

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

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

January 5, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORT - Mr. Fabian Castilleja, Principal of Susan B. English Elem/High School reported that with 14 staff members the school is able to provide a variety of classes to students including chemistry, geometry, vocational education, Project Adventure, band, and many other subjects. He told the board the students not only achieve academically but athletically and participate in a number of extracurricular activities. He thanked the community for their support in fund raising efforts towards the annual senior class trip. He concluded by presenting a video showing the school facility, student activities, staff, and senior trip to Cancun, Mexico.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren presented the terms of the settlement between the District and KPEA of the \$650 payment grievance.

LEASE AGREEMENTS - Mr. Patrick Hickey presented a report of leases or agreements entered into as of July 1, 1997.

NIKISKI BUS PURCHASE - Mr. Hickey reported that Nikiski High School purchased a 1995 Bluebird bus in the amount of \$30,000.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS - Mr. Hickey reported that the 1997-98 budget will be amended to reflect a decrease in revenue and commensurate balancing expenditure adjustments will be made.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUESTS - The Board unanimously approved extended field trip requests for 15-25 Kenai Middle School students to travel to Washington, D.C., March 22-27, 1998, to participate in the Lakeland Tours Program; for 16 Soldotna High School students to travel to Branson, Missouri, April 24-28, 1998, to participate in the Branson Jubilee National Music Festival competition; and for 5 Susan B. English School students to travel to Spain and France, May 25-June 5, 1998, to experience the different languages, cultures, and economies.

1997-98 TEACHER APPOINTMENT - The Board unanimously approved a teaching appointment for the 1997-98 school year for Barbara Spence, temporary (half-time), Special Services/Resource at Skyview High.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST - The Board unanimously approved an early graduation request for a Ninilchik High School student.

KPAA MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - The Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Agreement between the District and KPAA. The agreement allows administrators an extension of January 16, 1998, as the deadline to announce their intention to retire and will be added as an addendum to the current negotiated agreement.

1998-99 HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM - The Board unanimously approved a staffing recommendation for health services which allows for continued RN/BSN coverage of all District schools similar to the coverage for 1997-98.

RECOMMENDATION TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH KPESA - The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to begin negotiations with KPESA.

SCHOOL VAN PURCHASE - The Board approved the purchase of a 15 passenger van from Seekins Ford in the amount of \$29,826 for Skyview High School.

XEROX COPIER LEASES - The Board unanimously approved a modification to an existing lease agreement with Xerox to provide copier services to the District by document outsourcing rather than selling copier hardware. The District will be required to supply paper and be charged a flat fee of \$.017 per copy and Xerox Business Services would buy out existing lease agreements from Xerox Corporation.

POLICY REVISIONS - The Board unanimously approved policy BP 1321 Solicitation of Funds From and By Students. Revisions to BP 1321 will allow fund raising activities to occur with "for profit" companies or organizations. The Board postponed action on AR 5123 Promotion/Acceleration/Retention until the following meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, January 19, 1998, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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