

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

John Dahlgren, Superintendent

November 2, 1998

NEWS IN BRIEF

The November 2, 1998, school board meeting was held at the Homer High School Auditorium, Homer, Alaska.

SCHOOL REPORTS - Mr. Glen Szymoniak, McNeil Canyon Elementary principal, introduced Rebecca Boone and her first grade students who performed a song from their Three Bears show and Debbie Piper's second and third grade students who sang Everybody Has Music Inside.

Ms. Karen Wessel, Homer Flex lead teacher, introduced current and past graduates who spoke in support of the Homer Flex School.

Mr. Lance Peterson, theater director, introduced the Homer High School Performing Arts Department theater group who performed an excerpt from The Wizard of Oz.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS - Mr. Arness presented awards of appreciation to Stan Eller for being selected to receive the 1997-98 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching and to Rick Ladd for being selected as the 1998 Alaska Elementary Principal of the Year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Dahlgren announced that Homer Middle School students won the CyberSafari Contest which includes a \$2,000 cash prize for their school. Mr. Dahlgren also announced that Mr. Dan Walker was selected as the 1999 Alaska Teacher of the Year.

CLASS SIZE REPORT - Mr. Ed McLain presented the class size report based on enrollment as of September 30, 1998. The report included a summary of students per classroom teacher at each site, average class size per site, classroom sizes districtwide, specific teachers and class loads, vocational education and special education courses and various other statistical information. A worksession was held prior to the regular meeting to review the class size and enrollment information in more detail.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT - The Board unanimously approved substitute teaching contracts for Suzanne Klaben, special education/resource, Nikiski Elementary and Susan Howard, Grade 1, Redoubt Elementary.

RESIGNATION - The Board unanimously approved resignations from William Stavley, special education/resource/emotionally handicapped, Kenai Central High (effective at the end of the 1998-99 school year) and Jocelyn Shiro-Westphal, physical therapist, districtwide special services (effective November 25, 1998).

BUDGET TRANSFER - The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 97 which transfers \$58,000 to schools for FY99 world language textbook adoption and budget transfer Number 98 which transfers \$324,522 to schools for FY99 math textbook adoption.

TEACHER TERMINATION - The Board unanimously approved the termination of a certified employee.

1999-2000 ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS - The Board unanimously approved the 1999-2000 projected enrollment at 10,123 students.

AURORA BOREALIS CHARTER SCHOOL LEASE AGREEMENT - The Board unanimously approved a lease agreement between Aurora Borealis Charter School and the Grace Brethern Church for use as a school site. The amount of the two-year lease is \$6,300 per month which includes some additional space.

POLICY REVISIONS - The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 3315, Relations with Vendors. The changes address situations in which employees conduct business with the District as vendors.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING - The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, November 16, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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