

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Borough Administration Building
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

June 10, 1996

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President
Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President
Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk
Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Treasurer
Dr. Nels Anderson, Member
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member
Mrs. Deborah Germano, Member
Miss Aubrey Robinson, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel, Superintendent
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,
Operations, and Technology
Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Patty Nabinger	Mrs. Pam Breakfield
Ms. Renee Henderson	Mr. Paul Fischer
Mr. Roger Liebner	Mr. James Simeroth
Mr. Jim Skogstad	Mr. Kurt Haider
Mrs. Diane Borgman	Mrs. Karen Mahurin
Mr. Richard Warrington	Ms. Terri Woodward
Ms. Melissa DeVaughn	Mrs. Nancy Boardman
Mr. Phillip Biggs	Mr. Wally Williams
Mr. Mike Wiley	Mrs. Denise Penner
Mrs. Stacey Warton	Mrs. Maria Martushev
Mrs. Sandee Martushev	Mrs. Helen Matveev
Mrs. Ulita Reutov	Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 4:02 p.m., Mrs. Larned moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:30 p.m., Mrs. Larned moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Fischer seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mrs. Gross invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present

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Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
Mr. Emery Thibodeau	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Joyce Fischer	Present
Mrs. Deborah Germano	Present
Miss Aubrey Robinson	Absent - Excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as printed with the addition of the Sterling Site Based Council under Hearing of Delegations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of the regular meeting on May 6, 1996; and special meeting on May 7, 1996, were approved as printed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Mike Wiley, Seward resident, spoke on his concern related to the staffing at Voznesenka School. He asked the Board to review whether the revenues generated from the foundation formula and bilingual program for that school were returned to the school for their programs. He felt the school should be classified as a village high school of over 100 students. He also noted the square footage formula for custodians did not fit the situation at the school.

Mr. Jim Skogstad, Hope parent, expressed dissatisfaction with central office response to his concerns related to the curriculum taught at Hope School. He commented he requested help from central office in January, 1996, to explain what should be taught in the curriculum. He noted the curriculum people explained the number of hours required for the courses, but did not visit the school. He stated his concerns for next year are being dealt with, but he was disappointed by the lack of attention for the past year. He requested more attention be given to the small schools in the future.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Mr. Richard Warrington presented statistics on brain injured persons, materials he had available to share with interested persons, and of the need to present this information to students in an effort to eliminate these injuries. He noted a support group has been formed on the peninsula, and five young people received certificates as part of bicycle safety at a recent borough assembly meeting for wearing helmets.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS (continued): Ms. Renee Henderson, KCHS music teacher, presented information related to music programs at the elementary and secondary levels, and costs as well as number of students participating in music festivals within the district. She noted research indicates that music students score 20% above other students on tests. She spoke on the need for secondary schools to develop a common number of class periods at the high schools where there would be continuity among the schools for classes. She gave a history of the music festivals within the district, and the involvement of students in borough, regional, all-state and all-Northwest honor festivals.

STERLING SITE BASED DECISION
MAKING COUNCIL:

Mrs. Patty Nabinger, Denise Penner, Stacy Warten, Pam Breakfield and Wally Williams, representatives of the Sterling School Based Decision Making Council, spoke on the recent Sterling Elementary principal selection process. Mrs. Nabinger, Sterling Site Council President, expressed concern related to the process for the principal selection for their school. She felt the interview process in the SBDM book, which is listed as a discretionary function, is not clearly defined and raises questions from the council. Mrs. Denise Penner, Sterling parent, told the Board she felt the council's concerns were overlooked during the final decision, even though they were assured beforehand that the best interests and concerns of the school and community would be considered. It was their opinion that the council's interests were not honored in the final choice. She advised the Board to take a closer look at the hiring process so that other schools will not experience the same negative impact that the Sterling Site Council and community had. She requested the Board make the best decision for Sterling when considering the superintendent's recommendation for the Sterling administrator. Mrs. Stacey Warton, Sterling parent and SBDM member, told the Board of the many hours of community involvement at the Sterling School, and that a strong and understanding principal was needed for their school. The council stated they felt a principal with an elementary background was essential, and the person should be a firm disciplinarian with a strong feeling for children. The characteristics they desired in the principal were found in one candidate, but their choice was ignored. She urged the Board to make the difficult decision and address their concerns. Whatever the decision, the council and parents would return to school this fall with a positive attitude for a happy, productive school. Mrs. Pam Breakfield, SBDM parent representative, read from a communication agreed upon by the council stating there was

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MAKING COUNCIL
(continued):

confusion with the hiring process. She noted the council developed a listing of qualities desired in the principal, were involved in the interview process, but were ignored when the time came to name their choice for the principalship. She requested the Board review the council's role in the hiring process and to consider the council's recommendation for principal at their school. Mr. Wally Williams, Sterling Head Custodian, stated he has come to know the diligent, hard working parents, staff and community members at Sterling School. He noted the council was frustrated with the hiring process for their principal. He requested the Board consider the council's recommendation for hire, and review the hiring process and the SBDM council's role in this process.

COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Gross noted communications and/or petitions were received from the following: Sterling Elementary Site Based Decision Making Council related to the hiring process; Aubrey Robinson requesting an excused absence from the meeting due to a family illness; Galena Maximova, Principal, School #14, Magadan, Russia, writing about future exchange programs; Anne-Marie Brittan related to Hope School concerns; Resurrection Bay Historical Society requesting an Alaska History government course be required for 12th grade students; Nanwalek parents requesting the breakfast program be reinstated; Nikiski Jr/Sr High School students asking that the dance program be continued; Kachemak Selo parents asking the Board to reconsider the staff reduction for their school; and Voznesenka parents requesting their school be fully funded and staffed as a high school over 100 students.

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KPESA:

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA President, commented there was confusion and frustration related to the budget, staffing formulas, and the final allocations of support staff made to the schools. She stated it was her understanding that the board adopted the new staffing formula but personnel currently staffed were to remain status quo, though possibly tweaked through budget reductions. Budget reductions resulted in 11.6 custodial positions cut, reductions in small school secretary hours, some library aides eliminated, and theater staff reductions. She questioned why these staffing reductions resulted without the staffing formula being adjusted. She noted that while other programs and schools are losing staff, the technology program had gained staff. She commented the staff throughout the district is extremely concerned that where the KPBSD was once known as a district of excellence, it has become a district of great discontent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel noted seven reports were presented under the Superintendent's report which he and Mr. Thorpe would address.

INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP
PROCEDURES REPORT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented a report on international field trip procedures which had been developed by the administration and reviewed by the risk manager and attorney. He noted the report included a process for hosting guests from another country, international field trip applications with supporting school board policies and regulations on volunteer assistance, solicitation of funds from and by students, student activity funds and school sponsored trips. Mrs. Larned requested, and the board concurred, that the administration revise regulation 6153 (b) to delete section #1, where only high school students will be permitted to participate in field trips out of the country. Mrs. Fischer requested a section certifying housing for students when traveling abroad be included in the policy.

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL STUDY
REPORT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented a listing of questions which needed to be addressed in the alternative school analysis and development. He noted these questions came up during the budget and policy revision process. The board suggested this be reviewed during the next school year.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION
REPORT:

Mr. Thorpe reported on current district information related to release of student directory information. Items included in his report were policy BP 5125.I, Release of Directory Information, data processing guidelines and previous interoffice correspondence regarding release of directory information. Mrs. Fischer questioned why information could be released to non-profit organizations. Mr. Thorpe responded Boys' and Girls' Club or military recruiters use directory information.

EXPULSION FORMAT REPORT:

Mr. Thorpe noted the Board has conducted numerous expulsion hearings and grievance hearings on school board meeting days this year. Legal counsel has also expressed a concern because of the close time frame in which they have to draft hearing reports. He suggested that expulsion hearings could be handled by a hearing officer appointed by the board, or hearings could be conducted by a panel of three board members. The panel members could vary throughout the year.

EXPULSION FORMAT REPORT
(continued):

All information from the hearings would be disseminated to the board for their review. Mrs. Fischer stated she had reluctance with the board delegating this authority to a third party, and even though they would receive the facts they would not have first-hand contact with the student. Mr. Thibodeau asked for the financial implication of hiring a hearing officer. Mr. Thorpe stated he felt there would be no additional expense beyond the legal expense which is currently involved for all hearings.

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ADVERTISING FOR COMMITTEES
REPORT:

Mr. Thorpe presented a report on the recruitment of committee members which was accompanied by an application for committee recruitment. He stated recruitment takes place at least one month in advance of the first committee meeting and letters of explanation/invitation are sent to all schools, PAC/PTA/site councils, community groups indicating an interest in the community, former committee members on similar committees, news media, or principal input. He added the most effective parent representation is found from letters to PTA/PAC/site councils.

TRUANCY REPORT:

Mr. Thorpe stated the board had requested information related to district policy 5112 (a) and (b), Absence and Excuses. He noted that most schools address tardiness and other truancies by conducting parent conferences, detention and suspension. Some schools conduct Saturday Schools through the use of volunteers and school generated resources. High school building administrators often cover detention supervision. The schools have asked the Board to consider financial support for in-school suspension programs within the district. Mr. Thibodeau requested a fiscal amount for in-school suspension programs. The Board requested a worksession be held on this topic for late summer or fall. Mrs. Germano asked that the policy concerns also be addressed as soon as possible.

STRATEGIC PLAN SECOND
ANNUAL UPDATE:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented results of the second annual strategic plan update held on May 1, 1996. Items the strategic planning committee identified for consideration during the 1996-97 goal setting process were: 1) district office information for public via phone menu system, 2) public relations campaign with an emphasis on student achievement, 3) establish a web page to list training opportunities for school district employees, 4) design the personalized learning plans system, 5) develop curriculum

STRATEGIC PLAN SECOND
ANNUAL UPDATE (cont.):

standards and assessment processes for science and creative arts, 6) develop site technology plans, 7) design the framework for an educational endowment, and 8) to coordinate and supervise district partnerships. Other continuing efforts to focus on would be: 1) evaluation training for all administrators and teachers, 2) charter school implementation, 3) alternative school study, and 4) school report format.

RECESS:

At 9:06 p.m., Mrs. Gross called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 9:17 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

VOZNESENKA PARENTS:

Mrs. Helen Matveev, parent of five Voznesenka students, requested the Voznesenka School be classified as a village school with over 100 students. She felt the school was understaffed and some regular subjects are not taught, such as physical education.

Mrs. Maria Martushev, parent at Voznesenka, told the Board their children feel like second class citizens and lack classes which other students are getting. She felt the teachers were stretched teaching too many classes. She stated their students will need a quality education like other district students to qualify for jobs. She requested the school be considered as a village school over 100.

Mrs. Sandee Martushev, Voznesenka parent, requested their school be categorized as a village school over 100. She questioned why their school does not have a gymnasium like other schools.

Mrs. Ulita Reutov, Voznesenka parent, requested that additional teachers be added for next year, and the school be classified as a village school over 100.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented financial reports of the district for the periods ending April 30, 1996, and May 31, 1996.

BUDGET REPORT:

Mr. Swarner reported on budget transfers #512 through #1002 for various schools and departments within the district.

FINAL OSHA REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren presented a final report related to the district's compliance to the OSHA Abatement Agreement. He noted the district has been working over one and a half years to abate the violations cited by OSHA. He commended Mrs. Nancy Boardman for her lead role in this effort. He reported the last report had been accepted and the district was again open for inspection. In response to a question from Dr. Anderson, Mr. Dahlgren responded the \$210,000 in

FINAL OSHA REPORT
(continued):

finances was reduced to \$5,000 with compliance to the mandates. Mr. Thibodeau questioned what the cost for implementation of the abatement plan was. Mr. Dahlgren responded that considerable staff time and special groups were involved, but this time has not been calculated to date. There will be an ongoing, mandated effort by the school district involving training, carrying out the plan, and reporting. The Board requested that costs involved for OSHA be tracked and reported to them.

1996-97 ADMINISTRATOR
APPOINTMENTS:

This item was rearranged on the agenda to accommodate parents in the audience.

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve the following 1996-97 administrator appointments: Paul Epperson, Principal, Sterling Elementary School; Sam Stewart, Assistant Principal, Skyview High; Steven Pautz, Assistant Principal, Seward Jr/Sr High; Mary Armstrong, Grants and Staff Development Coordinator, Districtwide; and Mary Joe Sanders, Grants/Parent Involvement Coordinator, Districtwide.

Mrs. Fischer requested the Sterling administrator assignment be voted on separately.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the assignments B. through E. Mrs. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the assignment of Paul Epperson as Principal for Sterling Elementary School. Mrs. Germano seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the motion to send back the recommendation of the administration to go back to the Sterling Site Based Decision Making Council to go through the proper procedures for decision making. There should be further input from the site based decision making council and they should come to consensus in making a decision. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Mr. Arness stated the Board should not contribute to the confusion. He questioned whether the hiring process would start over. Mrs. Fischer responded she did not feel the proper decision making took place, in that the SBDM council was not given an opportunity to give a recommendation or their recommendation was not given due consideration. Mrs. Gross commented she felt the procedure was followed as outlined, and in the same manner as done at other schools.

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APPOINTMENTS (cont.):

She noted the authority of making principal selections is the responsibility of the superintendent. Dr. Anderson commented the Board had discussed this at length during the planning session during the day, but the final decision in making a recommendation is that of the superintendent. He felt the interview process was fine, but the closure issue was not. He did not feel it should be sent back to the site based decision making council, and this is not their responsibility. Mrs. Germano stated the Board had discussed that the process needed to be clearly defined for all schools. Mr. Thibodeau commented it was his opinion that the site based council was misled, and this should be reconsidered since they understood that they could put forth their ideas. Mrs. Fischer reminded the Board that it is their ultimate responsibility to hire, but it is the superintendent who recommends. She commented that the parents had spent a great deal of time preparing and being involved in the interview, but ignored in their recommendation for principal hire. She noted they operated under the guidelines as they understood them. Mrs. Gross responded that the administration had listened to the pros and cons on the candidates, but the closure was not comfortable to most people.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Fischer, Germano, Thibodeau
NO - Anderson, Arness, Larned, Gross

Amendment failed.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Larned, Gross
NO - Fischer, Germano, Thibodeau

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resignations, Tentative Non-Tenure Teacher Assignments, Non-Tenure Teachers for Tenure, 19-Day Substitute Teacher Contract, Leave of Absence Requests/Support, Grant Application, Budget Transfers, Social Studies Curriculum, Health Curriculum, Furniture and Equipment List, Extended Field Trip Request, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified and Tentative Tenure Assignments.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations effective the end of the 1995-96 school year for Cheryl Rankin, Counselor, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Kristi Wetherbee, Grades K-3, Port Graham Elem/High School; Diane Price, Grade 6, Kenai Middle; J. Nathan Davis, Mathematics, Seward Jr/Sr High; Kandi Diamond, 95-96 Leave of Absence; Marguerite Wilcox, Middle School, Seward Jr/Sr High; Lorraine Crawford, Social Studies, Soldotna High; Ruth Geiger, Special Education/Resource, Kenai Middle; Kathy Heus, Library, Kenai Middle; Melinda Blomquist, Dance/Social Studies, Skyview High; Shirley Hagelberg-Klemish, Speech/Language Pathologist, Districtwide Special Services; and Ken Streater, Computer/Social Studies/Mathematics, Susan B. English Elem/High.

TENTATIVE NON-TENURE
TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS/1996-97:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve tentative non-tenure teaching assignments for the 1996-97 school year for the following:

<u>Bartlett Elem/High</u> Sowder, Hans Tinker, Penny	<u>Nanwalek Elem/High</u> Carrow, Catherine Smith, L. Tiel
<u>Chapman Elementary</u> Fogg, Pamela (.5) Idzerda, Johanna	<u>Redoubt Elementary</u> Lewis, Sandra
<u>Kalifornsky Beach Elem.</u> Kessler, Mark	<u>Skyview High</u> King, Taryn Marcuson, Wade
<u>Kenai Central High</u> Sprankle, Elizabeth	<u>Soldotna High</u> Edwards, Dana
<u>Kenai Middle</u> Barron, Margaret Maurer, Sid Tobin, Mark Wells, Susan (.5) Withrow, Tracey	<u>Sterling Elementary</u> Boyle, Owen M. Jolin, Patricia Wimmer, Tracy
<u>Mt. View Elementary</u> Brewer-Fair, Karen	<u>Tustumena Elementary</u> Kirkham, Marilyn

NON-TENURE TEACHERS FOR
TENURE/1996-97:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the following non-tenure teachers for tenure for the 1996-97 school year:

<u>Homer High</u>	<u>Port Graham Elem/High</u>
Roberts, Frances	Michael, David
Todd, Mickey	

	<u>Redoubt Elementary</u>
<u>Hope School</u>	Hakkinen, Anita
Cruz, Patricia	

	<u>Skyview High</u>
<u>Kenai Central High</u>	McKay, Miriam
Davis, James	Peterson, Kent
Knaus, Deborah	

	<u>Soldotna Elementary</u>
<u>Mt. View Elementary</u>	Pfizer, Anne
Heath, Monica	

	<u>Soldotna Middle</u>
<u>Nikiski Elementary</u>	Furlong, Pamela
Atchley, Lisa	
Emmerich, Douglas	<u>Tustumena Elementary</u>
Furlong, Shelli	Massengill, Tammy (.5)
Lewis, Russell	
Wright, Colleen	

<u>Ninilchik Elem/High</u>	
Vaughan, Wayne	
Wetherbee, Micheal	

19-DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
CONTRACT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a contract for 19-day substitute teacher Paula McCoy, Grade 3, Sterling Elementary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/
SUPPORT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for Wanda Bonillas, Head Secretary, Nikiski Jr/Sr High, effective August, 1996 to December, 1996; and Jerri MacDonald, Special Education Aide, Redoubt Elementary, effective the 1996-97 school year.

GRANT APPLICATION:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve the submission of a grant application to the Department of Education for the Community Schools Program in the amount of \$36,776.

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve budget transfer #000894 for the curriculum/staff development department in the amount of \$19,400; and budget transfer #001003 for Special Services/QUEST in the amount of \$15,946.

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM
ADOPTION:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board adopt the social studies curriculum as reviewed in a worksession on May 4, 1996.

HEALTH CURRICULUM ADOPTION:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board adopt the health curriculum as reviewed in a worksession on April 15, 1996.

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT
LIST:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Tustumena Elementary School addition in the amount of \$1,080.96.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve an extended field trip for 30-35 Soldotna Middle School eighth grade students to participate in the Lakeland Tours Program to Washington, D.C. and Virginia, March 23-28, 1997.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/
CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1996-97 school year for Julie Stephens, Grade 3, Mt. View Elementary; Carol J. Knight, Special Education/Resource, Soldotna Elementary; and Judy Olson, Grade 5, Mt. View Elementary.

TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHING
ASSIGNMENTS/1996-97:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the following tentative tenure teaching assignments for the 1996-97 school year:

Districtwide
Downs, Judith
Esposito, Fred

Mr. Wiley, Seward resident, expressed interest that Alaska History and Government be taught in the social studies curriculum. He noted there had been communication from the Seward Historical Society related to this. He stated there are unique issues to Alaska, such as subsistence, land issue, etc., which should be addressed in this topic. He further noted that in the visitor industry, which is important to Alaska, you need to have an informed populous.

Mr. Thibodeau requested items #7 and #11 be considered separately, and Mrs. Germano requested separate consideration of item #8.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Items #1 through 6, and Items #9, #10, #12, and #13. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Mrs. Germano requested that endorsements for tenured and non-tenured assignments be received in the future. Mrs. Fischer clarified that the opt out procedures for the health curriculum were the same as the old curriculum. Mr. Thorpe responded affirmatively.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve Item #7, Budget Transfers. Mrs. Germano seconded.

Mr. Thibiodeau questioned printing costs involved in budget transfer #000894. Mr. Swarner responded this was for printing curriculum guides at the borough print shop, which is considered an in-house service. Mrs. Borgman reminded the Board that the district had investigated the cost for printing these guides and other printing projects. Borough services cost approximately one-third of what other printers would charge to do the project. She noted the district does seek printing from outside sources for smaller or more cost effective projects.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Item #8, Approval of Social Studies Curriculum. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Mrs. Germano expressed concern related to choices in the social studies curriculum. Mr. Thorpe noted assessments will be developed for the curriculum later. Mrs. Borgman stated there is little money in the budget for more curriculum development. She noted sociology and Alaska History are electives, and stated she and the curriculum team were very supportive of the curriculum.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve Item #11, Extended Field Trip Request. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Mr. Thibodeau requested clarification on the dates of the trip. Mr. Thorpe responded this would take place during the 1997 spring break.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXPULSION:
ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following: "The decision of the Kenai Peninsula School District in the matter of OS.

EXPULSION (cont.):

This matter was heard before the board on Monday, June 10, 1996. The following persons were present at the hearing: O.S., student; Arthur Robinson, attorney for the student; the parents of O.S.; Marlene Byerly, Principal, Skyview High School; and Tom Thorpe, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. O.S. was suspended from Skyview High School for possession of marijuana in a pipe. Because this is a second drug-related offense, the District has recommended to the board that O.S. be expelled for the first semester of the 1996-97 school year.

Marlene Byerly, the principal for Skyview High School, testified as to the events leading to this hearing and recommended expulsion. On Friday, May 17, 1996, a teacher noticed a puff of smoke coming from an area behind the band room. He saw O.S. and another student walk into the building through the doors where he had seen the smoke. He took the students to the Assistant Principal's office. The other student gave the Assistant Principal a marijuana pipe with marijuana in the bowl. O.S. denied smoking the pipe. The Assistant Principal did find a lighter on him.

Mr. Robinson argued on behalf of O.S. that there was no direct evidence to prove that O.S. had possession of the pipe or that he had smoked it. He also stated O.S. had been working hard on his abstinence. O.S. also testified briefly. He stated he understood the reasoning behind the District's drug and alcohol policy. When asked if he had smoked the pipe, he answered "no."

Board policy on substance abuse requires the District to recommend expulsion for a second substance abuse violation. However, the board concludes the District failed to prove O.S. violated the substance abuse policy found in section 007.12. O.S. denied having possession of the pipe or smoking it. The only evidence linking O.S. to the pipe is the other student's statement that O.S. held the pipe, his possession of the lighter and the teacher's statement that he saw smoke. In light of O.S.'s testimony at the hearing and the lack of any direct evidence that O.S. had possession of the pipe, the board concludes that O.S. did not violate section 007.12. Therefore, expulsion is unwarranted." Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The graduation requirements reached by the Graduation Requirements Study Committee were presented. An informational worksession with the Board was conducted on May 6, 1996. The Board indicated they would take public comments on the requirements.

Mr. James Simeroth, KPEA President, expressed concern that the requirements would lessen the quality of education. He felt a real quality of education comes with a variety of electives. He was concerned that with additional specific requirements there was the possibility of less electives taken by students. He noted there would be less opportunities for students to take advanced placement courses, foreign languages, and other courses.

Mr. Wiley, Seward resident, stated he felt the district would need to go to a seven or eight period day districtwide to get the courses needed.

ACTION Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the graduation requirements. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Dr. Anderson stated there were other issues, such as the seven period day, while considering the graduation requirements. He stated the board had only one opportunity to review the proposed graduation requirements. He felt it would be appropriate to consider this at a later time.

ACTION Mr. Arness moved to postpone the motion until August 5. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

KPBSD TECHNOLOGY PLAN: Mr. Thorpe presented the technology plan for the district for approval. He noted the Board reviewed the plan at an earlier worksession.

ACTION Mrs. Germano moved the Board approve the technology plan. Mrs. Gross seconded.

YES - Anderson, Arness, Fischer, Germano, Larned, Gross
NO - Thibodeau

Motion carried.

Mr. Thibodeau commented his negative vote was because he did not have a fiscal amount for adopting the technology plan.

LEASE AGREEMENTS:

Mr. Dahlgren presented lease agreements for the Boys and Girls Club, Voznesenka School, People Count, and AVTEC Maintenance Facility. Mr. Dahlgren commented the agreements for the Boys and Girls Club and People Count remain the same as last year. The Voznesenka School lease agreement is an increase of \$400 per month for additional space, and the AVTEC Maintenance Facility is a new agreement where the school district pays utility costs for the facility building in exchange for a maintenance facility for the Seward school buses.

ACTION

Mrs. Germano moved the Board approve the lease agreements as outlined. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1996-97 TENTATIVE MEETING
CALENDAR:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the tentative meeting calendar for the 1996-97 school year. He noted this was third time for the Board to consider this item.

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA President, requested the Board not hold the budget approval meeting in Homer. She noted budget approval should be held in the central peninsula area.

On question from the Board, Dr. Bromenschenkel commented no date has been set for budget adoption in view of legislative changes.

ACTION

Mrs. Germano moved the Board approve the 1996-97 calendar. Mrs. Larned seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved to amend the motion to hold the Homer meeting on March 3. Mrs. Germano seconded.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved to amend the amendment to move the March 17 Homer meeting to September 16, and delete the October 7 meeting in Seward. This would leave one meeting in each community. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Fischer stated she felt most of the meetings should be held at the center of government. She added that frequently there is nothing on the agenda for those communities on those dates, the meetings are mostly attended by staff only, and the Board should be accessible to the largest constituency as possible. Therefore, she stated she would not support a calendar which had more than one meeting outside the central peninsula area. Mrs. Germano disagreed, stating there were usually better turnouts of people for out-of-town meetings than those in Soldotna.

1996-97 TENTATIVE MEETING
CALENDAR (cont.):

Amendment carried unanimously.

ACTION Dr. Anderson moved to amend the motion to hold the Homer meeting on August 19. Mrs. Germano seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Fischer, Germano, Larned, Thibodeau

NO - Gross

Amendment carried.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

Yes - Anderson, Arness, Germano, Larned, Thibodeau, Gross

NO - Fischer

Amended motion carried.

CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS: Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the charter school intent form, application, and charter schools guidelines and application procedures for adoption. He noted the Board had previously adopted a policy related to charter schools, and adoption of the materials presented would place the district in compliance with legal requirements related to charter schools. He felt the process had been streamlined as much as possible for initiation of charter schools for the 1997-98 school year.

ACTION Mrs. Germano moved the Board approve the Charter School Application Process. Dr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION Mrs. Germano moved to amend the motion to add "community members" to the Intent Form. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING/POLICY 006.XX/
USE OF INTERNET: Mr. Thorpe presented the first reading on Policy 006.xx, Use of Internet. The policy outlined proper usage of the internet system, prohibitions associated with its usage, and the necessity for signed parental consent for student usage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Patty Nabinger, Sterling SBDM spokesperson, offered the committee's input and support in review of the SBDM booklet. She also requested the Board reconsider the recommendation presented for the principal appointment at Sterling Elementary School for the reasons previously stated.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mrs. Larned stated the day had been a long one for the Board since they started at 9:00 a.m. She stated she appreciated the input from Sterling parents on the situation there. She hoped there would be closure on similar situations in the future.

Mr. Thibodeau questioned parliamentary procedures at the meeting, especially the president not passing the gavel to second motions. Mrs. Gross responded she had researched parliamentary procedures and this was acceptable.

Mr. Arness stated he was pleased the Sterling people came back to the meeting. He noted the responsibility for selection of principal lies with the superintendent, who is ultimately held responsible for the appointment.

Mrs. Fischer commented she realized the time involved by the Sterling School Based Decision Making Council, and complimented them on their courteous manner despite their disappointment. She hoped the problem would be rectified for future situations.

Mrs. Germano stated she understood the Sterling parent's frustration, but was disappointed when a board member tried to share his thoughts and was disrupted by people in the audience.

Dr. Anderson commented he had discussed the situation with the superintendent and it was clear that he would listen to the parents, but would not allow the local people to select the principal. He noted this responsibility is delegated in this manner, but he did not favor this. He added that the parents had taken a great deal of time working on qualifications and questions, but were not allowed to give their recommendation. He noted, however, the format has been set in this manner, and he hoped there would be changes to this in the future. He noted the Board felt similarly on this issue.

Mrs. Gross agreed with Dr. Anderson, but the rules as outlined were followed in that the decision does lie with the superintendent. She hoped the situation would work out at Sterling.

ADJOURN:

At 10:55 p.m., Mrs. Fischer moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of June 10, 1996,
were approved on July 8, 1996,
as written.