

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

April 2, 2001

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Mark Norgren, Nikiski Elementary principal, gave a computer-generated presentation highlighting school activities and events. Mrs. Annie Kendall introduced three 5/6-grade students who participated in the school's wax museum by researching information on a historical person and then wearing a costume to symbolize that person. Ms. Lindy Cox and Mrs. Christin Marrow explained the Reading FUNnel Program and emphasized that the staff is working as a team to improve reading skills. Mrs. Holloway, site council member, reported on the site council's work and commended Mr. Norgren and the outstanding school staff. Mrs. Leichliter, first grade teacher, introduced four students who recited the First Grade Creed, told about the Iditaread Race, and presented pictures of Mr. Norgren as a clown, Santa Claus and Cat in the Hat characters for various school events. Mr. Norgren presented a Nikiski Elementary sweatshirt to Mr. Arness for correctly answering a District trivia question.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a golden apple to Ms. Laurie Evans and Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh from the Peninsula Clarion for the newspaper's consistent and accurate reporting of District events.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that Mr. Jerry Dixon and Mrs. Sammy Crawford have been nominated to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She announced that the Alaska Association of School Librarians selected Mr. Sam Stewart and Mr. Mick Wykis to receive the Pat on the Back Award and that Mr. Bob VanDerWege was selected to receive the 2001 Linda K. Barrett Service Award.

COMMUNICATION REPORT: Dr. Donna Peterson presented the District Communications Goal Report. The report examined the overall goal based on 1) improvement in relationships/reciprocal communication between central office and school staffs, community members, Borough Assembly members, legislators, the State Department of Education and school board members about educational issues and directions and; 2) quality service at all sites/programs.

Administrative Recommendation REGARDING a Request for 2001-2002 Leave of Absence – Certified: The Board unanimously approved the administration's recommendation to deny a leave of absence – certified for Melissa Cloud, Grade 4, West Homer Elementary (fall semester 2001).

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Stephanie Cox, Grade 2, Soldotna Elementary; Joanne McClain, special education/severe, Seward Middle/High; and Judy Schmidt, reading, Nikiski Elementary.

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective the end of the 2000-01 school year for Bill Altland, math, Soldotna Middle; John Andrews, activity director/athletic director, Skyview High; Lydia Wren, English/Library, Nikolaevsk School; Gordon Griffin, theater, Kenai Central High; Debbie Griffin, music, Redoubt Elementary; Carrie Robbins, English, Skyview High; Deborah Dover, Grade 2, K-Beach Elementary; Robert Dover, Grade 3, K-Beach Elementary; Robert DeMeulemeester, content area technology/Connections, districtwide Alternative Programs; Nancy Synhorst, Grade 1/2, Paul Banks Elementary; and JoAnne Campbell, special education/resource, Nikiski Middle/High.

Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 2001-2002 school year for Susan Wells, Kenai Middle and for Johanna Idzerda, Voznesenka School.

Budget Transfer: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 242 that transfers \$16,500 and \$24,500 to cover the cost of an administrator for the Aurora Borealis Charter School.

Administrator Appointment: The Board unanimously approved Mr. Steve Pautz as the principal of Seward Middle/High School for the 2001-2002 school year.

BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety and BP 5040, AR 5040, Student Handbook: The Board unanimously approved the adoption of BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety and the revision of BP 5040, AR 5040, Student Handbook.

FY 2001-2002 Budget: The Board unanimously approved the FY 2001-2002 annual budget in the amount of \$88,420,316.

2001-2002 Tentative Board Meeting Dates: The Board unanimously approved a tentative list of School Board meetings and planning session for the 2001-2002 school year.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, April 16, 2001, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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