computer presentation highlighting the school's National Blue Ribbon Award, the importance of teachers, staff, parents and community in the school and the proper attitudes that make a school successful.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater reported on the status of the Kachemak-Selo school project and the non-viability of a road. He stated that the new track at Homer High School is open and thanked Mayor Navarre and Mr. Kevin Lyons for their work on this project. He announced that after the 20 day count the district's student enrollment is very close to projection but this will result in a decrease of revenues. He congratulated Soldotna High School, state football champions, and Nikiski and Homer High School football teams for their performances at the games.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Dusek presented the financial report of the District for the period ending September 30, 2012.

**QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT:** Mr. Dusek reported on budget transfers Numbers 4 through 221 for various schools and departments within the District.

**RESOLUTION 12-13-2:** The Board unanimously approved Resolution 12-13-2, listing the primary and alternate members in charge of gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for 2013.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD:** The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Hayden Beard, a Seward High School student, as the student representative to the Board of Education.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for the 2012-2013 school year for Cindy Bedingfield, Special Education Resource Teacher (.50 FTE), Homer High School; Dean Davidson, Temporary (.20 FTE), Small Engine Instructor, Hope School; Kristen Meadows, Temporary Elementary Music – Vocal and Instrumental, Sterling Elementary and Tustumena Elementary; and Suzanne McKeon-Brantley, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Soldotna Middle School.

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teacher contracts for Wanda Rochelle Brenner, Soldotna Elementary School; Glendon Fraser, Kenai Central High School; Ted Reiter, Marathon School; Sharon Thompson, Homer High School and Susanne Ward, Redoubt Elementary School.

**HSGQE WAIVER:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Numbers 2013-01 and 2013-02.

**SEWARD HIGH SCHOOL'S DRAMA/DEBATE/FORENSICS:** The Board unanimously approved adding Drama/Debate/Forensics as a district sanctioned activity to Seward High School.

**RESIGNATION:** The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Shirly Gribble, 6th Grade Teacher at West Homer Elementary School.

**POLICY MANUAL REVISION:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 6153 School-Sponsored Trips, AR 6183 Alternative High School Programs and Adoption of AR 5121 Assessment (Evaluation of Student Achievement).

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/SUPPORT:** The Board unanimously approved a request for a leave of absence-support for Cathleen Nora Ribbens, Nikiski Middle/High School (effective December 18, 2012 to May 23, 2013).

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING RESIGNATION:** The Board unanimously approved administrative recommendation that the resignation, effective October 19, 2012, for Marcia Stanziale, Special Education Resource Teacher, Tebughna School be denied.

**FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:** The Board unanimously approved an amended motion to approve the list of proposed FY13 state and federal legislative priorities.

**DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:** The Board unanimously approved the 2013-2017 District Strategic Plan.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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