

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

August 7, 1995

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Vice President  
Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk  
Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer  
Mrs. Susan Larned, Member  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member  
Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Member

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. Karen Mahurin	Mr. James Simeroth
Mrs. Donna Peterson	Ms. Judy Blume
Ms. Anne Gentry	Mr. Tom Atkinson
Ms. Melissa DeV Vaughn	Mr. Timothy Navarre
Rep. Gary Davis	Mr. Phillip Biggs
Mr. and Mrs. John Gensel	Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Susan Larned	Absent - Excused
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Emery Thibodeau	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of July 10, 1995, were approved with a correction.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf read a June 13, 1995 resolution from the City of Homer Council requesting the Board to fully restore hazardous bus routes #62 and #70. Mrs. Gross commented that Mr. Drathman contacted her and stated it was the intent of the council that all bus routes for Homer would be reinstated, however, only two routes were listed in the resolution.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented fourteen implementation plans which the superintendent will use as administrative strategy to implement the Board's 1995-96 goals. Additionally, the principals would use the implementation plans as guidelines to formulate their school goals. He announced a worksession would be held prior to the August 21 meeting to discuss the implementation plans in detail.

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the Superintendent's Annual Report for the 1994-95 school year. The report covered areas of accomplishments, achievements of staff, schools, and co-curricular activities, management functions, progress of the strategic plan for 94-95, future challenges of the district, and priorities for 1995-96.

Superintendent Bromenschenkel announced the Department of Education has tentatively scheduled a meeting for September 25 in Anchorage to discuss recently approved charter school legislation and hear Dr. Bill Randall, Colorado Commissioner of Education, report on Colorado's experience related to charter schools.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Early Graduation Request, Extended Field Trip Request, 1995-96 Teacher Assignments, 1995-96 Substitute/Temporary Pay Schedule, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified, Leave of Absence Request/Support, Resignations, and Furniture and Equipment List.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve an Early Graduation Request for a Nikiski High School student to graduate in May, 1996, pending completion of required course work.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
REQUEST:

Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve an extended field trip request for 25 Soldotna Middle School eighth grade students to travel to Washington, D.C., March 17-22, 1996, to participate in the Lakeland Tours Program.

1995-96 TEACHER ASSIGN-  
MENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1995-96 teaching assignments for Tom Barnard, Special Education/Vision Impaired, Districtwide; Dan Bohmensen, Business Education, Seward Jr/Sr High; Owen M. Boyle, Grade 5, Sterling Elementary; Shirley Hagelberg-Klemish, Speech/Language Pathologist, Districtwide; Patricia Jolin, Grades K-2,

1995-96 TEACHER ASSIGN-  
MENTS (cont.):

Sterling Elementary; Sidney Maurer, Grade 8/Social Studies/ Language Arts/Reading, Kenai Middle; Mark Tobin, Exploratory/Special Education/QUEST, Kenai Middle, Temporary; Mathew Walton, Language Arts, Soldotna High; Tracy Wimmer, Grade 5, Sterling Elementary, Temporary; and Tracey Withrow, Grade 8/Mathematics/Language Arts/Reading, Kenai Middle, Temporary.

1995-96 SUBSTITUTE AND  
TEMPORARY PAY SCHEDULE:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the substitute and temporary pay schedule for the 1995-96 school year. The schedule remains the same as the previous year as follows:

<u>Substitute Position</u>	<u>95-96 Rate</u>
Teacher	\$69.00/87.00
Secretary (all clerical)	9.00/hr.
Custodian/Stock Handler/Courier	9.00/hr.
Bus Driver	12.00/hr.
Food Service	
Cashier/Assistant Cook	8.50/hr.
Cook/Food Services Manager	9.00/hr.
Aide/Instructional Assistant	8.50/hr.
Tutor/Bilingual Instructor	8.75/hr.
Nurse	12.00/hr.
Pool Employees	
Instructor/Senior Lifeguard	9.00/hr.
Lifeguard	7.25/hr.
Cashier/Locker Room Attendant	4.75/hr.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/CERTIFIED: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leaves of absence for the 1995-96 school year for Kandi Diamond, Grade 3, North Star Elementary; and Cheryl Schey, Special Education/Resource, Kenai Middle School.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/SUPPORT: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for the 1995-96 school year for Jeanette Rodgers, Nurse, Kenai Central High.

RESIGNATIONS: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve resignations for Steve Wilcox, Assistant Principal, Seward Jr/Sr High, effective June 6, 1996; and Mike Hamel, Mathematics/Science, Soldotna High, effective May 26, 1995.

TUSTUMENA FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT LIST: Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Tustumena Elementary addition in the amount of \$8,623.59.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged the presence of Representative Gary Davis in the audience.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve budget transfer #000019 in the amount of \$48,461 for the curriculum department, and #000021 in the amount of \$100,000 to correct a budgeting adjustment to the PTR grants.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the budget transfers as presented. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXPULSION #1 Mrs. Obendorf announced the Board heard two expulsion hearings prior to the meeting.

ACTION Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the hearing results as follows:

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"Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School Board in the Matter of Expulsion of the Student MW.

This matter was heard by the Board on August 7, 1995. The student and the student's mother were present. Tom Thorpe, Assistant Superintendent, and Marlene Byerly, Principal at Skyview High School, were present for the administration. The administration requests expulsion of the student for the fall semester of the 1995-96 school year with authority to readmit the student for district correspondence and special services. The violation for which expulsion is sought is a violation of District Policy 7.12 prohibiting possession of drugs and paraphernalia as well as use at school.

The facts are not in dispute. On May 25, 1995, the student, a 9th grader at Skyview High, was present on the Soldotna High School campus when the assistant principal there found her in possession of marijuana and a pipe for smoking as well as some pills. The student had obtained the pills, which required a prescription, from another student. She was present at Soldotna High during what the student termed an "open campus" day after leaving Skyview. The student admits to the possession and use of marijuana. The student indicated the possession and use were during a brief period prior to the incident and arose due to stress from end of school leading to giving in to peer pressure. The student

EXPULSION #1 (continued):

has obtained counseling to improve decision making skills and handling of peer pressure and these steps appear to have positive results as indicated by the student's mother. The Board has no reason to doubt this information. The student and administration report a good academic record.

The Board has recognized the seriousness of drug presence and use in the school setting and the consequent disruption of the educational process. The presence of drugs and those who possess them and use them clearly impacts the programs. The Board finds that the presence of this student in a classroom setting after these acts would be inimical to the welfare of other students and district programs and thus requires removal from the classroom setting. The Board therefore finds it necessary to expel the student MV from the schools of the district for the fall semester of the 1995-96 school year; provided however, that the administration may allow readmission from district correspondence and any necessary special services to accomplish that program. Limited readmission shall not include participation in extracurricular activities." Dr. Anderson seconded.

Mr. Arness commented he would abstain from voting because he was not present at the hearing.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Gross, Tauriainen, Thibodeau, Obendorf

ABSTAIN - Arness

Motion carried.

EXPULSION #2:

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the following: "Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School Board in the Matter of Expulsion of the Student DA.

This matter came before the Board on August 7, 1995, for consideration of expulsion of the student. The student was not present nor were any parents. The administration was represented by Tom Thorpe, Assistant Superintendent, and Marlene Byerly, Skyview Principal. The administration requests expulsion for violation of District Policy 007.15 regarding theft and vandalism. The student was completing the third year at Skyview when the incident giving rise to this hearing occurred.

The student and parents had been notified of the hearing both by phone and by certified mail. Mrs. Byerly indicated she spoke with the mother approximately two weeks ago as to

EXPULSION #2 (continued):

the date and time and the mother indicated she would be present. About one week ago, Mrs. Byerly called the mother to advise the time was changed from 5:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the mother indicated she would be present. On August 7, the mother contacted Mrs. Byerly and advised she was canceling the hearing as she was leaving the state with the student and would not return until August 24. No reasons were given as to why the student and mother were leaving or why she was unable to communicate this earlier. No satisfactory explanation was given to warrant postponement of the hearing and the Board proceeded to conduct the hearing. Previously, the student and parents were present and participated in a formal hearing conducted by Larry Nauta as hearing officer and were allowed to present evidence at that time. Mr. Nauta found the student stole the rings and sold them upon conclusion of that hearing.

The evidence shows that the student admits to having broken into a display case at Skyview High School and taken at least 11 and as many as 20 class rings belonging to a company that sells rings. The value of the rings was in excess of \$2000. Eleven of the stolen rings were sold to another person who reported this to the State Troopers. On investigation the student admitted taking and selling at least 11 rings. In addition to this incident the student has had a long history of disciplinary actions at school involving disruptive and disobedient behavior, disrespect for other people and presence in areas where the student was not supposed to be at the time and in which thefts had been occurring.

This theft alone warrants expulsion. Allowing a student to remain in the schools after behavior showing a clear disregard for the property of others presents a danger to the safety and welfare of the students, staff and their property. Coupled with the student's past behavior it is clear that the student shows a strong likelihood of continued acts in disregard to the rights of other persons. The student has shown a willingness to be where thefts can occur and a willingness to act upon that opportunity. The history shows little, if any likelihood of a change that alleviates the risk to other persons and their property. Accordingly, the Board hereby expels the student permanently from the schools of the district.

EXPULSION #2 (continued):

Notwithstanding the permanent expulsion, at the beginning of the 1996-97 year the Superintendent is authorized to consider readmission upon a clear demonstration by the student that the risk to the persons and property of other students no longer exists. At a minimum this showing must include restitution for any loss suffered by any person or company as a result of the student's action. The Board finds that while restitution may not be dispositive of the question of change, the failure to make restitution would demonstrate that insufficient change in behavior and attitude had occurred to shorten the expulsion period. If the Superintendent finds the student has demonstrated that no risk for the safety of persons or their property he may present a request to the Board to modify the expulsion and allow readmission." Dr. Anderson seconded.

Mr. Arness stated he would abstain from voting because he was not present at the hearing.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Gross, Tauriainen, Thibodeau, Obendorf  
ABSTAIN - Arness

Motion carried.

SIX YEAR ENROLLMENT  
PROJECTIONS AND PLAN:

Mr. Dahlgren presented the Six Year Enrollment Projections and Plan, 1995-96 through 2000-01. He noted a worksession was held prior to the meeting to review the document. Priority projects included in the list were for a central peninsula middle school and an expanded gymnasium and vocational classrooms at Nikolaevsk Elem/High School.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the Six Year Plan as presented. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Dr. Anderson commented he had no objections to the enrollment projections, however, he had questions about the construction recommendations and the financial liability for them.

VOTE:

YES - Arness, Gross, Tauriainen, Thibodeau, Obendorf  
NO - Anderson

Motion carried.

HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTES:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve hazardous bus routes for North Star Elementary, Nikiski Elementary, Seward Elementary, Redoubt Elementary, Soldotna Elementary, Sears Elementary, Mountain View Elementary, Homer Intermediate, Paul Banks Elementary, and Kalifornsky Beach Elementary. Certain routes for Soldotna, Seward, Mountain View, and Homer Intermediate were designated for periods beginning November 1, 1995 and ending April 1, 1996. He noted upon approval the resolutions would be submitted to the Department of Education for 50% reimbursement of costs for the routes.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the hazardous bus routes as presented. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

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ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved to amend the motion that Homer bus routes #62, #65, and #70 be returned to full time hazardous bus routes. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved to amend the amendment to include all hazardous bus routes as they were maintained for the last year. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Obendorf read a petition from Homer parents requesting the reinstatement of hazardous bus routes for Homer.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved to amend the amendment to reconsider the Mountain View Route which includes Lynwood, Aliak, Dolly Varden and Lynwood north of the Spur Highway at a cost of \$1,854. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Dr. Anderson commented that this route had been called to the Board's attention due to construction which is currently taking place.

Amendment to amendment carried unanimously.

VOTE ON AMENDED AMENDMENT:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Gross, Thibodeau, Obendorf

NO - Tauriainen

Amended amendment carried.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

FACILITY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the Facility Committee recommendations for boundaries/building utilization, schools sizes and construction needs. The boundaries/building utilization recommendations set forth guidelines to deal with boundary changes and building configurations or utilization involving as many groups as possible to receive community input. The committee recommended optimum schools sizes dependent on location and availability of space for expansion and uniqueness of the community. The recommended size guidelines at 500 students for elementary schools, 750 students for middle schools, and 1000 students for high schools. The committee unanimously supported construction needs for a new middle school in the Soldotna area, and expansion of the Nikolaevsk Elem/High School for a full-size gymnasium and vocational/technical classrooms space. He noted the Borough Assembly has set aside funds for design of a central peninsula middle school in an effort to establish accurate project costs.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the boundary/building utilization and school size recommendations as presented. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

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Mrs. Obendorf spoke against the motion because the construction needs were not included. She felt that although the school district was not putting these projects on a bond issue at this time, the project needs should be known. She added it was important to know there is money for design of the middle school project. Mr. Tauriainen stated the Board should look at expansion of schools and boundary changes for schools which are under and over capacity. He felt it would be appropriate to consider construction needs later. Dr. Anderson agreed with Mr. Tauriainen's comments and added another problem was one of finances.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Tauriainen, Thibodeau

NO - Gross, Obendorf

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION:

Dr. Bromenschenkel introduced Mr. Phillip Biggs, the district's new Director of Technology.

1995-96 ADMINISTRATOR  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve 1995-96 administrator assignments for Sylvia Reynolds, Principal, Soldotna High; Roger Prater, Principal/Teacher, Bartlett Elem/High; Fabian Castilleja, Principal, Susan B. English Elem/High; and Sharon Roy, Interim Assistant Principal, Skyview High.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the administrator assignments as presented. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT:

Mrs. Obendorf noted the Board had negotiated a contract with Dr. Bromenschenkel at the last meeting. She presented the three-year contract as agreed upon between the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board approve the superintendent's contract. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Timothy Navarre told the Board they needed to throw out the hazardous bus routes and reconsider them because of their hazardous status. He noted the PTAs and parents should be notified of the changes on some of the routes since they are winter routes only. He did not feel the \$25,000 savings was worth a child's life in walking on hazardous roads or streets.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Thibodeau served notice of reconsideration at the next meeting on the hazardous bus routes.

Mrs. Obendorf announced Monday, August 14 would be a meeting for new administrators, and Tuesday, August 15 would be a meeting for all KPBSD administrators. The Board was invited to attend the meetings.



Mrs. Obendorf announced the next School Board Meeting would be held on August 21 in the Borough Assembly Chambers, Soldotna.

ADJOURN:

At 8:45 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

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Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of August 7, 1995,  
were approved on August 21, 1995,  
as printed.