

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

August 5, 2002

NEWS IN BRIEF

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple award to Mrs. Lynne Sandahl, Human Resources Analyst, for her service to the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that school registration information is available on the District website. She reported that the District recently received its first truancy conviction. She stated that there are 19 building projects under construction this summer. She reported that the Curriculum Department has purchased the Integrated Literacy Social Studies materials for Grades K-3 and noted that 5,900 social studies textbooks have been purchased and distributed to schools for Grades 4-6. She noted that accompanying training for the new curriculum will occur during the 2002-2003 school year. She noted that the Administrator Retreat is August 6-8, the Districtwide PTA/PTO/PTSA Representative Meeting is August 26, and the Districtwide Site Council Representative meeting is August 27. She reported that during the summer, the Human Resources Department has hired 18 new-to-position administrators, rehired 24 certificated staff persons, hired 58 additional certified staff persons, and hired 49 support staff persons.

Financial Report: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending June 30, 2002.

Hazardous Bus Route Resolutions: The Board unanimously approved hazardous bus routes for North Star, Nikiski, Seward, Redoubt, Soldotna, Sears, Mt. View, West Homer, Paul Banks and K-Beach elementary schools for the 2002-2003 school year.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2002-2003 school year for Andrea Cacek, art/photography teacher, Kenai Central High School; Sheila A. Murray, special education/resource teacher, Kenai Central High School; Denise M. Romans, (temporary) Title I math specialist, Nikiski Elementary; David J. Brown, special education resource teacher, Nikiski Middle/High; Richard F. Bremicker, Grades K-4, Port Graham Elem/High; Corey Cook, activities director/photo teacher, Skyview High School; Emily Sims, home economics teacher, Skyview High School; Stephanie Zuniga, (temporary) Spanish teacher, Skyview High School; Christine M. Casiano, (temporary) primary teacher, Soldotna Elementary; Kathleen Holt, (temporary) Title I reading teacher, Soldotna Elementary; Linda B. Frink, math/language arts (.50 FTE temporary/.10 FTE permanent) Soldotna High School; Donald Torres, Grades 3-6 teacher, Tebughna School; and Ingrid K. McKinstry, (temporary) Title I teacher, West Homer Elementary.

TENTATIVE Nontenure Teacher Appointments: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teaching assignments for Sandra L. Hudson, social studies/physical education, Homer Middle; Holly Kiel, (temporary) Title V reading teacher, Kenai Middle; Matthew S. Widaman, vocational education, Skyview High.

ResignationS: The Board unanimously approved resignations for Tammy Vollom-Matturro, music, Tustumena Elementary (effective immediately); Todd Phillips, science, Homer High School (effective immediately); and Phil Biggs, specialist, Technology (effective August 2, 2002).

Request for Leave of Absence – Support: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence

request for Robin Traxinger, custodian, North Star Elementary.

School Incentive Program: The Board unanimously approved the establishment of a School Incentive Fund effective for FY03 by designating \$20,682 of FY02 fund balance for this purpose.

Support for New Seward Middle School Facility: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to support the building of a new middle school in Seward.

Health Insurance Allocation: The Board unanimously approved a waiver of the requirement for employees to reimburse the District \$137,760 for remaining health care costs.

Revisions to BP 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements, that deletes obsolete language regarding credit requirements for the graduating class of 2000-2001.

Montessori Charter Amendment: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to amend language in the Soldotna Montessori Charter. The new language states that a teacher must either hold or be eligible for an Alaska Type A certificate and a Montessori certification or commit to earning Montessori certification through correspondence and intensive summer study within one year.

Administrator Appointment: The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Richard E. Sander, as principal of Chapman Elementary.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of BP 3530, Risk Management.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 19, 2002, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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