
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

January 9, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included Policy Manual revisions; the FY13 Budget; bus safety; the Career and Technical Education Plan; revisions to BP 0210, Goals for Learning; and the Report on AASB's Boardmanship Academy. The Board conducted a public hearing regarding KPESA and KPEA negotiations.

SCHOOL REPORT: Dr. Allan Gee, Homer High principal, recognized the staff and students for the pictures used in the PowerPoint presentation. The presentation highlighted the school's theme of "raising the bar", for all Homer High students and staff. He explained that the individual steps to carry out the theme included raising student awareness, implementation, presentation to students, providing academic support, and next steps for those who need assistance. He provided a progress report demonstrating the success of the school's efforts.

Mrs. Dawn Edwards-Smith, River City Academy principal/teacher, distributed an informational school report to the Board and administration. Miss Selena Pena (student) gave a brief history of the past five years of RCA's existence, including student demographics and staff information. Miss Isabeau Posey (student) presented information on the school mission statement development process. Mr. Daniel McIntosh (student) provided information on the school's approach to respect for everyone, referred to as CORE (Culture of Respect for Everyone). Mr. Bastian Posey (student) explained the grading and scoring system and the tracking software called Educate. Mrs. Edwards-Smith presented a slide show featuring the three-week interim classes held in January. She noted that RCA has made AYP each year since it was opened.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that the District received a grant from the Department of Labor for \$26,000 which was used to pay for the implementation of the Career and Technical Education Plan. He stated that the first step of the five year plan will be completed at the Administrator Meeting on January 25 at 8:30 a.m. He announced that school was canceled today at Tebughna School because the Village of Tyonek was without power and the school's back-up generator did not work. He reported that Voznesenka School was dismissed early (after the minimum day) because a water main broke. He complimented Ms. Erkeneff for her communications work during the recent school lock-down drills.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented a financial report for the District for the period ending November 30, 2011.

QUARTERLY BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mr. Jones reported on budget transfers Numbers 204 through 526 for various schools and departments within the District.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHARGE: The Board unanimously approved the charge for the Board level Legislative Committee.

HSGQE: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2012-006.

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LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Jane Parrish, Soldotna Elementary School and Anne Buckbee, Redoubt Elementary School.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved a new teacher contract for Tracie Beck, (temporary) interventionist teacher, K-Beach Elementary; Jeremy McKibben, (temporary) Title I teacher, Redoubt Elementary; and Suzanne Seguela, (temporary) .25 FTE, 3rd – 6th grade teacher (language arts/social studies/specials), Fireweed Academy.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Numbers 528 in the amount of \$168,300 to pay for telephone charges and Number 529 in the amount of \$320,000 to purchase additional language arts curriculum materials.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board approved revisions to BP 0530, Criteria for Closing Schools and BP 6145.2, Interscholastic Competition.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, February 6, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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