

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

February 19, 2001

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Deborah Germano, President  
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Dr. Nels Anderson, Member  
Mrs. Sandra Wassilie, Member  
Mr. Al Poindexter, Member  
Miss Sara Hart, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Business Management  
Dr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Susanne Little	Mr. Jim White
Mr. Bruce Rife	Mr. Rick Matiya
Ms. Connie Wirz	Mrs. Lisa Quesnel
Mrs. Lana Syverson	Mr. Pete Sprague
Mr. Tate Syverson	Mr. Micah Reynolds
Mr. Chet Syverson	Mr. Paul Sorenson
Mrs. Cheryl Schweigert	Mrs. Cheryl Sotelo
Mrs. Sylvia Reynolds	Ms. Tammie Anderson
Mrs. Mary Kennedy	Mrs. Cathy Schmelzenbach
Mr. Justin George	Ms. Kristy Schmelzenbach
Mrs. Barb George	Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh
Mrs. Rosie Reeder	Mr. Chris Moss
Mr. Mark Leal	Mr. Sean Dusek
Dr. Gary Whiteley	Mrs. Pam Howard
Miss Sara Diamond	Mr. Tim Lybrand
Miss Danielle King	Mr. Justin Tumbaga
Mr. Ben Elachik	Mrs. Beth Kellie
Ms. Penny Card	Ms. Rita Smagge
Mrs. Sheryl Cook	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Germano called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Sandra Wassilie	Present
Mr. Al Poindexter	Present
Miss Sara Hart	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the removal of Item 10g., Approval of KPSAA Homer Baseball Decision and Item 11f., First Reading of BP5131.41, AR 5131.41 Violent and Aggressive Conduct.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of February 5, 2001, were approved with a correction to the first paragraph of page 207; the references to Title IV were changed to Title IX.

## SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Paul Sorenson, Kenai Middle School principal, reported that the school has an enrollment of 441 students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 and that 32% of the student body takes advantage of the free and reduced lunch program which qualifies the school for Title I funds. He reviewed assessment scores through the use of a computer-generated presentation. He reported that the 2000-2001 school goal is to improve student mastery skills in math computation. He reported that the Kenaitze Indian Tribe provides a tutor for Alaskan Native students. He reported that the summer school provides instruction in math, reading and language arts for five weeks.

Mrs. Sheryl Cook, Central Peninsula Counseling Services school-based specialist, presented information on the family support program and noted that it began as a pilot program at Kenai Middle School. She explained that the overall goal of the school-based services is to assist students in Grades 6, 7, 8 be successful in the home, at school and in the community. She noted that consumers and students must qualify to meet mental health rehabilitation services requirements. She explained that family-support school-based services are available in the classroom one-to-one with students and in groups outside of the classroom. She said specialists also work in families' homes and in the community. She reported that the objectives and areas of concern addressed include communication skills, social skills, life skills, anger management, problem-solving skills, and the development of decision-making skills. She reported that the overall goal in the school is to help decrease absenteeism, detention, suspensions, expulsions, and increase overall academic successes by addressing student emotional needs. She noted that the Central Peninsula Counseling Services also provides a summer program. She concluded by reading the Starfish Slinger.

Dr. Anderson asked how many students were on the average wait list and what happens to the students on the list. She answered that she, CPCS and the principal determine whether each of the students qualify. She stated that the program has increased the use of individual service providers who work one-on-one or in small groups and the program is considering the possibility of hiring a second school-based specialist.

Ms. Kristy Schmelzenbach and Mrs. Schweigert introduced the GEAR UP Reading Program with the assistance of students Danielle King, Justin Tumbaga and Ben Elachik. Miss Schmelzenbach explained that the GEAR UP class is 90 minutes long and includes two teachers for three grade levels. She reported that students work on reading and writing standards through the use of Computerized Computer Corporation (CCC), participate in sustained silent reading and RAP (vocabulary, basic skills and strategy, and context reading) each for 20 minutes.

Mrs. Schweigert extended thanks to Mrs. Cathy Schmelzenbach for writing grants to fund the many assistance programs used at Kenai Middle School.

Mrs. Howard, part-time school nurse and student assistance program coordinator, explained the student assistance program. Miss Sara Diamond and Mr. Tim Lybrand, peer assistant leaders, conducted an activity with the Board and administration that demonstrated a lesson on being fair and resolving conflict.

## SCHOOL REPORTS (continued):

Mr. Sorenson thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication and for making the District a better place to work.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Beth Kellie, Mrs. Mary Kennedy and Mrs. Lisa Quesnel, Nikiski Middle/High School PTSA representatives, presented the Board with gifts and sang a song expressing appreciation for the Board's work.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Syverson announced that KPSAA has notified the administration that the schools unanimously voted to retain high school wrestling during the fall season.

Mr. Rick Matiya, read the following into the minutes: "Resolution 001-01, Title IX, Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District.

Whereas, United States Federal Government Title IX – Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native Education Act finds; 'Since the date of the enactment of the initial Indian Education Act, in 1972, the level of involvement of Indian Parents, in the planning, development, and implementation of educational programs that affect such Parents and their Children has increased significantly, and schools should continue to foster such involvement'

Whereas, The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is responsible for the management of the funds received from the Federal Government's Title IX program 'to meet the special educational and culturally related academic needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives, so that such students can achieve to the same challenging State Performance Standards expected of all students'

Whereas, The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is responsible for the management of the funded 'programs of direct assistance for;

- (1) Meeting the special educational and culturally related academic needs of American Indians, and Alaska Natives;
- (2) The education of Indian children and adults;
- (3) The training of Indian persons as educators, and counselors, and others professions serving Indian people;
- (4) Research, evaluation, data collection, and technical assistance.'

Whereas, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is responsible for providing assurances to the Federal Government, that funding 'will use the best available talents and resources, including individuals from the Indian community' statistics indicate, 11% of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District population is Alaska Native or American Indian, but less than 1% of the educators and support staff are Alaska Native or American Indian. It is our conviction that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is ethically and morally obligated to actively recruit Alaskan Native and American Indian certified teachers responsible for direct instruction, and other support staff as educators to work directly with our students in their education process, to reflect the percentages of Alaskan Natives students within the school system.

Whereas, on September 22, 2000, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Title IX, Indian Education, Parent Advisory Committee unanimously approved a motion to draft a resolution addressing the lack of Alaskan Native and American Indian hire within the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District educational staff to bring Kenai Peninsula Borough School District into compliance with the Title IX law.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS  
(continued):

Whereas, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Title IX, Parent Advisory Committee met on September, 22, 2000 and voted unanimously for a resolution to present to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, and the Alaska Federation of Natives, this resolution states:

Therefore Be It Resolved, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's Title IX Parent Advisory Committee Requests that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District actively recruit and hire Alaskan Native and American Indian educators, and become an example in effectively 'meeting the special educational and culturally related academic needs of Alaska Native and American Indian students' for which they are responsible,

Now therefore Be It Resolved, The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Title IX, Parent Advisory Committee, respectfully requests that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District commit to Equal Employment Opportunity for Alaska Native and American Indians within the District to adequately reflect the ratio of Alaska Native teachers to the District's Alaskan Native and American Indian student population."

Mr. Matiya noted that Elizabeth Kruzick, Chairperson, and Eric Clock, Co-Chairperson, Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee signed the resolution.

Mrs. Wassilie stated that there is a concern about meeting the needs of Alaskan Native students. She stated that by having Alaskan Native teachers as role models it is helpful to both Native and non-Native students and encourages parents to be more involved in the school. She stated that this issue is very important to the parents of Native children.

Mr. Arness asked if there is a feeling that the District is not an equal opportunity employer. Mr. Matiya stated that the percent of Native teachers is not reflective of the student ethnic population. He stated that there is a feeling that more Alaskan Native educators would help the educational system throughout the state of Alaska, and the District would benefit from certified Alaskan Native teachers.

Mr. Arness asked Mr. Matiya if there is a feeling that the District is actively precluding the hiring of Alaska Native teachers. Mr. Matiya suggested that the District actively recruit American Indians or Alaskan Natives or promote more Alaskan Native students through a career ladder process to lead them to a bachelor of arts degree and a teacher certificate.

Ms. Germano asked whether the District is out of compliance with federal government requirements. Mr. Syverson replied that the District is in compliance.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Tammie Anderson from British Petroleum Community Relations, Mrs. Suzanne Little and Board members presented commemorative plaques to Jerry Dixon, Bruce Rife, Sheryl Sotelo and Lana Syverson for being chosen as 2000-2001 British Petroleum Teachers of Excellence. Ms. Reneé Henderson was also a recipient but did not attend and will be presented the award by the administration. Ms. Anderson noted that each teacher will receive a \$500 savings bond, a commemorative plaque and an opportunity to visit BP Exploration on the North Slope.

Recess:

At 8:38 p.m., Mrs. Germano called a recess.

Reconvene after recess:

At 8:47 pm., the Board reconvened in regular session.

## ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board suspend the rules and return to the Public Presentations section of the agenda. Mrs. Wassilie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rita Smagge, Kenaitze Indian Tribe executive director, read the following, "Resolution 2001-05,

Whereas, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe through its appointed representatives is an actively participating member of the Title IX Indian Parent Advisory Committee of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District; and;

Whereas, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe strongly believes 'our children are our greatest resource' and successful Native role models in our school system will have an empowering impact on our children and;

Whereas, pursuant to section 9102(b) of the Title IX Act, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is responsible for the management of the funded 'programs of direct assistance for;

1. meeting the special educational culturally-related academic needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives;
2. the education of Indian children and adults;
3. the training of Indian persons as educators and counselors and other professions serving Indian people;
4. research, evaluation, data collection and technical assistance.'

Whereas, it is a firm belief of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe that the foregoing state of 'programs or direct assistance' has not been fully implemented particularly in the area of training and hiring of Indian educators; and;

Whereas, on September 22, 2000, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Title IX Parent Advisory Committee unanimously approved a motion to draft a resolution addressing the lack of Alaskan Native and American Indian hire within the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Kenaitze Tribal Council through telephone poll conducted on February 16, 2001, unanimously supports Title IX Parent Advisory Committee's motion to draft a resolution addressing a lack of Alaska Native and American Indian hire within the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and requests that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District School Board take positive action to commit to equal employment opportunity for Alaskan Native and American Indians within the District to adequately reflect the ratio of Alaska Native teachers to the District's Alaskan Native and American Indian student population. This is signed by Rosalie Tepp, tribal chairperson and Esther Segura, tribal secretary."

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (continued): Dr. Anderson asked Ms. Smagge if she was aware of areas where the District has discriminated against anyone in the hiring process and asked for suggestions to attract qualified Alaskan Natives or American Indians. Ms. Smagge stated that the Kenaitze Indian Tribe hired a tutor for Kenai Middle School when they heard that Title IX funding would be cut. She stated that the Tribe would like to hire more tutors to teach Alaskan Native children because they are dropping out of school and parents are choosing to home school their children.

Ms. Germano stated that the Board is concerned about the drop out rate and decreasing enrollment due to home school.

Ms. Penny Cardy, Salamatof Tribal Council President, stated that she represents the Salamatof Native Association and that the Association and Tribal Council support the resolution that was read into the Board minutes. She stated that the Native student drop out rate is disproportionately high, and that the Alaskan Native inmate population is disproportionately high, and she believes that there is a connection. She noted that the local community has several well-qualified Natives who have not been able to obtain full-time employment in the education field. She added that the Native community is offering grants, scholarships and other support for those who want to become educators. She urged the Board to support the resolution and help provide Native role models within the school system.

Ms. Connie Wirz, Kenaitze Head Start Program director, stated that there are Native teachers in the community who are qualified and are being overlooked for hire. She stated that it is very important for Native children to see successful Native adults in education. She stated that the Kenai Middle School after-school program was designed and implemented by an Alaskan Native teacher who wanted to work for the District but was not hired. She encouraged the Board to make it a priority to hire Alaska Native educators. She thanked the Tribe for financing the after-school program and for writing the Head Start Program grant.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Syverson announced that Dr. Peterson is attending the National Superintendents' Conference. He reported that Dr. McLain has been working with the state Department of Education and Early Development and the legislature on "targeted and taught skills" and "essential skills required for graduation." He reminded the Board about the joint budget worksession with the Borough Assembly and the School Board beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 21.

#### Financial Report:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending January 31, 2001.

#### BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Mullins reported that she attended two community budget hearings. She stated that she appreciates the work that goes into the preparation of the meetings and she expressed concern for the low attendance at the hearings. She reported that she also attended the Administrator Meeting and Borough Space Allocation Committee meeting. She stated that the committee is looking at several buildings to house School District staff.

Mrs. Wassilie stated that she attended the community budget hearings in Homer and Seward and added that she appreciated the fine presentation by Mr. Hickey. She expressed concern for the modest attendance in Seward. She stated that she also attended the Administrator Meeting media training.

#### BOARD REPORTS (continued):

Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended the Recognition Committee meeting. She stated that it is a pleasure to be able to recognize employees. She stated that she attended a community budget hearing and the media training.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were AR 3544.1, Vehicle Maintenance, Resignations, Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract, 2000-2001 Teacher Assignments, Leave of Absence Request – Support, Lease with Seldovia Boys and Girls Club, and Change of Registered Agent/Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc.

- AR 3544.1, Vehicle Maintenance: Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a housekeeping revision to AR 3544.1, Vehicle Maintenance. Existing language “associate superintendent – planning, operations and technology” is stricken and replaced with the words “Superintendent or designee.”
- Resignations: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 2000-2001 school year for Wayne G. Clark, social studies, Homer Middle; Olga Timofeeva, English, Kenai Central High; and Everett T. Corbin, physical education/vocational education, Seward Middle/High School.
- Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a long-term substitute teacher contract for Joellen Fowler, physical education, Soldotna Elementary.
- 2000-2001 Teacher Assignments: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a teacher assignment for the 2000-2001 school year for John DeVolld, Library (temporary) at Mt. View Elementary.
- Leave of Absence Request – Support: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a request for a one-year unpaid leave of absence during the 2001-2002 school year for Deborah Church, school secretary II, Nikiski Middle/High School.
- Lease with Seldovia Boys and Girls Club: Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a request for negotiations between the School District, Borough, and Boys and Girls Club to lease a section of the Susan B. English Elementary/High School property.
- Change of Registered Agent/Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc.: Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a change of the Registered Agent from John K. Dahlgren to Dr. Donna Peterson for the Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc., which is the nonprofit corporation established to handle the Kenai Central High Vocational house projects.
- ACTION Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 7 and that Item Number 10a.(1) be considered separately. Dr. Anderson seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- ACTION Mr. Arness moved the Board approve an amendment to Consent Agenda Item Number 10a.(1) to replace the words “associate superintendent – planning, operations and technology” with the words “Superintendent or designee,” in the last sentence. Dr. Anderson seconded.
- Amendment carried unanimously.
- Amended motion carried unanimously.
- 2001-2002 Administrator Contracts: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a list of administrator and central office contracts for the 2001-2002 school year.
- ACTION Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve a list of administrator and central office contracts for the 2001-2002 school year. Mrs. Mullins seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignments, 2001-2002: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a list of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 2001-2002 school year.

ACTION Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve a list of tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 2001-2002 school year. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety and BP 5040, AR 5040, Student Handbook: Dr. McLain recommended the Board approve the adoption of BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety and the revision of BP 5040, AR 5040, Student Handbook. He explained that by January 1, 2001, each Alaskan school district must have a school disciplinary and safety program in place. He noted that the policies found in the Association of Alaska School Boards Policy Reference Manual were updated and revised in October 2000 to meet a district's obligation to have this program in place.

ACTION Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety and the revision of BP 5040, AR 5040, Student Handbook. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Ms. Germano asked whether student handbooks could be posted on individual school websites. Mr. White stated that student handbooks could be posted.

Mrs. Wassilie asked if there is a process for reviewing and revising the District's safety program. Dr. McLain replied that there is no specified method for the review and revision of student handbooks other than the three-year requirement. He stated that most schools review their handbooks on an annual basis.

Ms. Germano asked if the word "community" should be replaced by the word "school" in the first paragraph of BP 5030. Dr. McLain reported that the AASB model contains the specific wording included in the packet but that he did not see a problem if the Board chose to change it. Mr. Hickey stated that this language is a derivative of the process used in recent statute development for emergency response planning, and he noted that there may be explicit statutes that should be reviewed prior to making any changes. Ms. Germano stated that the policy mandates something that the District realistically is not going to do.

ACTION Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve an amendment to BP 5030 to insert the word "school" in place of the word "community" in the last sentence of the first paragraph; to make the same replacement in the second sentence of the second paragraph; and in BP 5040, to insert the sentence, "The student handbook shall also be published on the school web page." She asked for an administrative recommendation concerning her amendment. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Dr. McLain proposed that posting student handbooks on school web pages be a directive or an administrative regulation. He added that it was an excellent suggestion.

BP 5030, School Discipline and Safety and BP 5040, AR 5040, Student Handbook (continued): Mrs. Mullins retracted language in the amendment to require that student handbooks be posted on school web pages.

Dr. McLain suggested that the student handbook language be included in AR 5030, item Number 3. Mr. Syverson noted that while it is appropriate for schools to post their student handbooks, it might be difficult for them to keep it updated because of the changeover in staff.

Mr. Arness stated that he opposes Mrs. Mullins' amendment and encouraged the Board to postpone action to allow time to consider it. He reminded the Board that the Seward Community acts under one site council group and by approving the Mullins amendment it would force them to separate.

Dr. McLain stated that he would contact Ms. Andi Stone and Ms. Colette Thompson for their interpretation of the language and return with a response at the next Board meeting.

**ACTION**

Mr. Poindexter moved the Board postpone action on Item Number 10d. until the next meeting. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion to postpone carried unanimously.

**BP 5144, Discipline – Corporal Punishment:**

Dr. McLain recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 5144, Discipline – Corporal Punishment. He stated that the revision brings the District policy into compliance with state law and regulation. He stated that the new state laws exclude certain reasonable and necessary physical restraints from the definition of corporal punishment and obligates teachers or other employees responsible for students who, during the course of employment, observe a student committing a crime to report the crime to the local law enforcement.

**ACTION**

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve revisions to BP 5144, Discipline – Corporal Punishment. Mr. Poindexter seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Early Readmission of Expelled Student:  
ACTION**

Mr. Arness moved the following: "that the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education allow early readmission from a school expulsion for student H. F. Student H.F. will be eligible for early readmission effective February 20, 2001. The school administration will work with the student, parent/guardian, counselors and therapists to construct an appropriate schedule and set of classes for H.F.

During the remaining term of the original expulsion, compliance with all original conditions of early readmission will be monitored by school administration. Failure to follow those conditions may result in immediate reinstatement of original expulsion. Such reinstatement may be implemented by the superintendent or her designee without Board action." Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:**

The Board heard a first reading of BP 4132, 4232, 4332, Publication or Creation of Materials; BP 3522.6, Violent and Aggressive Conduct; BP 3522.5, Campus Disturbances; BP 1313, Willful Disruption of the School; and BP 3313, Contracts, Leases and Agreements.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. Chris Moss, assembly member, asked when the Board would consider Item Number 9, Approval of KPSAA Homer Baseball decision. Ms. Germano explained that the item was removed from the agenda.

## BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Wassilie stated that she visited Cooper Landing Elementary and observed Ms. Cheryl Sotelo's classroom, multi-age classrooms in operation, and a Battle of the Books competition. She reported that she visited Seward Elementary and noted that the local ministerial association is assisting with a breakfast program. She stated that she also observed the school science fair and added that a lot of learning goes into producing a science fair project. She urged those present to attend the community production of *Annie* in Seward and added that the play involves many District students.

Miss Hart stated that she was impressed with the Kenai Middle School presentation. She congratulated Mrs. Syverson for being selected as one of the BP Teachers of Excellence and added that it was a privilege to have had her for a teacher. She reported that she will go to Juneau this weekend to participate in the AASB Legislative Fly-In.

Dr. Anderson stated that he too was impressed with the quality of teachers receiving BP Teachers of Excellence awards. He stated that Mr. Meacham, Redoubt Elementary principal, suggested that the Board consider bringing back expert retired teachers to teach advanced placement classes.

Mrs. Crawford thanked Ms. Trena Richardson for inviting her to be a part of their transportation unit. She explained that K-Beach Elementary kindergarten and first grade students and their parents constructed planes, trains and automobiles and displayed them during a school parade and assembly. She urged those present to see the community production of the *Music Man*. She thanked Kenai Middle School for their presentation.

Mr. Arness questioned language included in the first reading of BP 3313. He stated that the second sentence of the first paragraph states, "All contracts must be approved or ratified by the School Board." He asked the Board if they agreed with that statement and noted that past practice has been that the superintendent or designee enters into contracts. Mr. Syverson and Mr. Hickey stated that they would review the language. Mr. Arness suggested the Board consider adding an item on the agenda to invite persons or groups with opposing viewpoints.

Mrs. Mullins thanked Kenai Middle School for their report. She thanked the Kenaitze Indian Tribe for funding a tutor. She thanked the parents from Nikiski Middle/High for their presentation. She congratulated those who received BP Teachers of Excellence awards and thanked BP for recognizing the teachers' contributions. She reported that she will travel to Juneau on February 23 to talk to the legislature about the funding situation on the Peninsula. She commented favorably on the use of recycled paper for the Board's note pads.

Ms. Germano echoed comments from other Board members regarding the Kenai Middle School report and BP Teachers of Excellence awards. She stated that she is pleased that the wrestling season issue was agreed upon. She acknowledged the student art currently displayed in the Assembly Chambers. She asked Board members to sign up to attend the Long Range Planning community presentations.

## BOARD COMMENTS (continued):

Ms. Germano announced that the Board will form a committee to consider outsource funding of student activities. She stated that the committee will be comprised of two people from KPSAA, two Board members, a central office representative and two community members.

ADJOURN: At 9:41 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned.  
Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ms. Deborah Germano, President

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Mrs. Debra Mullins, Clerk

The Minutes of February 19, 2001,  
were approved on March 5, 2001  
with a correction