

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Homer High School

Homer, AK 99603

November 1, 1999

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Deborah Germano, President

Mrs. Debra Mullins, Vice President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Treasurer

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member

Dr. Nels Anderson, Member

Mr. Mike Chenault, Member

Miss Melinda Haring, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Business Management

Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh

Mr. Alex Trout

Mr. Scott O'Tremba

Ms. Bev Hunter-Gillaspie

Mr. Rich Patton

Mr. Ron Drathman

Ms. Laura Norton

Mr. Rick Ladd

Mr. Brent Keene

Mr. Glen Szymoniak

Ms. Tari Hoeft

Miss Lacy Epperson

Miss Alex Drathman

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Germano called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Germano invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mr. Mike Chenault	Present
Miss Melinda Haring	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with Item 7, Awards and Presentations, moved ahead of Item 2, School Reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board minutes of October 18, 1999, were approved with two changes: a correction on page 46, fifth paragraph, the word "president" was replaced with "treasurer"; and an addition to Dr. Anderson's comments on page 49, the sentence, "He announced that he was starting a pool on how many times Ms. Germano would pass the gavel to speak to an issue during her term as president."

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Rick Ladd presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Ron Drathman for his years of service from May 1977 to May 1999 on the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association Board of Directors.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Alex Trout, building administrator at Kachemak Selo Elementary and Voznesenka Elementary/High Schools, gave a slide presentation showing pictures of the buildings and staff at each school. He explained that students come to kindergarten speaking English as a second language and that instruction for the first year is delivered primarily in Russian. He reported that the English DIBBLES have been translated to Russian so early literacy standards can be monitored. He stated that staff members have taken Russian language classes to improve their teaching abilities. Mr. Trout reported that the instructional goal at Voznesenka Elementary is to improve reading comprehension skills. He stated that for the second year, Title I money is funding a preschool program for 15 students. He thanked the Assembly for the funds to complete the paving of the playground at Voznesenka School. Mr. Trout reported that Kachemak Selo has 65 students with 4 certificated teachers. He reported that this is the second year staff have been working to ensure that all students are reading at or above grade level. He noted that the members of the school instructional team translated books from English to Russian so students could have a larger selection of reading material. He noted that each day staff members travel 5 miles on foot or by four-wheeler along a difficult trail in all types of weather to reach Kachemak Selo Elementary School to work, and he commended them for their dedication.

Mr. Steve Jones, Susan B. English Elementary/High Principal, submitted a written narrative and short video. His video report included information on parental involvement, test scores, the school's writing and communication goal, student participation in cocurricular activities and clubs, and community programs.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Brent Keene, Paul Banks Elementary and West Homer Elementary physical education teacher, told the Board that the District is not adequately educating students about their health needs. He stated that physical education and health instruction time has dwindled greatly in the last fifteen years and asked the Board to take a serious look at more physical education for District students. He stated that during the past ten years, obesity has increased 70% among young adults and that their health will be adversely affected. He stated that the new District physical education curriculum is good, but 17 hours of assessment is required for students that he will only see 27 hours during the entire year.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Ms. Tari Hoeft announced that there are three Postponing Sexual Involvement (PSI) groups on the Peninsula. She explained that adults facilitate the meeting and students plan lessons and give presentations to seventh and eighth grade school students. She introduced Miss Alex Drathman and Miss Lacy Epperson who conducted several activities with the Board members and distributed an example of the materials used during the activities that are presented to students. Miss Epperson stated that the leaders talk to the students about postponing sexual involvement and promoting abstinence.

Miss Haring asked how students responded to the presentations. Miss Epperson stated that students responded positively and that it is due to the interaction and involvement used during the presentations. Miss Haring asked if the presentation is given during a health class. Miss Epperson replied that students are given the presentation one time during health class and that attendance is optional.

Miss Epperson stated that they have a hard time getting enough time in the classroom and asked for the Board's support. Miss Drathman stated that she would like to return to the classroom two or three more times.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:**

Dr. Peterson reported that she received two letters from the Department of Education and Early Development. The first letter announced the extension of emergency teaching certificates, and the second letter stated that a regulation revision will go into effect November 4 which defines an "approved program" as one that substantially meets the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Ms. Germano stated that she received an email from Ms. Young, who is with the Alaska Association of School Boards, requesting topics for discussion during the large district forum. The topics of technology and remediation were suggested.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson reported that Mr. Hank Overturf was chosen as Alaska's Assistant Principal of the Year. She announced that BP Exploration is expanding their Teachers of Excellence Program to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. This program includes financial and public recognition to the selected teacher.

Class Size Reports:

Mr. Ed McLain presented the class size report based on enrollment as of September 24, 1999. 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.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Crawford reported that the Technology Committee has developed a plan which will be presented to the Borough Assembly on November 2.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resolution 99-00-04 (Support for Participation in the ARCTIC Project) and Revisions to Administrative Regulation 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

Resolution 99-00-04, Support for
Participation IN THE ARCTIC
PROJECT:

Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve a resolution supporting the participation of a District teacher in the ARCTIC technology intern program.

Revisions to Administrative Regulation
5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous
Instruments:

Mr. McLain recommended the Board approve revisions to AR 5131.7, which deletes the reference to knife blade length.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve Consent Agenda items Numbers 1 and 2.
Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

2000-2001 Enrollment Projections:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the 2000-2001 projected enrollment at 10,140 students. He explained that the projections are the basis for determining the budget in the areas of instructional supplies and staffing formulas.

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the 2000-2001 projected enrollment at 10,140 students. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Gross congratulated Ms. Germano on her recent election as president of the School Board. She announced that the AASB Annual Conference will be held November 6-9.

BOARD COMMENTS (continued):

Miss Haring thanked the PSI Team leaders for their presentation. She announced that she will be attending the AASB Annual Conference and Youth Leadership Conference. She congratulated Mr. Overturf on his recent award.

Mrs. Crawford congratulated Mr. Drathman for the recognition of his work with KPSAA and Mr. Overturf for his award. She thanked Mr. Trout and Mr. Jones for their school reports. She thanked Mr. McLain for the class size report.

Dr. Anderson apologized for teasing Ms. Germano about passing the gavel. He stated that he would be in the same position if he were president.

Mr. Chenault thanked Mr. Spence for his presentation during the recent Nikiski Area Reconfiguration Committee meeting.

Mrs. Larned stated that it was nice to be in Homer and thanked those present for attending the meeting. She thanked Miss Drathman and Miss Epperson for their presentation. She stated that she enjoyed Mr. Trout's presentation on Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo Schools. She stated that the Borough Honor Choir concert was excellent. She stated that she visited North Star Elementary and Kenai Alternative Schools and noted that she is proud of the wonderful things happening for District students. She thanked everyone at every level who is involved in District schools.

Mrs. Mullins thanked Mr. Jones and Mr. Trout for their reports. She stated that she has special appreciation for the four-wheeler ride to Kachemak Selo. She thanked Miss Drathman and Miss Epperson for their presentation. She commended them for discussing such a difficult topic with the Board. She stated that she appreciated their efforts in teaching abstinence to District middle school students. Mrs. Mullins announced that Mrs. Gross will be the next president of AASB.

Ms. Germano wished Mrs. Gross good luck during her next year as AASB president. She stated that she is looking forward to the AASB Annual Conference. She added that there is a Youth Conference, which is attended by 50-60 students, held in conjunction with the Annual Conference. She noted that for her it is the highlight of the weekend. She thanked Mr. Trout for his school presentation. Ms. Germano reported that she recently attended *Oklahoma* performed by Homer High School students and directed by Mr. Lance Peterson and Mr. Mark Robinson. She stated that the production was incredible.

Ms. Germano appointed Mr. Chenault and Mrs. Mullins to the Budget Review Committee, Mrs. Larned to the Reconsideration Committee and Mrs. Crawford to the Employee Recognition Committee.

Ms. Germano thanked Miss Haring for her comments and Miss Drathman and Miss Epperson for their presentation.

ADJOURN: At 8:30 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Germano, President

Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of November 1, 1999,
were approved on November 15, 1999
with corrections.