

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

May 17, 1999

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ninilchik Elementary/High School - Mr. Paul Kubena, Ninilchik Elementary/High School introduced Mr. Michael Audette, music teacher, and his fifth and sixth grade students. The students sang "Its Saturday." Mr. Kubena noted that Ninilchik Elementary/High is one of the most modern and updated facilities with eleven new classrooms and an unparalleled student-computer ratio. Mr. Eric Skjold, business education teacher, concluded the presentation with a short video featuring students participating in classrooms and extracurricular activities. The video also gave a tour of the reconstructed section of the school that was burned in 1996.

Awards and Presentations - The Board presented awards of appreciation to Terri Woodward, Skyview High School; Dave Carey, Skyview High School; Clark Fair, Skyview High School; William Radtke, Kenai Middle School; and Sharon Radtke, Human Resources, for their outstanding service to education and the District.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Dahlgren noted that graduation ceremonies begin this week.

Certified Diploma Report - Mr. Ed McLain presented the Certified Diploma Steering Committee Annual Report. The report included a list of the committee membership, activities related to the Committee for 1998-1999 and 1999-2000, and current Committee recommendations and statements. The appendices included the District K-12 instruction and assessment "flight path," interim grade level indicators, Grades 4-12 remediation site-based pilots, Grades K-3 reading intervention and assessment pilots, statement of charge and related board policy, and District Committee tasks overview and a glossary of terms.

Financial Report - Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 1999.

Leave of Absence Request/Certified - The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Abby Smola, counselor, Soldotna High and Michelle Robbins, social studies, Homer Middle.

Leave of Absence Requests/Support - The Board unanimously approved a one-year, unpaid leave of absence for the 1999-2000 school year for Becky Norman, bilingual instructor, Port Graham Elem/High and Elena Chernishoff, bilingual instructor/tutor, Voznesenka Elementary/High.

**Substitute Teacher Contract** - The Board unanimously approved a 19-day substitute teaching contract for Debbie Dover, kindergarten, K-Beach Elementary; Wendi Dutcher, math, Skyview High; and Terri Hoffman, Grade 2, Redoubt Elementary.

**New Teacher Assignments/1999-2000** - The Board unanimously approved 1999-2000 teacher assignments for Robert Barnwell, Grades 3/4, Seward Elementary; Deborah Jacobson, science/health, Soldotna Middle; and Dean Vincent, primary grades, K-Beach Elementary.

**Resignations** - The Board unanimously approved the resignation of L. Tiel Smith, Grade 4, Redoubt Elementary; Randy Hunt, business education/photography, Homer High; Holly Morris, Spanish, Homer High; Brenda Howe, math, Seward Middle/High; and Ric Ingels, science, Homer High.

**Tentative Non-Tenure Teacher Assignments** - The Board unanimously approved tentative non-tenure teacher assignments for the 1999-2000 school year for Susan Howard, K-2, Port Graham Elem/High and Kevin Harding, special education/resource, Kenai Alternative/Kenai Central High.

**Early Graduation** - The Board unanimously approved an early graduation request from a Soldotna High School student to graduate a semester early, at the end of the first semester, 1999-2000.

**Student Expulsion #1** - The Board approved the expulsion of a Skyview High School student for violation of BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

**Student Expulsion #2** - The Board approved the expulsion of a Skyview High School student for violation of BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

**Student Expulsion #3** - The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a Nikiski Middle/High School student for violation of BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs.

**Student Expulsion #4** - The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a Kenai Central High School student for violation of AR 5144.1, "continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of reasonable school authority" and "behavior which is in some way harmful to the welfare, safety and morals of other students."

**Student Expulsion #5** - The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a Kenai Middle School student for violation of BP 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

**Student Expulsion #6** - The Board unanimously approved the expulsion of a Soldotna Middle School student for violation of BP 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

**Elementary School Report Recommendations** - The Board unanimously approved a list of ten recommendations derived from the Elementary School Report.

**Food Service Equipment Purchase** - The Board unanimously approved the lease/purchase of updated food service equipment in the amount of \$153,954.

Fund Transfers - The Board unanimously approved a budget transfer for \$28,178.95 to cover costs for the development of on-line course materials for the Connections program.

REQUEST FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR HOMER FLEX - The Board removed this item from the agenda.

Major Maintenance/Capital Improvement Projects List - The Board unanimously approved a list of capital improvement projects in the total amount of \$1,600,640.

New Administrator Appointments/1999-2000 - The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Gary Whitely, director, Curriculum/Staff Development and Todd Syverson, assistant superintendent, Human Resources.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 7, 1999, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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