

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

September 10, 2001

NEWS IN BRIEF

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Mrs. Elizabeth Burck, KCHS teacher, with the 2000 Presidential Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching award. The Board presented plaques to Mr. Patrick Hickey, assistant superintendent, Operations and Business Management, and Mr. Mark Leal, former assessment director, in appreciation for their service to the District. Mr. Leal was not present at the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that the September 10 School Board meeting will be Mr. Hickey's last, and she publicly thanked him for his service to the District during the past four years. Dr. Peterson commented that school start up has gone extremely well. She noted that the Large District Forum will be held Friday, September 14. She reported that she and Ms. Germano will attend a school funding discussion with the Department of Education and Early Development and the Association of Alaska School Boards facilitated by Dr. Bruce Johnson Monday, September 17, in Anchorage. Dr. Peterson announced that School Board candidate forums will be held on September 11 with the Kenai Peninsula Education Association, September 12 with the Anchor Point Chamber of Commerce, September 19 with the KSRM Sound Off Program, September 20 with the League of Women Voters, and September 26 with the Kenai Chamber of Commerce.

New teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2001-2002 school year for Linda Etwiler, (temporary) reading, Voznesenka School; JoEllen Fowler, Grades 4/5, Tustumena Elementary; Teri Haddeland, (temporary) Grade 6, Seward Elementary; Sandra Hudson, Quest/Regular Ed, Homer Middle; Peggy Totten, (temporary) Social Studies, Kenai Middle; Thomas Weller, (temporary) Title I Teacher, K-Selo School; and Pasco Window, Special Ed/Resource, Redoubt Elementary.

Tentative Nontenure Teacher Assignment: The Board unanimously approved a tentative nontenure teaching assignment for John DeVold, Mt. View Elementary, library/Title I teacher (50% temporary).

Leave of Absence Request – Support: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2001-2002 school year for Ron Verney, food service coordinator, Kenai Central High (effective September 15, 2001) and for Karen Pulley, special education assistant/intensive needs, Soldotna Middle.

Homer Land Requests: The Board postponed action until the October 1 meeting on 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 as surplus.

Nontenure Teacher for Tenure: The Board unanimously approved Mark Fraad, a tentative nontenured teacher, for tenure.

Budget Transfer: The Board unanimously approved a budget transfer of \$84,000 from the Connections equipment account to cover the language arts curriculum budget shortfall.

Resignation: The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Renda Horn, music, Paul Banks Elementary.

Revisions to BP 5131.6, Students – Alcohol and Other Drugs: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 5131.6, Students – Alcohol and Other Drugs. He noted that the change from “shall” to “may” occurred at the August 6, 2001, school board worksession and added that legal counsel recommended use of the term “drug paraphernalia.”

AASB Resolution Regarding Immunization: The Board failed to approve a proposed AASB resolution regarding immunization as requested by the Board at the August 20 Board meeting. The resolution requests that the state reinstate the church leader verification requirement on the immunization exemption form to assure that students receiving a religious exemption meet the intent of the statute.

AASB Resolution Regarding Truancy: The Board unanimously approved a proposed AASB resolution regarding truancy as requested by the Board at the August 20 Board meeting. The resolution requests that the state and enforcement agencies work together with Alaskan districts to support efforts to get children to school each day.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP 5141.31, Students – Immunizations.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 1, 2001, 7:30 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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