

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

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

February 2, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOL REPORT - Mrs. Lisa Stroh, principal, Tustumena Elementary, reported that the school goals this year are to improve writing skills, improve social skills, and implement student portfolios. She reported that a Technology Coordinator and Parent Coordinator were recently hired. She thanked the PTO and two local businesses for their support of Tustumena Elementary. She reported that the PTO raises money to print *Lynx Tales*, a compilation of student stories and illustrations. Ms. Tammy Massengill's kindergarten students sang two songs and a sixth grade student played the bassoon. Mrs. Sotelo's sixth grade students presented research information and demonstrated pneumatic devices they created to be used by astronauts in space or on the space shuttle.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS - The Board presented awards of appreciation to Sheryl Sotelo, teacher, Tustumena Elementary and Paula Christensen, teacher, Soldotna Middle School, for being selected as finalists for the 1997 Alaska Teacher of the Year award which is presented by the Alaska Department of Education. Flowers and gifts were also presented to Mrs. Sotelo by her students who were in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren announced that the School Board and Administration will have a budget worksession with the Borough Assembly beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at the Ninilchik School, Ninilchik. Mr. Dahlgren reported the budget hearings will begin this week, February 4, at Kenai Central High School; February 5, at Homer High School; February 10, at Seward High School; February 11, at Soldotna High School; and February 12, at Nikiski Middle/Sr. High School. Mr. Dahlgren announced that the deadline for participation in the retirement incentive program was Friday, January 30. He reported that 24 teachers, 3 administrators and 16 support staff have taken advantage of the retirement program.

BUDGET TRANSFER - The Board unanimously approved budget transfer number 000217 to the Alternative Schooling Programs in the amount of \$23,300.00 to purchase Calvert programs offered through Alternative Programs.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS - The Board unanimously approved 19-day substitute teaching contracts for Janet VanDriessche, Special Education/Resource, Seward Jr./Sr. and Vickie Roney, Special Education/Resource, Soldotna Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/SUPPORT - The Board unanimously approved a one year unpaid leave of absence for the 1998-99 school year for Cheryl Keegan, Secretary III, Seward Elementary and Dawn Stetz, Administrative Secretary I, Districtwide Alternative Education.

RESIGNATIONS - The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year for Jimmy Standefer, Art/Science, Nikiski Jr./Sr.; Marilyn Standefer, Language Arts, Nikiski Jr./Sr.; Elaine Sandoval, Science, Ninilchik; Leanne Krieger, Language Arts/Social Studies, Voznesenka; Mary Beaumont, Gr. 4/5, McNeil Canyon; Marc Berezin, Technologist, Districtwide Special Services; John M. Bundy, Math/Science, Homer High; Gary Horwath, Math, Soldotna Middle; Vickie Lund, Grade 2, K-Beach; Michael Murray, Principal, Voznesenka; Sally Oelrich, Grade 3, K-Beach; Greg Paxton, Assistant Principal, Soldotna Middle; Marlene Thiel-Pearson, History, Nikiski Jr./Sr.; Mary Jo Sanders, Coordinator, Districtwide Migrant Education; John Steckel, PE, Soldotna Middle; Robert Ammerman, Vocational Education, Homer High; Stan McKnight, Psychologist, Seward; Beverly Chapman, Home Economics, Seward Jr./Sr. High; Dorothy Cline, Music/Library, Paul Banks Elementary; Michael Cline, Grade 4, West Homer Elementary; Sharon Irvin, Art, Seward Jr./Sr. High; Lawrence Rockhill, Grade 6, Redoubt Elementary; and Larry Wheat, Grade 5, Sterling Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED - The Board unanimously approved a leave of absence request for the remainder of the 1997-98 school year or until the District receives confirmation of disability retirement or the employee has a release from her doctor to return to work for Suzie Stafford-Hawker, Special Education/Resource, Seward Jr./Sr.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST/MAGADAN - The Board unanimously approved an extended field trip request for Redoubt Elementary students to travel to Magadan, Russia, on March 21 to March 29, 1998. The students will participate in an exchange program.

CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST - The Board unanimously approved a listing of capital improvement/major maintenance projects for FY 1999.

XEROX BUSINESS SERVICES CONTRACT - The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to modify the existing agreement with Xerox Corporation and extend the contract length.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 16, 1998, 6:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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