
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

March 1, 2010 – 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 Spring Creek High School; FY11 Budget; Policy Manual revisions; and legislation update. The Board conducted a conference call with Kenai Peninsula legislators.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mrs. Sheryl Hingley, Port Graham Elementary/High School principal/teacher, presented a PowerPoint highlighting the teacherage, student configuration, staff assignments, support staff, Project GRAD, grant-funded programs, parental involvement, holiday event, challenges of a small school, Native Youth Olympics, Title I Program, tutoring, assessment information, foreign language instruction, Ultimate Careers Program, and changes for the 2010-2011 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that he attended the Southern Kenai Peninsula Community Project Strategic Planning Session on February 26. He reported that the administration will address the part-time student issue by adding a .5 FTE teacher when the number of classes equals 48 and 1 FTE teacher when the class number equals 96 at a school. He reported that additional bandwidth is being purchased for Port Graham Elementary/High School and Nanwalek Elementary/High School in order to increase their internet service.

FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET: Mr. Jones presented the 2010-2011 Preliminary Draft School District budget of \$128,983,838 for the General Fund and special revenue funds totaling \$23,092,231 for a total of \$152,076,069 for all funds.

TENTATIVE NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for Erin Cotroneo, Districtwide counselor, Homer Middle; Matthew Tucker, special education resource, Homer High; Gwenn Dailey-Gee, special education resource, Homer Middle; Susan Hawker, special education resource, Kaleidoscope; Marcy True, special education intensive needs, Mountain View Elementary; Robert Ernst, special education resource, Nikiski/Middle High; Lisa Fellows, special education resource, Ninilchik Elementary/High; Kristine Berrios, special education-intensive, Paul Banks Elementary; Peter Gundunas, special education-resource, Skyview High; Kelli Creglow, special education-severe, Soldotna Elementary; Tina Gilman, special education-intensive needs, Soldotna Elementary; Holly Abel, school psychologist, Soldotna Middle; Jennifer Swander, language arts, Spring Creek; Sherry Roach, special education-resource, Sterling Elementary; Ruth Sensenig, language arts, social studies, Susan B. English Elementary/High; Robin Zinszer, .75 FTE special education-resource, Susan B. English Elementary/High; Michelle Anderson, (temporary), intermediate grades, Tebughna Elementary/High; Christy Gomez, grades K-2, Tebughna Elementary/High; Garrett McMullen, .50 FTE (permanent) special education-resource/.50 FTE (temporary), Title I, Tebughna Elementary/High; Camille Hill, school psychologist, Tustumena Elementary; Linda Lemco, special education-resource, Voznesenka Elementary/High; and Rebecca Paul, special education-resource, West Homer Elementary.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year for Eileen Bryson, kindergarten, Kaleidoscope Charter School; David Boyle, language arts, Kenai Central High School; and Linda Ralston, algebra, Nikiski Middle/High School.

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute contract for Marsha Gustkey, Mountain View Elementary.

2010-2011 NONTENURE TEACHERS FOR TENURE: The Board unanimously approved a contract and tenure for Ray Archuletta, special education-resource, Homer High; Cynthia Detrow, speech, Homer Middle School; Noelle Phillips, speech, K-Beach Elementary; Granger Nyboer, special education-resource, Kenai Central; Tracy Brown, school psychologist, (.80 FTE), Mountain View; Karma Sherk, special education -intensive/life skills, Nikiski North Star; Tony Jackson, special education -resource, Nikiski Middle/High; Matthew Johnson, special education -intensive needs, Soldotna High School; and James Knoebel, special education -resource, Soldotna High School, nontenured teachers.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of a revised version (3/1/10 at 2:30 p.m.) of proposed changes to BP 3470, Fund Balance. A further change was suggested by the Board.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 5, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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