

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

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

July 1, 2002

NEWS IN BRIEF

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Spirit of Youth Awards to Miss Carrie Collins, Miss Bethany Thornton, Miss Angel Hollers, and Miss Katie VanDerWege. Miss Caelin Kubena and Miss Crystal Dionne were also recipients but were not present.

The Board presented Golden Apple awards to Mr. Jeff Sinz, Kenai Peninsula Borough Finance Director and Mrs. Kimb Remsen, Sears Elementary volunteer and substitute, for their service to the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that she has received the usual communications from NEA regarding negotiations and ongoing matters. She stated that she has received the usual correspondence from the state soliciting public comments regarding special education, licensing of daycares and various other topics.

Site Council Report: Dr. Peterson presented site council reports from each school. She explained that in accordance with Board Policy 0420, schools are required to submit an end-of-the-year report reflecting activities throughout the year.

Lease Agreements Report: Dr. Peterson presented a report of current lease agreements between the District and After the Bell, Boys & Girls Club, City of Soldotna, City of Homer, City of Seward, Village of Kachemak Selo, North Peninsula Recreation Service Area, Village of Razdolna, Henderlong Enterprises, and the Village of Voznesenka.

Financial Report: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending May 31, 2002.

Budget Transfer Report: Mrs. Douglas reported on budget transfers Numbers 230 through 962 for various schools and departments within the District.

2002-2003 Annual Agenda Guideline: The Board unanimously approved the 2002-2003 Annual Agenda. The Annual Agenda consists of dates on which routine items and worksessions and reports relating to Board goals that are presented to the School Board.

Laidlaw Activity Bus Proposal: The Board unanimously approved a request for permission to participate in a pilot program, allowing Laidlaw to provide transportation services for cocurricular activities at Homer area schools during the 2002-2003 school year.

Budget Transfers: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Numbers 731 for \$51,063 to help pay salaries to implement the Technology Plan; 735 for \$74,561 to pay for 100MB Ethernet switches; 741 for \$21,956 to pay for Year 2.5 laptop computers; 756 for \$40,111 to pay for Year 3 printers; 895 for \$62,000 to pay for summer school teacher salaries; 896 for \$45,000 to pay for student textbooks and materials for curriculum implementation; 926 which includes various transactions exceeding \$10,000 to adjust utility budgets (electricity, water and sewer, fuel for heating and garbage) based on actual year-to-date utility costs; 945, which includes \$10,051 for May bus contractor costs in the Homer/Anchor Point area and \$27,898 for May bus contractor costs in the Kenai/Soldotna area; 946 for \$12,271 to pay part of the salary for a Special Services bus aide/monitor on the Seward bus routes; 922 for \$36,500 to pay for legal consultation services incurred for grievances and labor relations; 952 for a total of \$95,738 to adjust telephone budgets within the district based on actual year-to-date telephone costs by location; 957 and 960 each for transactions exceeding \$10,000 to adjust substitute salary accounts for employees who are on extended leave due to extenuating circumstances such as maternity leave, workers compensation leave and family medical leave and for temporary salaries for vacant positions; and 958 for \$18,298 to pay for substitute costs.

Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Irene Hegwer, Language Arts, Soldotna Middle School.

New Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved teacher assignments for the 2002-2003 school year for Laura MacDonald, .50 FTE Grades K-2 (temporary), Cooper Landing; Jennifer Tyler, Grade 5 (temporary), K-Beach Elementary; Janice J. Waldron, Grades 3-5 (temporary), Ninilchik Elementary/High; Galen J. Brantley, social studies/photo, Soldotna High; Janne K. Lillestol, special education/resource, Soldotna High; Cindy L. Bedingfield, special education resource/secondary generalist, Susan B. English Elementary/High; Suzanne E. Haines, QUEST/librarian, West Homer Elementary; George Johnson, social studies/language arts (temporary), Kenai Central High; RaeEllen Kurzendoerfer, middle school generalist (temporary), Nikiski Middle/High; Timothy J. McFarland, music (temporary), Ninilchik Elementary/High; Lisa Osborne, Grade 6, Soldotna Elementary; and Jeffrey W. Moore, music, Soldotna Middle.

Leave of Absence Requests – Certified: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for the 2002-2003 school year for Marvin D. Tapsfield, Grade 8 Science, Seward Middle and Tracy L. Wimmer, Grade 4, Sterling Elementary.

Leave of Absence Request – Support: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Yolanda Schrader, Title I Tutor, Sears Elementary (effective August 14, 2002 through November 30, 2002).

Resignations: The Board unanimously approved resignations with various effective dates for Jane Boerger, English, Seward High; Sherry Friedersdorff, Grades 3-6, Tebughna Elementary/High; Dave Silva, Connections; Katherine P. Taylor, language arts/QUEST, Seward Middle; Shane Totten, art/photography, Kenai Central High; and Indy Walton, business, Skyview High.

Nontenure Teachers for Tenure: The Board unanimously approved Rachel A. Roemhildt, Teri L. Hoffman, and Virginia A. Bucher, nontenured teachers, for tenure.

Tentative Nontenure Teacher Assignments: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teaching assignments for Timothy Whip, Online Assessment Trainer (temporary), Grants Office; Jill K. Sill, Generalist (.50 permanent)/Title I (.25 temporary) Homer Flex; John M. DeVolld, Title I reading (temporary), Mt. View Elementary; Tanya L. Erwin, Title I reading (temporary), Mt. View Elementary; Jennifer Joy Jones, Title I reading (temporary), Tustumena Elementary; and Linda M. Etwiler, Title I/Migrant (temporary), Voznesenka Elementary.

Revisions to BP 3440, Inventories: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3440, Inventories. The change raises the dollar amount to \$5,000 on all inventory items for depreciation and financial reporting purposes. Items in excess of \$500 will continue to be tracked for insurance purposes.

Substitute and Temporary Pay Schedule: The Board unanimously approved the pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 2002-2003 school year.

Revisions to BP 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements: This item was removed.

2002-2003 Board of Education Goals: The Board unanimously approved two goals and 25 administrative tasks for accomplishment during the 2002-2003 school year as a result of the Board's June 4 planning session. The recommended goals are 1) provide increased accountability for and communication of student achievement; and 2) recruit and retain students and staff. The Board amended language in the action steps of goal Number 2.

Administrator Appointments: The Board unanimously approved Joseph Hufel as the Homer High School assistant principal, Tim Peterson as the Human Resources director, Gregory Wilbanks as the Kenai Alternative principal/teacher, Benny T. Abraham as the Paul Banks Elementary principal and Allan Howard as the Soldotna High School assistant principal.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, August 5, 2002, at 7:30 p. m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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