

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Seward High School Auditorium
Seward, Alaska 99664

October 2, 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
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Catherine DeLacee	Mr. Pat Dye
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fischer	Mr. Malcolm Fleming
Mr. Louie March, Jr.	Mr. Bob Boyle
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wilcox	Mr. James Simeroth
Mr. Dave Dieckgraeff	Mr. Paul Sayan
Others present not identified.	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:34 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	Present
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Emery Thibodeau	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed with the addition of Item 10c, Approval of AASB Nomination.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of September 18, 1995, were approved as written.

COOPER LANDING ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL REPORT:

Mr. Pat Dye, Cooper Landing Elementary School Lead Teacher, gave a slide presentation of activities at his school. He told the Board and audience the K-8, 40-student school encompasses a "big family" atmosphere where students at all grade levels help each other. He reported the students operate a publishing company, have an outdoor classroom with nature trails, have academics as a basis for their curricular program, participate in many outdoor activities

COOPER LANDING ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL REPORT (cont.):

using their academic skills, enjoy numerous sports activities and have total support of the community through fund-raisers and school projects. He extended an invitation for the Board to visit the school.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Paul Sayan, Seward teacher, commented that the local Parent Advisory Committee has worked well in making decisions for the Seward Schools. As related to Site Based Decision Making, he requested there be one rather than two parent advisory committees as required by the district. He felt the PAC should remain intact because it works best for Seward.

Mr. Louie March, Jr., Seward resident, spoke in support of AASB resolutions 95-23 and 95-27. He cited reasons for not supporting non-tenure of teachers. He requested the Board lobby and support eliminating non-tenure laws. He raised concern about the increase in the school budget over the past 6.5 years. He submitted written documentation related to his concerns.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:**

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter received from Mrs. Angela McKinney of the Chapman Elementary PTA inviting the Board to attend a meeting on October 12, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss options concerning the 7th and 8th grade students at Chapman.

KPESA:

Mr. James Simeroth, KPEA President, told the Board that staff members spend a lot of time involved in committee work, however, changes are made unilaterally on the committee's work. He urged the Board to give serious thought to what committee work involves and consider the work done by the committees. He noted that sometimes the work of the committees is not honored.

SEWARD PAC:

Mr. David Dieckgraeff, Seward PAC President, told the Board that one PAC works best for the Seward schools. He did not feel having two PACs would work for the Seward schools. He noted the carpeting in Seward High School needed to be replaced and asked that it be placed on the capital projects list. He felt it should be replaced as a safety issue as well as for its appearance. He expressed concern about the high school track which is often under water. He noted numerous repairs have been made to the track area, but the problems have not been resolved. He told the Board that

SEWARD PAC (cont.):

additional street lights have been added at bus stops which makes it safer for students. Additionally, the PAC has talked to the Department of Transportation to include turnout areas for school buses when they upgrade the highway. He spoke to the issue of coaches as teachers who set good examples as well as discipline students. He extended thanks and best wishes to Betty Obendorf as she completes her years on the school board. He commented that she has always been a friend of Seward.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented a schedule of first readings, second readings and adoption dates for revisions to the district's policy manual. Policy revisions commenced on September 18, 1995, and are scheduled to conclude on June 10, 1996.

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented retiring School Board President Betty Obendorf with a Plaque of Appreciation and flowers in recognition of her generosity of time and service to the district. School Board members and staff extended their appreciation of service and best wishes to Mrs. Obendorf.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Tustumena Furniture and Equipment List, Substitute Teacher Contracts and Grant Application.

TUSTUMENA FURNITURE AND
EQUIPMENT LIST:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for Tustumena Elementary School in the amount of \$11,859.12.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve contracts for 19-day substitute teachers Richard Waisenen, Counselor, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; and Mary Bailey, Special Education/Preschool, Sears Elementary.

GRANT APPLICATION:

By memorandum, Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve a grant application for the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program in the amount of \$129,068. The application will be forwarded to the Department of Education for funding consideration.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AASB CORE RESOLUTIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf announced this item would be delayed until the October 16 meeting because there was a printing error on the resolutions. It was noted the core resolutions will be reviewed prior to the next school board meeting. The Board concurred with Mrs. Obendorf's suggestion to delay action on this item.

AASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mrs. Obendorf noted that if the school board wanted to nominate a member to the AASB Board of Directors, this needed official action of the Board.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the nomination of Mari-Anne Gross to the AASB Board of Directors. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING/POLICY
REVISIONS/1000, COMMUNITY:

Dr. Bromenschenkel noted the Board reviewed Section 1000, Community, prior to the school board meeting. The policies would be presented for a second reading on October 16.

SECOND READING/POLICY
REVISIONS/0000, PHILOSOPHY,
GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Dr. Bromenschenkel commented policy revisions to Section 0000, Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plan, were presented for a second reading. The policy revisions will be presented for adoption on October 16.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Tauriainen commented he appreciated Seward residents attending the meeting. He told the audience that the policy revision process was extensive and encouraged the public to review the policies. He noted the Board welcomes comments from the public on the policies.

Mrs. Larned expressed pleasure on being in Seward for the meeting. She commented on Mrs. Obendorf's helpfulness during her first year on the school board.

Dr. Anderson expressed appreciation to Mrs. Obendorf for her abilities and service on the Board. He urged members of the public to vote on Tuesday, October 3.

Mr. Thibodeau stated he was appreciative of Mrs. Obendorf's help and guidance for the past two years that he has served on the Board.

He noted he had heard from a parent whose son experienced violence in the school. He urged the Board to take action on school violence in the same manner as they do for drugs and alcohol. He requested the administration follow-up on incidents of violence in other schools.

BOARD COMMENTS (cont.):

Mrs. Obendorf read a letter which had been handed to her prior to the meeting. The letter addressed parental concerns about violence in school and the parents were alarmed that the school board was not more aware of this. The parents urged the Board to take a closer look at the situation.

Mr. Arness extended best wishes to Mrs. Obendorf on her future endeavors and hoped the Board would use her services in the future.

Mrs. Gross thanked Mrs. Obendorf for her fair and understanding manner while serving on the school board. She also urged more candidates from Seward to run for the school board.

Mrs. Gross commented that she and Mr. Thibodeau attended the finance committee meeting in Anchorage last week. She noted it was an educational experience for both of them.

Mr. Tauriainen reported he attended the Charter School meeting in Anchorage, September 26. He noted the primary presenters from Colorado shared their experiences with charter schools in that state. He noted there appeared to be some successful ventures from the 20 charter schools established in that state. He noted the KPBSD will be allowed three charter schools and, for the most part, Colorado's schools were focusing on academics.

Mrs. Obendorf expressed appreciation to the Seward community and their involvement in support of their students with scholarships and vocational choices.

She noted she had learned a great deal over the past nine years, and she would miss the people she has met and worked with.

Mrs. Obendorf announced the next school board meeting will be held in Soldotna on October 16 in the Borough Assembly Room.

ADJOURN:

At 8:25 p.m., Mr. Tauriainen moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of October 2, 1995,
were approved on October 16, 1995,
as written.