

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

February 5, 2001

NEWS IN BRIEF

**SCHOOL REPORTS:** Mrs. Sue Liebner, North Star Elementary principal, presented a computer generated slide show highlighting students, staff, activities and the school facility. Several students reported on a project titled Mars City Alpha, which required the students to research and develop a city that could sustain human life on Mars. Miss Emily Kennedy recited a forensics piece titled, *My Big Brother*. Kindergarten and first grade students sang a song and gave information regarding past presidents of the United States.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported that Dr. McLain is serving on the state committee charged with the task of solving problems with the High School Qualifying Exam. She reminded the Board that on February 13 at 9:00 a.m. the Board is invited to attend the Administrator meeting which features media training with consultant Mr. Tom DeLapp. She announced that Miss Jennifer McCard, Soldotna High School student, was selected as the first place statewide winner in the Voice of Democracy competition and earned a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D. C. She reported that the Borough Assembly's Education Funding Committee has requested School Board representation on the committee.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** In recognition of School Board Appreciation Month, students from Soldotna Elementary, Soldotna Middle, Soldotna High and Skyview High Schools presented each Board member with a certificate of appreciation. Gifts were presented from Soldotna High School.

**Resignation:** The Board unanimously approved a resignation effective at the end of the 2000-01 school year for Jane Davis, special education/resource, Soldotna Middle.

**Facility Recommendations:** The Board unanimously approved a list of facility recommendations that included cost estimates for rehabilitating the facility of Seward Middle School; that federal, state, and local funding options be examined and pursued to complete paving of East End Road in the Homer area; that cost estimates be developed for reconfiguring the existing facility of Soldotna Middle School; and that no immediate action be taken regarding the Nikiski Middle School plan.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board heard a first reading of BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety and BP 5040, AR 5040, Student Handbook and BP 5144, Discipline - Corporal Punishment.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING -** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 19, 2001, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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