

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

April 15, 2002

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Paul Kubena, Sterling Elementary principal, reported that the school has 242 students in kindergarten through sixth grade. He stated that the integration of art continues to be a major focus of the school. Three students narrated a computer-generated Power Point presentation. Miss Alyssa Ellison spoke about the GeoBee, Math-A-Thon fund raising program, DARE Program, DEAR Program, computer lab, RIF Program, and the recycle can drive. Miss Melissa Massey spoke about the spelling bee, forensics competition, Battle of the Books, science fair, keyboarding lab, and the P.T.A. organization. Miss Mara Mohler reported on intramural basketball and volleyball, the birthday recognition for Mr. Kubena, Crazy Hat Day, special guest artists in the classroom, a spelunking hallway display, a visit by Mrs. Celia Anderson (District art specialist), the band and choir programs, bicycle rodeo, and the QUEST Program. Mr. Jordon Merkes reported on Falcon Fun Night, Sterling Student Council, the spring carnival, Field Day, and classroom field trips. Mrs. Sue Biggs directed the Soaring Falcons choir in two songs titled, "A Patriotic Salute" and "God Bless the U.S.A."

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mrs. Diane McBee, executive board member of the Alaska Science Consortium, presented the Alaska Science Consortium Award to the District which was accepted by Ms. Dorothy Gray.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that the joint worksession with the Borough Assembly regarding the state budget has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. She announced that the DARE Program graduation will be held on Tuesday, April 16 in the Soldotna High theater, at 7:00 pm. She reminded the Board that the Masonic Awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 18 in the Kenai Central High auditorium, at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the periods ending February 28 and March 31, 2002.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: Mrs. Douglas reported on third quarter budget transfers Numbers 139 through 429 for various schools and departments within the District.

AR 6158 (Health Curriculum Opt Out Provisions): The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 6158 (Health Curriculum Opt Out Provisions). The revisions allow greater parent choice surrounding health curriculum controversial issues.

Long Term Substitute Teacher Contracts: The Board unanimously approved long term substitute teacher contracts for Kris Barnes, Grade 5/6, North Star Elementary and Nancy Thibodeau, Social

Studies, Kenai Middle School.

Administrative Recommendation Regarding Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2001-2002 school year from Patricia J. Blacklock, special education/resource, Skyview High School; Lisa M. Chambers, intermediate teacher, Susan B. English School; Gweni Hurd, language arts, Kenai Central High School; and Molly Kennedy-Traynor, occupational therapist, Sears Elementary. The Board did not approve a resignation from Foley Weems, generalist, Port Graham School.

Request for Leave of Absence—Certified: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for the 2002-2003 school year for Ginger Drais, hearing impaired, Kenai Central High.

Request for Leave of Absence—Support: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for 16 weeks (effective January 13, 2003) for Maryellen Dalberg, Title I Tutor, Seward Elementary.

New Teacher Assignment: The Board unanimously approved a teaching assignment for the 2002-2003 school year for Judy A. Gonsalves, speech language pathologist, West Homer Elementary.

New Administrator Appointments: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Alan L. Fields as assistant principal of Kenai Central High School and Darell Johnston as principal/teacher of Port Graham School.

BP 6158, Health Curriculum Opt Out Provisions: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 6158 (Health Curriculum Opt Out Provisions).

Resolution 01-02-13, Support of a Long Range Fiscal Plan for Alaska: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 01-02-13, Support of a Long Range Fiscal Plan for Alaska.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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