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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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April 4, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley  
Soldotna, Alaska

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**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included Board Policy revisions, the proposed FY12 Budget, Project GRAD, and the Frameworks Teacher Evaluation System. The Board held a conference call with legislators to discuss education legislation.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Susan Nabholz, Kenai Central High teacher, for her service to the District.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Ms. Mo Sanders, Soldotna Montessori Charter School administrator, thanked the Board for their work. She provided a brief history of the charter school formation, student enrollment information, staff configuration including special education aides, the school's focus on character and pro social skills, and the upcoming out-of-state field trip to the United Nations and New York City. She introduced several students (Mr. James Oglesbee, Mr. Capra Edwards-Smith, Mr. Cody Quelland, Miss Jessie McDowell, and Miss Ellyce Woodward) who presented a student-created digital photo story highlighting the students' use of technology (GPS, laptop computers, iPods, and digital cameras).

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:** Mrs. Linda Raemaeker, Skyview Mock Trial Team coach, introduced the team members, Miss Shay Kurz, Miss Deandra Segovia, Miss Rebecca Egan, Miss Madeline Ransom, Miss Cheyenne Maal and Miss Jazmine Henry, who took turns explaining the mock trial competition process and the practice and fund raising necessary to compete nationally in Phoenix, Arizona in May 2011. Miss Elizabeth Schoessler and Miss Brooke Hughes are also team members but were not present.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater reported that the Division of Public Health Department of Immunization reviewed the immunization records at four District schools and found one in perfect compliance and three others just below perfect compliance. He reported that student transportation contract negotiations continue. He reported that the District was invited to join the educational advocacy group, Citizens for the Educational Advancement of Alaska's Children (CEAAC), but will decline.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Jones presented District financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2011.

**HSGQE WAIVERS:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Numbers 2011-15, 2011-16, 2011-17, and 2011-18.

**REVISIONS TO AR 0420:** The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 0420, School-Based Management/Site Councils.

**TENTATIVE NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenure teacher contracts for Amanda Miller, resource (.75 FTE) and Grades K-6 (.25 FTE), Fireweed Academy; Gwenn Dailey-Gee, resource, Homer Middle; Casey Davis, psychologist, Homer Middle; Cheryl Brown, intensive needs, Mountain View; Deana Kahn, psychologist, Mountain View; Sonya Selanoff, kindergarten (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary), Nanwalek; Bridgette Reutter, occupational therapist, Nikiski North Star; Barbara Larrivee, intensive needs, Paul Banks; Maretta Taylor, K-5 (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary), Port Graham; Benjamin Caswell, psychologist, Seward Elementary; Peter

Gundunas, resource, Skyview; Kelli Creglow, preschool, (temporary), Soldotna Elementary; Tina Gilman, intensive needs, Soldotna Elementary; Trina Uvaas, psychologist, Soldotna Elementary; Sarah Swaney, intensive needs, Soldotna High; Bethany Nyboer, resource, Sterling Elementary; Mary Montgomery, resource/Grades 5-6, Susan B. English; Christy Gomez, K-2 (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary), Tebughna; Garrett McMullen, resource/Grades K-2 (.50 FTE permanent/.50 FTE temporary), Tebughna; and Robert Thompson II, resource, Voznesenka.

**2011-12 NONTENURED TEACHERS FOR TENURE:** The Board approved Matthew Tucker, resource, Homer High; Susan Hawker, resource, Kaleidoscope School; Marcy True, intensive, Mountain View Elementary; Robert Ernst, resource, Nikiski Middle/High; Lisa Fellows, resource, Ninilchik School; Kristine Berrios, intensive, Paul Banks Elementary; Holly Abel, school psychologist, Soldotna Middle; Jennifer Swander, language arts, Spring Creek; Ruth Sensenig, language arts, Susan B. English; Camille Hill, school psychologist, Tustumena Elementary; and Rebecca Paul, resource, West Homer, nontenure teachers, for tenure.

**REQUEST FOR LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contract requests for Rebecca Hilbrink, Ninilchik Elementary/ High and Marsha Gustkey, Sterling Elementary.

**REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED:** The Board unanimously approved unpaid leaves of absence, effective for the 2011-12 school year, for Jill E. Herbert, preschool, Seward Elementary and R. Douglas Hogue, Frameworks, Soldotna Middle.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year, for Anne E. Ridgely, emotionally handicapped, Homer Middle; Sherry L. Roach, resource, Homer Middle; Susan Wells, Grade 6, Kenai Middle; Lee Murphy, Grade 6, K-Beach Elementary; Judy Graham, behavior support classroom, Mt. View Elementary; Denis Gardella, science/math, Nanwalek School; Joyce Gardella, language arts, Nanwalek School; Wendy Moseley, resource, Nikiski Middle/High; Michael Williamson, math, Skyview High; and Polly Crawford, language arts, Soldotna Middle. The Board unanimously approved resignations from Connie Miller, ELL coordinator, Federal Programs, (effective June 30, 2011); and Jim Dawson, regional principal, Cooper Landing/Hope/Moose Pass, (effective June 8, 2011). The Board did not approve an amendment to remove Mr. Jim Dawson's name from the resignation list. The Board did not approve a request to table action on the list of resignations.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACT:** The Board unanimously approved a teaching contract for Douglas A. McColl, speech language pathologist, Districtwide.

**FY12 BUDGET:** The Board unanimously approved a General Fund FY12 Budget of \$137,311,226 and a Special Revenue Funds FY12 Budget of \$20,784,071 for a total FY12 Budget for all funds of \$158,095,297.

**FRAMEWORKS EVALUATION SYSTEM:** The Board unanimously approved the adoption of the Frameworks Teacher Evaluation System.

**2011-2012 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES:** The Board unanimously approved a tentative meeting schedule for Board meetings for the 2011-2012 school year.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:** The Board held a first reading of revisions to BP 3470, Fund Balance

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 2, 2011, 7:00 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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