

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Borough Administration Building
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

November 7, 1994

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Vice President
Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk
Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer
Mrs. Susan Larned, Member
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member
Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Member
Miss Mandy Baldwin, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel, Superintendent
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,
Operations, and Technology
Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Interim Assistant Superintendent,
Instruction
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paul Sayan
Mr. James Simeroth
Mrs. Lenoria Johnson
Mrs. Lisa Kent
Mr. Tim Navarre
Mrs. Debra Loggins
Mr. James Dawson
Mrs. Karen Mahurin
Mrs. Marita Parks
Mr. Paul Kubena
Mrs. Jodi Johnson
Mr. John Kistler
Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Obendorf invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE:

The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected School Board Member Mari-Anne Gross by Notary Public, Barbara Jewell.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present
Dr. Nels Anderson Present
Mr. Joe Arness Present
Mrs. Susan Larned Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen Absent - Excused
Mr. Emery Thibodeau Present
Miss Mandy Baldwin Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of October 17, 1994, were approved as written.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Debra Loggins, Ninilchik Elem/High School PTO Chairperson, presented their organization's proposal for renovation of the school's playground. She requested school board approval and written endorsement of the project. She noted the proposal included complete fencing of the playground, purchase and installation of new equipment and resurfacing of the grounds. They presented copies of the proposed playground equipment to the Board. Total cost for the project is \$66,947 with \$10,363 already raised by the PTO. She noted the borough maintenance department recently completed the fencing project, and this amount will be deducted from the project cost.

Mr. Paul Kubena, Ninilchik Elem/High Principal, spoke in support of the Ninilchik School PTO's request for endorsement of their playground project. He noted the old equipment has been heavily used by students and tourists during the summer months. He expressed appreciation to Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Loggins for their dedicated effort to seek grants for this project, and requested the Board endorse this effort.

Mr. John Kistler called attention to Borough Assembly Ordinance 94-62 which was introduced at the last Borough Assembly meeting. He noted this ordinance would reduce collecting certain taxes which would effect the amount of money available to the school district from the borough. He suggested the School Board make its opinion known to the Borough Assembly on these types of items.

Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged Mr. Tim Navarre from the Borough Assembly in attendance at the meeting.

KPEA:

Mr. Paul Sayan, KPEA President, reminded administrators to organize their shared based decision making councils at their schools. He noted this is a critical issue related to teacher rights. He made clarification that it is KPEA's policy to have a negotiating committee, even though it is not a negotiating year. The committee will consider various issues for future negotiations and this year they are working on inadequacies of the stipend formulas. He announced he would be on leave of absence from November 8 through January 2. Mr. James Simeroth will serve in his absence.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Bromenschenkel and Business Manager, Richard Swarner, reported the school district could be impacted by PL 874 funds which could affect a reduction in the local effort at the rate of \$2,876,150. Mr. Swarner explained the change in federal regulations where the disparity standard changed from 25% to 20%, which affects the FY 96 budget. Ultimately, this affects the local contribution, but could be altered if the borough assembly ordinance related to the funding cap is changed. They noted the federal regulations will be carefully reviewed and financial implications monitored during the budget building process.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Inservice Requests, Extended Field Trip Request, 1994-95 Teacher Assignments and Resignation.

INSERVICE REQUESTS: Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve requests for inservice release days for Sears Elementary and Kenai Middle School. Kenai Middle School requested a release day for November 23, 1994 when the staff would work on critical incident training, and Sears Elementary requested an inservice day for May 25, 1995 for their staff to evaluate their class size grant and plan for the 1995-96 school year.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST: Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve an extended field trip request for five Nikolaevsk students to travel to Washington, D.C., May 6-13, 1995, to participate in Close-Up Program activities.

1994-95 TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1994-95 teacher assignments for Jill Ramponi, Special Education/Severe Education, Soldotna High; Debra Schmidt, Grade 3, Paul Banks Elementary (Temporary); and Wayne Vaughan, Music, Ninilchik Elem/High.

RESIGNATION: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Charles Lockwood, Science/Journalism, Seward Jr/Sr High, effective October 21, 1994.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1995-96 PROJECTED ENROLLMENT: Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve the projected enrollment for the 1995-96 school year at 10,402. He stated this is a 1.7% percent increase of 174 students. He noted this enrollment figure would be utilized in formulating the 1995-96 budget.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the 1995-96 projected enrollment as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

CURRICULUM ORGANIZATION
SYSTEM:

Mr. Thorpe presented the curriculum organization system which consisted of a curriculum organization flow chart, district performance objectives and a district curriculum revision cycle. He noted the items would be added to the policy manual as it reflects the curriculum organization of the district, which is also in alignment with the AK 2000 standards.

Mr. Arness questioned why the Board was approving the items. Mr. Thorpe responded the curriculum organization system is an explanation of how curriculum will be developed within the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, and follows the process being developed for AK 2000. In response to a question from Mrs. Gross related to placement in the policy manual, Mr. Thorpe stated it would be placed under curriculum development and it is anticipated assessment guidelines will be revised later in the year. Mrs. Obendorf commented that if the revisions are part of the policy manual, a second reading should be conducted. Dr. Bromenschenkel commented the curriculum development process needed to be updated for all parts of the curriculum organization system. He felt it would be appropriate for the items to be brought back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Kistler commented he felt the suggested changes to the curriculum organization system looked good. He suggested adding the word "productivity" to the technology objective.

Dr. Anderson stated he felt the title "District Performance Objectives" could possibly be changed to "Ideals" as previously considered. He noted some of the objectives would not be easily measured. The Board concurred that the three parts of the curriculum organization system should be brought back for consideration at the November 21 meeting.

1995-96 BUDGET CALENDAR:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the 1995-96 budget calendar and explained the detailed activities and individuals involved in the complete budget process. He noted the Budget Review Committee would be comprised of administrators, teachers, support staff, a chamber of commerce member, parents, a student representative, a borough assembly representative, and a senior citizen representative. He noted two school board members needed to be appointed to the committee.

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ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve the 1995-96 Budget Preparation Schedule. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Following discussion that it was not necessary to approve the budget calendar, the motion and second were withdrawn. The budget calendar was accepted as a report.

FIRST READING/POLICY
006.32, ASSESSMENT:

Mr. Thorpe presented a revised Policy 006.32, Assessment. He noted considerable discussion had taken place since the policy draft was presented on October 17. Since that time, the policy had been reviewed by the Policy Advisory Committee. A final reading and adoption will be held on November 21.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Kistler commented National Liars Month would be over on Tuesday, November 8.

BOARD COMMENTS:

The Board welcomed Dr. Bromenschenkel back after his recent medical treatments in Anchorage.

Mrs. Larned commented she had been busy visiting schools, particularly K-Beach Elementary with their pumpkin display, Sterling Elementary with their Medieval Faire and Soldotna High School for the regional swim meet. She extended congratulations to the swimmers.

Ms. Baldwin invited the Board and administration to Kenai Central High School's student council luncheon and entertainment on Friday, November 18 at 11:30 p.m. The luncheon activities are held as part of the American Education Week Awareness Program. The school will need to know the number of attendees by Friday, November 11.

Dr. Anderson noted that in conjunction with the Drug-Free Schools Worksession held prior to the meeting, he would like to see the discipline policy related to this reviewed.

Mrs. Gross commented she had visited schools recently and noted principals would like to see more Board members visiting their schools.

Mrs. Gross commented that in reading the Voznesenka School newsletter it was noted that Mr. Dahlgren had organized a site selection committee; she questioned whether the Board needed to be informed of this. Mr. Dahlgren responded he had visited with the Village Mayor, but this announcement was premature since no sites were determined. Mrs. Gross questioned the feasibility of building a facility to serve Razdolna, Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo in the future.

BOARD COMMENTS (cont.):

Mr. Dahlgren reported the airport at Nanwalek had been repaired, however, additional repairs will be needed in the spring.

Mrs. Obendorf asked for a Board member volunteer to attend the November 29 and December 13 Borough Assembly Meetings.

Mrs. Obendorf concurred with Dr. Anderson's request to review the Drug Policy. She requested a worksession be held on this and noted law enforcement officers, counselors, and principals should be invited to the worksession.

She announced a tentative mid-year review of the board's goals has been scheduled for January 12, 1995.

Mrs. Obendorf noted she would be making committee appointments prior to the next meeting, and requested board members let her know if they have preferences to any committees.

The Board concurred that a letter be written on behalf of the Board offering their endorsement of the Ninilchik School playground project.

She stated she attended Sterling Elementary School's Medieval Faire and was impressed with the student involvement and community support.

Mrs. Obendorf stated she attended the State School Board Hearing on standards held on Thursday, November 3, but was disappointed in the small turnout of people in attendance.

Mrs. Obendorf reminded everyone to exercise their privilege to vote on Tuesday, November 8.


ADJOURN:

At 8:58 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President


Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of November 7, 1994,
were approved on December 5, 1994,
as written.