

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

October 1, 2001

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Ralph Steeves, Moose Pass Elementary School principal/teacher, presented a school report prior to the business meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that the Borough Reapportionment Committee will meet on October 18 and noted that part of the committee discussion will concern districting of the School Board. She announced that the District administration has been conducting individual meetings with legislators and are tentatively planning to meet together in a large group on December 3. She announced that there will be a meeting with principals on October 2 regarding the status of student travel outside of the District in response to the September 11 tragedy. Dr. Peterson reported that on Friday, September 28 the administration interviewed six applicants for the Human Resources director position. She stated that the administration will conduct a second round of interviews and will have a decision by the end of October. She welcomed Miss Katie Lockwood, student representative to the Board, who was elected during the Student Government Conference. Dr. Peterson welcomed Mrs. Douglas to her new position as the Chief Financial Officer. She noted that as part of the changes at Central Office, staff office space is being reorganized and asked the Board to be patient.

Financial Report: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending August 31, 2001. She noted that the 2001-2002 general fund budget is \$1.2 million over the approved amount which is the amount given by the state legislature in Learning Opportunity grant money. She explained that the District is required to account for the grant money in the operating fund. She stated that after the twenty-day count period the budget will return to the Board for a formal revision and adoption.

Homer Land Requests: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to declare the uppermost 30 feet of Homer Middle School property for the purpose of expanding the existing roadway and the Homer High School property necessary for connecting Fairview and Heath streets. The Board unanimously approved a recommendation that the remaining campus property of Homer Middle School and Homer High School be retained for current or future School District purposes and use.

Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permits: The Board unanimously approved a list of primary and alternative members in charge of gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for 2001-2002.

Long-Term Substitute: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute teaching contracts for Dawn Brighton, English, Kenai Central High and for Raquel Pisa, special education/preschool, Sears Elementary.

Resignation: The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Cathie Schmelzenbach, QUEST, Pupil Services districtwide (effective October 26, 2001) and Susan Bunting, speech pathologist, West Homer Elementary.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved a teacher assignment for the 2001-2002 school year for Gail Frasher, (temporary), special education/resource, Skyview High.

Outsourcing of Student Activity Programs: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to: 1) continue the current structure of KPSAA for governance and recommendations to the Board of Education (day-to-day activities, hearings, communication); 2.) enter into pilot agreements for outsourcing of certain student activities during the 2001-2002 school year (in lieu of new KPSAA program additions); and 3) actively seek "outside of the cap" funding for activities by the Borough with continued governance by the School District. The Board unanimously approved an amendment to add the words, "in cooperation with the District designee" at the end of Section 8, Transportation, Travel and Scheduling.

Administrative Recommendation Regarding Leave of Absence Requests – Support: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Mary-Ellen Johnson, special education assistant/resource, Redoubt Elementary (effective 10/16/01).

Budget Transfer: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Numbers 38 and 40 which respectively transfers \$60,210 and \$37,222 to cover the cost of an additional teacher and an administrator for Aurora Borealis Charter School.

REVISIONS TO BP 5141.31, Students – Immunizations: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 5141.31 (Students - Immunizations) to comply with updates to AS 4 AAC 06.055.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 15, 2001, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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