

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

September 9, 2002

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Dr. Nels Anderson, President  
Ms. Deborah Germano, Vice President  
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Clerk  
Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer  
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Member  
Mrs. Margaret Gilman, Member  
Mr. Al Poindexter, Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Melody Douglas, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Gary Whiteley, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jim Heim	Mr. Tim Peterson
Mrs. Paula Christensen	Mrs. Katie Carmody
Mr. Jim White	Ms. Jenni Dillon
Mr. Sam Stewart	Mrs. Jackie Ansotegui
Ms. Terri Woodward	

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, Mr. Arness, Mrs. Crawford, Ms. Germano, Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Mullins, Mr. Poindexter, and Dr. Anderson, were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:04 p.m. Mrs. Mullins moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss negotiations tactics and strategies. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arness left at 6:10 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:35 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Dr. Anderson invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Ms. Deborah Germano	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mrs. Margaret Gilman	Present
Mr. Al Poindexter	Present

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved with the addition of Number 11e., Approval of Nomination to AASB Board of Directors and Number 11f., Approval of AASB Board Member of the Year.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The School Board Minutes of August 19, 2002, were approved as printed.
- COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:** Dr. Peterson stated that summaries and agendas from the recent site council training and the parent training were included in the September Administrator packet and noted that the trainings were well attended. She stated that she received a Borough resolution commending 19 guardians for their presence during the summer break at District school facilities and for their assistance in lowering vandalism costs. She reported that the District is featured in October 2002 *Board and Administrator* publication titled, "Continual Improvement and Board Self-evaluation: They go hand in hand."
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Peterson reported on a positive start to the school year. She reported that there are 113 students less than the projected enrollment and added that the administration will return with a budget adjustment for Board consideration. She reported that the District administration and Borough personnel met with the community of Voznesenka on Friday, September 6. She stated that she will provide a report to the Board regarding the outcome of the meeting which included a discussion of the school facility, curriculum, and class schedules. She reported that District social studies teachers have been working with a group involved in providing information regarding the Korean War. She announced that in appreciation for the efforts, a certificate has been issued designating KPBSD as a "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Korean War commemoration partner." Dr. Peterson reported that approximately 250 schools nationwide are using Micrograde as their designated online grade book. She reported that last school year Skyview High was school number 18 in the nation. She announced that last year the school received 37,989 "hits" on the grade check website.
- BOARD REPORTS:**
- Mrs. Mullins thanked the North Star Elementary staff and especially Mrs. Bingham for the opportunity to assist with kindergarten testing. She stated that it was a wonderful three days and added that that experience is one of the main reasons why she is a Board member.
- Mrs. Crawford reported that she has been working on a list of recommendations for the student representative to school board. She stated that the list will be included in a handbook that will be completed this school year. She stated that Ms. Germano, Mrs. Mullins and Mr. Poindexter have volunteered to work with the students at the District Student Council meeting on September 30.
- Mrs. Gilman reported that she attended the parent training worksession on August 26 and thanked the parents for their attendance. She stated that it was helpful to hear how PTAs are functioning at all schools in the District. She stated that she feels that it is important to provide the trainings and that they meet the Board goal of communication. She thanked the administration for coordinating and conducting the training.
- Superintendent's Annual Report:** Dr. Peterson presented the 2001-2002 Superintendent's Annual Report. The report highlights staff achievements, student accomplishments, cocurricular achievements, reports on various programs throughout the District and progress made on the Board goals. She reported that copies are shared with the Department of Education, District

site councils, principals, PTAs as well as other community organizations.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Resolution 02-03-8, Authorizing the Administration of 504 Accommodation Plans, New Teacher Assignments, Nontenure Teacher Assignments, and Budget Transfers.

Resolution 02-03-8, Authorizing the Administration of 504 Accommodation Plans:

Dr. Whiteley recommended the Board approve Resolution 02-03-8 designating Mr. Tim Peterson as the 504 Coordinator for District staff and Dr. Roy Anderson as the 504 Coordinator for students.

New Teacher Assignments:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for the 2002-2003 school year for Suzanne M. Bishop, generalist Grades 7-8 (temporary), Homer Middle School; Susan Larned, teacher, Montessori Charter School; Millie Lewis, Special Education QUEST, McNeil Canyon, Paul Banks and Fireweed Academy; Karen B. Tolman, Title I language arts/math teacher, Razdolna School; Augusta Lind, QUEST teacher, Seward Elementary; Tamara G. Wear, math (temporary) teacher, Soldotna Middle School; Matthew J. Fischer, generalist (temporary), Soldotna Middle School; and Jennifer Haddix, Intermediate Teacher, Grades 4-6, Tustumena Elementary.

Nontenure Teacher Assignments:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teaching assignments for Elizabeth A. DeVolld, and Heather Pancratz, tentative nontenured teachers.

Budget Transfers:

Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve budget transfer Number 21 in the amount of \$65,000 to purchase additional social studies and health textbooks in order to support actual class enrollment.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 4. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECONSIDERATION OF AASB Resolutions:

Dr. Anderson explained that notice of reconsideration of the AASB Core resolutions was given at the August 19 Board meeting.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board reconsider approval of 2002 AASB Resolutions. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion to reconsider carried unanimously.

AASB RESOLUTIONS:  
ACTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board amend the AASB Core Resolutions to include Resolution 4.1, National Certification of Teachers and that it not be combined with any other resolutions. Ms. Germano seconded.

Ms. Crawford stated that Resolution 4.1 supports efforts to establish a financial incentive for state support of teachers and districts wishing to participate in the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards process and that support should be outside the foundation formula. She stated that the AASB Board recommendation is to delete the resolution and combine the language with other resolutions. She stated that she would like to keep Resolution 4.1 as a separate resolution. She

reported that the AASB Board recommended the deletion because some states were suspending rewards for National Board Certification because proof does not exist that it improves student learning. She stated that she spent many hours researching and discussing the issue with the NBPTS certification program and reported that a study was conducted in Tennessee with approximately 40 teachers, which many observers felt was an unfair study. She reported that the NBPTS is embarking on a three-year multi-million dollar research project. She stated that the NBPTS reports that last fall over half of the 5,000 teachers who sat to take the certification exam stated that the process was the most valuable professional development activity that they had experienced. She stated that she would like to keep Resolution 4.1 until there is research that shows, on a nationwide basis, that the Board Certification process does not have validity.

Mrs. Crawford suggested that the comment section of Resolution 4.1 be amended to replace the sentence, "Some states are suspending rewards for certification because proof does not exist that it improves student learning.", with the sentence "The process for applying for National Board Professional Certification has been verified to be valuable professional development by teachers at experience levels."

Mrs. Mullins clarified that the comment sections are only included to provide more information about each resolution and are not part of the resolution language. She did not recommend that the comment section for Resolution 4.1 be amended since it will not be included. She recommended that Mrs. Crawford provide the comment information at the Resolution Committee meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the remaining AASB Resolutions.  
Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AASB Resolution 1.11, Compulsory  
Attendance Law:  
ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve AASB Resolution 1.11, Compulsory  
Attendance Law. Mr. Poindexter seconded.

Ms. Germano explained that Resolution 1.11 was unchanged and was removed in  
error at the last Board meeting.

AASB Resolution 1.11, Compulsory  
Attendance Law (Continued):

Motion carried unanimously.

AASB Resolution 1.10, Accountability for  
Home Schooled Students:  
ACTION

Ms. Germano recommended the Board approve revisions to AASB Resolution 1.10,  
Accountability for Home Schooled Students. Mr. Poindexter seconded.

Ms. Germano explained that stronger language was included in the revisions to  
Resolution 1.10. She thanked Mrs. Crawford for her work on the resolution.

Ms. Germano stated that the Board is concerned that there is no requirement for

home schooled students to be accountable for their education.

Ms. Gilman reported that the State of California recently adopted a law requiring residents to be credentialed teachers in order to provide home schooling.

Mrs. Crawford pointed out that many times students return to public education and require an incredible amount of remediation. She stated that it is difficult for the District to bring students up to grade level after being poorly home schooled.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NOMINATION:  
ACTION**

Ms. Germano moved the Board nominate Mrs. Debra Mullins to the AASB Board of Directors. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AASB BOARD MEMBER OF THE  
YEAR:  
ACTION**

Ms. Germano moved the Board nominate Mrs. Debra Mullins as the AASB Board Member of the Year. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Ms. Germano expressed her appreciation for Mrs. Mullins' work on the District Board of Education and the AASB Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Anderson appointed himself and Mr. Al Poindexter to the Science Curriculum Committee, and Ms. Deborah Germano and Mrs. Margaret Gilman to the Fine Arts Committee, and Mrs. Sammy Crawford to the Recognition Committee.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Ms. Gilman stated that school start up was wonderful and thanked the District employees who made it happen. She stated that she is pleased with the Sears Elementary remodel project. She stated that as a parent of a Sears Elementary student, she is very pleased with the District and the Borough administration for working together to provide a very safe place for students. She thanked Mr. White and the Information Services staff for wiring the school for computers.

**BOARD COMMENTS (Continued):**

Ms. Germano thanked the administration for their work coordinating the site council and parent training. She commented that the enrollment news is not as bad as it looks since 97 of the 113 projected students are Connections students. She stated that students are still returning to school and noted that some schools report an increase in enrollment.

Mrs. Crawford stated that she was pleased with the smooth opening of school and added that it is wonderful to have students come back. She congratulated Ms. Mullins for her nominations and thanked her for her hard work and service to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Mullins thanked the Board for the opportunity to run for the AASB Board of Directors, provided she is reelected. She stated that it is a pleasure to be a member of the AASB Board. She thanked the Board for nominating her for AASB Board Member of the Year. She stated that accepting the nomination is difficult because she feels that everyone on the KPBSD Board of Education works equally as hard and

that no one member “stands out.” She stated that it takes seven members to do the work, and that it takes collaboration on the part of each member. She stated that she appreciates the nomination, and appreciates each member and their opinions.

Dr. Anderson stated that Mrs. Mullins is well deserving of both nominations. He stated that he appreciates her years of service, wisdom and judgment.

ADJOURN:

At 8:06 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned.  
Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Nels Anderson, President

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Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Clerk

The Minutes of September 9, 2002,  
were approved on October 7, 2002  
as written.