
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

December 7, 2009 – 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 possible relocation of the District Administration Office; the Six-Year Plan and School Construction Needs; the Six-Year Pupil Enrollment Projections; and increased collaboration time.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Arness presented the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Boardmanship recognition certificate to Ms. Hohl.

SCHOOL REPORT: Ms. Carolyn Cannava, Soldotna Elementary principal, read from the book, Leo the Late Bloomer, which was rewritten to illustrate the education students receive at Soldotna Elementary. Several students provided short testimonials regarding the skills they have learned during their time at Soldotna Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported on the two-day visit to Seward which included a visit to Spring Creek Correctional Facility, Alaska Vocational and Technical Center, Alaska Sea Life Center, and Seward area schools. He commended teachers who contributed to discussions and provided assistance regarding the use of Quality Learning Tools. He reported on the progress regarding water quality at Sterling Elementary.

SIX-YEAR PUPIL ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS: Mr. Jones presented the Six-Year Enrollment Projections (2010-11 through 2015-16) that reflects 9,075 students for FY11. He noted that for the first time since the FY06 projection, the District did not project an additional 2% decrease.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Dave Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending October 31, 2009.

SIX-YEAR PLAN AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NEEDS: The Board unanimously approved the proposed Six-Year Plan and list of major maintenance and capital improvement projects for FY11 through 2017.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Ashley E. Rolph, (temporary), .50 FTE ATOSS facilitator, Central Peninsula Area; Eric P. Knudtson, (temporary), .50 FTE Grade 3-6 teacher, Fireweed Academy; Sarah G. Compton, (temporary), primary grade teacher, Ninilchik School; Holly L. Davis, (temporary), primary grade teacher, Redoubt Elementary; and Helen E. Lindemuth, (temporary), .50 FTE librarian, Seward Elementary.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute contract for Mark Larson, Skyview High School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Nancy Vait, language arts, Homer Flex (effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year); Carol VanDerWege, interventionist, Mountain View Elementary (effective November 30, 2009); and Marisol Tapia, Spanish, Soldotna High School, (effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year).

REQUEST FOR WAIVER TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 7511: The Board unanimously approved a waiver request from the two-year rule in School Board Policy 7511, Naming of Facility, be granted and that a recommendation to the Borough Assembly be forwarded in support of the "Roger Steinbrecher Memorial Field" in Seward.

NANWALEK SCHOOL-PORT GRAHAM SCHOOL BASKETBALL PROGRAM: The Board unanimously approved the addition of a basketball program for Nanwalek School (cooperative with Port Graham School and co-ed if necessary) as a district sanctioned activity and to include a coaching stipend.

KPEA NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT: The Board unanimously approved the 2009-2012 Kenai Peninsula Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

KPESA NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT: The Board unanimously approved the 2009-2012 Kenai Peninsula Education Support Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.

POLICY REVISION: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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