

SCHOOL REPORT:

Mrs. Sharon Conley presented a computer-generated report with the assistance of Miss Casey Campbell and Mr. Calvin Johnson. The students provided information on demographics, assessment, student transportation, transiency rate, the breakfast program, and the progress of school goals. The report highlighted pictures of the facility, volunteers, enrollment information, classroom activities, staff, student activities, special assemblies, field trips, cultural activities, playground equipment, school plays, choir concerts, and a list of community organizations that provide support.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Larry Nauta, Aurora Borealis Charter School administrator, explained the new District Charter School policy is working well and thanked the Board and Charter School Oversight Committee for their work on behalf of charter schools. He reported that Fireweed Charter, Soldotna Montessori Charter and Aurora Borealis Charter are each reapplying for a charter with the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Dr. Peterson reported that the Board information packet contains a letter from Governor Murkowski regarding the unfunded liability portion for TRS and PERS; a change to Exhibit 6141, Curriculum Review Cycle; and a summary of Alaska Municipal League retirement clarification from AASB.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

Mrs. Cathy Carrow, KPEA president, welcomed Miss Ames to the Board. She noted that Proposition 2 on the upcoming ballot relates to funding for public schools and urged those present to vote No. She noted that KPEA members have been actively involved with a group called Citizens for a Positive Future and will hold voting signs in prominent locations in Kenai, Soldotna, Homer, and Seward. She stated that she is proud of KPEA's involvement in the stand for adequate and equitable funding for education in the form of a lawsuit which will hopefully bring financial relief to struggling districts in Alaska.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson reported that the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam retakes are currently being held, the Boroughwide Student Government Conference was held on September 25, classroom walkthrough training was held during the week of September 11, and the Site Council and Parent Group training will be held October 4. She announced that half of the Kenai Conversations have been held with site councils and that a public meeting is scheduled for November 7 at Kenai Central High. She announced that the Alaska Association of School Administrators selected Mrs. Sammy Crawford to receive the Don McKinnon Excellence in Education and Human Services Award and will travel to Fairbanks to accept it.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mr. Hatch reported that he attended the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association meeting where the group discussed Connections Program student participation in activities at schools other than where they take courses; the mercy rule for basketball, football and hockey; an increase in the number of soccer games from 12 to 15; and a request by a Aurora Borealis Charter School parent to allow District schools to compete on the same team as non-District schools.

BOARD REPORTS:
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Mr. Anderson reported that he attended the Charter school Oversight Committee meeting in which the group met with various charter school representatives and host school administrators to discuss charter school reapplications.

Miss Ames reported that she attended the Boroughwide Student Council Annual meeting hosted by Soldotna High. She noted that eight schools were represented, and that the theme was "Marketing Your Schools." She reported that most of the discussions among students were how to keep the schools connected, and how to keep rivalries down. She reported that the students started a network system and that the seniors are considering having a senior ball that would include all schools.

Mrs. Crawford reported that she presented awards at the Alaska Student Activities Association sponsored state cross-country meet. She reported that she attended that AASA board meeting in which the group discussed the adoption of alcohol, drug, and tobacco standards. She reported that they also discussed issues relating to baseball, soccer, football, and baseball.

BOARD WORKSESSION REPORT:

Mrs. Mullins reported that the Board held worksessions regarding Charter School reapplications for Aurora Borealis Charter, Soldotna Montessori Charter and Fireweed Charter, Board meeting dates and times, and legislative priorities. She reported that the Board heard updates on Level 5 Adequate Yearly Progress and recruitment and hiring.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resolution 06-07-1, Primary Sponsor of Gaming Permits; Appointment of Student Representative to the Board of Education; New Teacher Assignments; New Administrator Appointment; High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Number 2007-01; High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Number 2007-02; High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Number 2007-03; and Resignation.

RESOLUTION 06-07-1:

Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve a list of primary and alternative members in charge of gaming for those schools applying for gaming permits for FY07.

APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the appointment of Miss Lydia Ames, a Soldotna High School student, as the student representative to the Board of Education.

NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve teaching assignments for Julie K. Shaw, primary grades teacher, Chapman Elementary; Deidre R. Jenson, behavior teacher, Districtwide Central Peninsula, Pupil Services; Joel E. Jenson, behavior teacher, Districtwide Central Peninsula, Pupil Services; Jacob Munyer, Special Ed/Resource, Kenai Central High; Robanne R. Stading, special education, resource, Nikolaevsk School; Kim M. Hays, (temporary) Grades 3/4, Ninilchik School; Rhonda Neill, (temporary) kindergarten teacher, Redoubt Elementary; David Scott Tomaso, Grade 6, Redoubt Elementary; and Tamara J. Elyea, resource teacher, Skyview High School.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve an administrator appointment for the 2006-2007 school year for Doris Cannon, Elementary Education and Curriculum Director.

HSGQE WAIVER:

Mr. Stewart recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Number 2007-01.

HSGQE WAIVER:

Mr. Stewart recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Number 2007-02.

HSGQE WAIVER:

Mr. Stewart recommended the Board approve High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Number 2007-03.

RESIGNATION:

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve a resignation for Gary VanHooser, Grades 2-8, Chapman School, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

MOTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 8. Mrs. Downing seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 06-07-2:

Mrs. Douglas, at Board request, presented Resolution 06-07-2, Authorization to Withdraw School Board Members from the Public Employment Retirement System. She noted that if Board approves the resolution, the current board members will continue in the retirement program until they leave office, and added that those who are reelected can be grandfathered in.

MOTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Resolution 06-07-2, Authorization to Withdraw School Board Members from the Public Employment Retirement System. Mr. Hatch seconded.

MOTION

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board postpone action on Resolution 06-07-2 to the November 6 meeting.

VOTE:

Advisory Vote – Yes

YES – Hatch, M. Anderson, Hilts, N. Anderson, Wassilie, Brown, Downing, Crawford

NO – Mullins

Motion carried.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Brown reported that she was invited to present a 15-year employee certificate and pin to Monica Vanek from Ninilchik Elementary/High School. She expressed appreciation for the Chapman Elementary School report. She expressed dissatisfaction with the new abbreviated form of the Board minutes.

BOARD COMMENTS:
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Dr. Anderson thanked Ms. Wassilie for her service on the Board. He reported that his wife attended a large book fair while accompanying him to a medical conference. He noted that the book fair was held at a shopping mall and included several authors who read from their books and signed autographs. He reported that during the conference he learned that high school students take in 10-15% of their calories in soft drinks.

Mrs. Crawford thanked Ms. Wassilie for her service on the Board. She welcomed Miss Ames to the Board. She thanked Mrs. Conley for the Chapman Elementary School report. She thanked Dr. Keffer for hosting the Board meeting. She expressed appreciation for the Board's action to postpone a decision on the PERS withdrawal. She stated that she would like to tell legislators that the Board is trying to hold down costs and to ask them for assistance with an increase to the KPBSD Area Cost Differential.

Mrs. Downing thanked Mrs. Conley, Miss Campbell and Mr. Johnson for the Chapman Elementary School report. She congratulated Mrs. Crawford for being chosen to receive the Don McKinnon Award. She stated that Ms. Wassilie will be missed and expressed appreciation for her service on the Board. She welcomed Miss Ames as a member of the Board and added that she would like to talk to her about the topic of marketing schools.

Mr. Hatch stated that he has enjoyed working on the charter school application renewals. He told Ms. Wassilie that she will be missed and welcomed Miss Ames to the Board.

Mrs. Hilts welcomed Miss Ames to the Board. She congratulated Mrs. Crawford for being selected to receive the Don McKinnon Award. She thanked Mr. Peterson for the hiring update and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Holmgaard for the AYP information. She stated that the Board will miss Ms. Wassilie for her heart and her intelligence. She expressed appreciation for the worksession presentations from the administration. She thanked the Board for their support of possibly conducting Board meetings in schools that are not often visited.

Miss Ames congratulated Mrs. Crawford for receiving the Don McKinnon Award. She wished good luck to Ms. Wassilie. She thanked the Board for the warm welcome and added that she is excited to give a student perspective.

Mrs. Mullins presented Ms. Wassilie with a plaque in appreciation of her years of service on the Board.

Ms. Wassilie welcomed Miss Ames to the Board. She expressed appreciation for the high caliber of Board members. She stated that with all of the difficult challenges that face the District, the educational community does not use its limitations as an excuse and added that KPBSD is the highest achieving district in the state.

Mrs. Mullins asked Board members to notify Mrs. Tachick if they wish to attend the 2006 AASB Annual Conference in November. She reminded those present to vote in the October 3 election.

BOARD COMMENTS:
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Mr. Anderson thanked Mrs. Conley for the Chapman Elementary School report. He welcomed Miss Ames to the Board. He told Ms. Wassilie she will missed. He stated that School Board service rates as one of the top 3 or 4 positive experiences in his life. He commended the administration for their dedication and professionalism. He expressed appreciation for the work of Mrs. Tachick. He stated that he hopes to be reelected and have the opportunity to serve for 3 more years.

ADJOURN:

At 8:33 p.m., Mrs. Crawford moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Hatch seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Debra Mullins, President

Ms. Sandra Wassilie, Clerk

The Minutes of October 2, 2006,
were approved on October 23, 2006
as written.