

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

May 18, 1998

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President  
Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President  
Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk  
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Treasurer  
Dr. Nels Anderson, Member  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member  
Ms. Deborah Germano, Member  
Miss Danielle Meacham, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. John Dahlgren, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Business  
Management  
Mr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Larry Willard Miss Anne Pfitzner  
Mr. Marc Berezin Mr. Bill Hutchinson  
Mrs. Yvonne Emery Mrs. Becky Hutchinson  
Mrs. Carolyn Cannava Mrs. Chris Sholin  
Mr. Tom Anderson Mrs. Mary Stenga  
Mr. James Fisher Mr. Steve Stenga  
Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh Mr. Dave Beckett  
Mrs. Laura Mohorcich Mr. Jim Bennett  
Mrs. Patty Campbell Mrs. Patty Besse  
Mr. Richard Campbell Mr. John Mohorcich  
Mr. Jim White Ms. Nancy Courtright  
Mr. Bill Schweigert

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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  
Mrs. Susan Larned Present  
Dr. Nels Anderson Present  
Mrs. Joyce Fischer Present  
Ms. Deborah Germano Present  
Mrs. Debra Mullins Present  
Miss Danielle Meacham Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of May 4, 1998, were approved as printed.

SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mrs. Carolyn Cannava, principal, Soldotna Elementary, reported that students at Soldotna Elementary are placing well above the District average in all academic areas. Miss Anne Pfitzner and her third grade class gave a slide presentation showing the Adopt-a-Creek Project for Soldotna Creek. Their Adopt-a-Creek project included water testing, observations of the stream during all four seasons, wetlands exploration and animal observations. The third grade students sang a song titled, All the Earth is a Garden.

Ms. Courtright's fourth grade class narrated a slide presentation describing their three-day field trip to Independence Mine which was funded through a grant from the Alaska Chapter of the National Geographic Society. The students reported that their field trip included a stop at Portage Glacier, camping at Birchwood Camp, a tour of Independence Mine state park, a visit to the Anchorage Museum to see the gold mining exhibit, and mining at Crow Creek Mine. The students also reported on their field trip to Jackaloff Bay to study beach life.

The Soldotna Elementary After-School Theater group concluded the presentation with a medley from their spring production, Wizard of Oz. Ms. Cannava invited the Board to attend the Soldotna Elementary Super Kids Day picnic on Thursday, May 28, 1998.

RECESS:

At 8:08 p.m., Mrs. Gross called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 8:13 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Kathy Schwartz, director, Alaska Alliance for Arts Education, announced the upcoming art education staff development and student art camp opportunities sponsored jointly by the District Staff Development Office, Kenai Peninsula College, Phi Delta Kappa-Kenai Chapter and the Alaska Alliance for Arts Education. She stated that the sponsoring organizations are dedicated to improving education in the arts, which is important to Alaska because of the new state and national standards for teaching the arts. Ms. Schwartz stated that the Alaska Arts Education Institute will be held June 8-12 at Soldotna High School. She stated that the Soldotna Community Schools Program will sponsor a children's Art Institute during the following week with the same quality instruction being used with the adult group. She stated that publicity about the Art Institute had been distributed statewide and added that the Institute will receive television coverage. She thanked the District for their support and encouraged those people interested to register as soon as possible.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS  
(Continued):

Mrs. Gross asked how full the classes were. Ms. Schwartz responded that several classes were already closed but space will be made available for registrants from the Kenai Peninsula.

Mr. Chuck Boll, manager, Laidlaw Transit Company, shared the results from the local and state bus rodeos. He explained that the rodeo competitions included a pretrip inspection, written test, student loading and off loading and driving ability demonstrated through an obstacle course. Mr. Boll also presented a \$500 donation to the District from Laidlaw Transit Company to be used for a student scholarship fund at Ninilchik High School.

COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:

Mr. Dahlgren stated that he had received a letter from Representative Gail Phillips requesting a letter of support for SB36.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND/OR  
P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A.,  
K.P.E.S.A.:

Mr. Lawrence Colston, president, KPEA, stated that tonight will be his last official visit to the School Board, and he wanted to express his appreciation to Sharon Radtke and Mrs. Gross. He expressed appreciation to Joyce Fischer on behalf of the KPEA Building Representative Council.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Gross presented awards of appreciation to Fran Norman, Port Graham Site-Based Council Chairperson, for her years of volunteer service, leadership and devotion to quality education for the community of Port Graham; and Patty Campbell, programmer/analyst, Data Processing, for being the primary author of the District's comprehensive financial system and her outstanding service to the District.

Mrs. Gross read a letter from the Alaska Association of School Boards announcing that Skyview High School student, Joni Huntsperger, had been awarded the June Neilson Scholarship for \$1,000.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren told the Board that the passage and subsequent signing into law of SB36 will bring additional monies to the District and that the Board will need to develop a plan for its use.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 1998.

Ms. Germano expressed concern that the Board of Education account had been overspent again.

- CERTIFIED DIPLOMA:** Mr. McLain presented the certified diploma report which included a listing of 19 recommendations and comments. He thanked the committee members for their participation in developing the report. Mr. McLain suggested that the Board conduct a worksession during their June 8 meeting to review the recommendations.
- BOARD REPORTS:**
- Mrs. Larned reported that she attended a workshop conducted by Derek Peterson on what students need to succeed. She stated that she felt that Mr. Peterson's presentation was good. She stated that Mr. Peterson is hoping that people in the Kenai Peninsula area will become involved in teaching others.
- Mrs. Gross stated that she recently attended the Alaska Student Activities Association (AASA) meeting in Anchorage. She reported that the basketball state tournament berth selection was discussed and that three teams from Region III will be allowed to participate. She noted that AASA is considering a weighted system for selecting basketball teams to participate in the state tournament and will evaluate both selection processes to determine which is best. Mrs. Gross stated that AASA will impose a fine for hockey coaches when they exceed a determined number of penalties. The first fine will be \$250, the second fine will be \$500 and the third fine will be \$1,500. She stated that each school district will have to decide how penalties are paid.
- CONSENT AGENDA:** Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Resignation, Tentative Nontenure Teacher Assignment and 1998-99 Teacher Assignment.
- RESIGNATION:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a resignation effective at the end of the 1997-98 school year from Stuart Allen, science, Seward High.
- TENTATIVE NON-TENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENT:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve tentative non-tenure teacher assignments for the 1998-99 school year for Emma McCune, library, Nikiski High and Roy Shapley, Grade 4, Sterling Elementary.
- 1998-99 TEACHER ASSIGNMENT:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a teaching assignment for the 1998-99 school year for Allan Miller, science (full-time), Soldotna Middle School.
- ACTION**
- Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Ms. Germano seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- RETIREMENT INCENTIVE RESOLUTION 97-98-6/TRS:** Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the proposed Resolution 97-98-6 authorizing the District to enter into an agreement with the administrator of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS).

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE  
RESOLUTION 97-98-6/TRS  
(Continued):  
ACTION

Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve Resolution 97-98-6 authorizing the District to enter into an agreement with the administrator of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RETIREMENT INCENTIVE  
RESOLUTION 97-98-7/PERS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the proposed Resolution 97-98-7 authorizing the District to enter into an agreement with the administrator of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

ACTION

Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve Resolution 97-98-7 authorizing the District to enter into an agreement with the administrator of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). Ms. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF  
AGREEMENT/KPAA:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a memorandum of agreement to add language to the KPAA agreement establishing September 15, 1998, as the deadline for administrators to announce their intention to retire.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the KPAA memorandum of agreement as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE  
1998-99 RETIREMENT WINDOW:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a recommendation to change the 1998-99 retirement window to be set at December 1, 1998 through January 6, 1999. She explained that this window will not alter the District's requirement that eligible candidates notify the District between September 15, 1998 and October 15, 1998, of their intent to resign and participate in the retirement incentive program. She stated that keeping the original District window allows the Human Resources office enough time to complete the necessary paperwork before the state deadline and to advertise and fill vacancies for the next year.

Dr. Anderson asked what happens if teachers change their minds. Mrs. Radtke stated that employees who change their mind after the deadline may request a waiver for justifiable reasons.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve the recommendation to change the 1998-99 retirement window. Mrs. Larned seconded.

RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE  
1998-99 RETIREMENT WINDOW  
(Continued):

Ms. Germano asked whether there were two opportunities for employees to declare their intent to retire. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the administration wants to use the District window because of budgeting ramifications. He stated that waivers can be requested for justifiable reasons. He added that if the District waits until January it will be too far into the budgeting process. Ms. Germano expressed concern that the retirement date is too early. Mr. Dahlgren explained that teacher recruitment and planning for the following year is a big concern for the administration. Mrs. Radtke stated that she anticipated that there will be a very large group of retirees, especially administrators. She stated that the nationwide pool of teachers is becoming so small that teachers are being offered signing bonuses. She stated that the prime time for recruitment of administrators is October and November, and December for teachers. She stated that she will have three negotiated agreements to work on next year and added that it will be too difficult to get everything accomplished in such a short amount of time.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXPULSION/STUDENT #1:  
ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following Decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of DC.

"This matter was heard before the Board on Monday, May 18, 1998. The student and his father were in attendance. Ken Meacham, Principal of Redoubt Elementary, and Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction, were present on behalf of the administration. The administration recommended an expulsion of the student pursuant to Board Policy 5131.7(a), with early readmission upon completion of counseling and community service as deemed appropriate by the Board.

The evidence presented showed that on April 30, 1998, during the school lunch recess, Mr. Meacham was on the playground and noticed DC and another student acting suspiciously by chasing other children with something the other student appeared to have in his jacket pocket. When Mr. Meacham approached the two boys, they first attempted to run away but stopped and cooperated fully when Mr. Meacham asked the other student what was in his coat. That student produced an item that later was identified as a stun gun by Officer McGillivray of the Soldotna City Police. Upon further questioning, both boys indicated that it belonged to DC, who said he had found it a couple of days earlier in a school restroom. DC stated that he did not know what the item was and that he had first tried it on himself. He said it did not burn or hurt,

EXPULSION/STUDENT #1  
(Continued):  
ACTION

but tingled. He admitted trying it on his brother and also on a friend at school. DC indicated he thought it was a type of toy. The administration stated that a total of four or five students had been stunned by both DC and the other student and that the police said the stun gun was a mild one. DC has no history of discipline problems, is a good student, and cooperated fully with the administration in this matter. Additionally, DC stated he had attempted to see Mr. Meacham to turn in the stun gun shortly after he first found it but failed to turn it in as Mr. Meacham was not in the office. DC also expressed a great deal of remorse.

Based on the uncontradicted evidence, the Board finds that DC did violate the District's Board Policy 5131.7(a) on April 30, 1998, by possessing a weapon or dangerous instrument on school grounds without written permission, and by attempting to use it on other students. This behavior is harmful to the safety and welfare of other students. The Board also finds that safety in the schools is extremely important and commends the administration for correctly following the strong board policy against weapons possession by strictly construing the policy against possessing weapons and dangerous instruments. Clearly, questions in interpretation of the weapons policy should be answered conservatively by the administration so as to help ensure the safety and well-being of all students. While this stun gun is neither a firearm nor a deadly weapon as defined by statute, it is a defensive weapon, and state statutes prohibit the knowing possession of a defensive weapon on school grounds without permission. However, the Board finds that in this case DC did not knowingly possess a weapon or dangerous instrument, nor did he intend to cause serious physical harm to other students. Based on the violation of Board Policy 5131.7, the Board concludes that DC should be suspended for the time he has served and readmitted to school immediately. Due to the severity of weapons possession on school grounds, the Board also recommends that DC perform five hours of community service before commencement of the 1998-1999 school year." Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXPULSION/STUDENT #2:  
ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following decision of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District in the Matter of Expulsion of DG.

EXPULSION/STUDENT #2  
(Continued):  
ACTION

"This matter was heard before the Board on Monday, May 18, 1998. The student and his parents were in attendance. Ken Meacham, Principal of Redoubt Elementary, and Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction, were present on behalf of the administration. The administration recommended an expulsion of the student pursuant to Board Policy 5131.7(a), with early readmission upon completion of counseling and community service as deemed appropriate by the Board.

The evidence presented showed that on April 30, 1998, during the school lunch recess, Mr. Meacham was on the playground and noticed DG and another student acting suspiciously by chasing other children with something DG appeared to have in his jacket pocket. When Mr. Meacham approached the two boys, they first attempted to run away but stopped and cooperated fully when Mr. Meacham asked DG what was in his coat. DG produced an item that later was identified as a stun gun by Officer McGillivray of the Soldotna City Police. Upon further questioning, both boys indicated that it belonged to the other student, who said he had found it a couple of days earlier in a school restroom. DG stated that he did not know what the item was but that the other student told him he had tried it on himself and that it did not burn or hurt, but tingled. DG admitted trying it on one other person at school and indicated he thought it was a type of toy. The administration stated that a total of four or five students had been stunned by both DG and the other student and that the police said the stun gun was a mild one. DG has no history of discipline problems, is a good student, and cooperated fully with the administration in this matter.

Based on the uncontradicted evidence, the Board finds that DG did violate the District's Board Policy 5131.7(a) on April 30, 1998, by possessing a weapon or dangerous instrument on school grounds without written permission and by attempting to use it on other students. This behavior is harmful to the safety and welfare of other students. The Board also finds that safety in the schools is extremely important and commends the administration for correctly following the strong board policy against weapons possession by strictly construing the policy against possessing weapons and dangerous instruments. Clearly, questions in interpretation of the weapons policy should be answered conservatively by the administration so as to help ensure the safety and well-being of all students. While this stun gun is neither a firearm nor a deadly weapon as defined by statute, it is a defensive weapon, and state statutes prohibit the knowing possession of a defensive weapon on school grounds without permission. However, the Board finds that in

EXPULSION/STUDENT #2  
(Continued):  
ACTION

this case DG did not knowingly possess a weapon or dangerous instrument, nor did he intend to cause serious physical harm to other students. Based on the violation of Board Policy 5131.7, the Board concludes that DG should be suspended for the time he has served and readmitted to school immediately. Due to the severity of weapons possession on school grounds, the Board also recommends that DG perform five hours of community service before commencement of the 1998-1999 school year." Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COCURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES AND HANDBOOKS:

Mr. Dave Spence recommended the Board approve changes to the Cocurricular Activities Guidelines proposed by the Kenai Peninsula Student Activities Association Executive Board.

He noted that changes were recommended for middle school cocurricular activities in the areas of school grade/team competition, travel limitations, participation limitations, District awards, and track and field exceptions. Mr. Spence noted that changes were also recommended for High School cocurricular activities in the areas of eligibility, student requirements, holiday practices, and travel limitations.

Dr. Anderson asked what prompted the change to require athletes to participate in at least fifty percent of the scheduled contests for each activity. Mr. Spence replied that the change was in response to controversy over students who were participating in two activities but weren't actually attending practices. Dr. Anderson expressed concern for the appropriateness of excluding an athlete from participation because of scheduling. Mr. Spence stated that the KPSAA Executive Board considered the participation dilemma and felt that there was an opportunity for students who want to participate in two activities.

Ms. Germano stated that she felt the fifty percent participation requirement was a good change and that students need to make choices.

Mrs. Gross asked why it was necessary to change the statement concerning holiday practices. Mr. Spence stated that the executive board felt activities should not be held on a holiday or Sundays except under rare circumstances; for example, activities that are canceled due to weather or "acts of God" and the activity must be made-up. Mr. Arness cited examples of activities that have been held on Sundays and holidays and stated that the change allows administrators the flexibility to accommodate unforeseen circumstances.

APPROVAL OF COCURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES AND HANDBOOKS  
(Continued):

Mrs. Gross asked whether schools could have more teams than stipends, even though money was raised for additional stipends. Mr. Arness stated that team scheduling is completed during the prior year and officially there is an interscholastic team for each coach. He stated that, unofficially, teams can be organized and play other teams or schools, but these games would not be a KPSAA sanctioned event.

Ms. Germano asked about the discussions concerning establishing a balance between the 7th and 8th grade teams at Soldotna Middle School. Mr. Spence stated that a recommendation has been made to the KPSAA Board but no action has been taken.

Mrs. Fischer suggested that the handbook state the number of sanctioned interscholastic teams based on Appendix D.

Mr. Dahlgren stated that as extracurricular activities budgets were reduced, the District moved towards intramural activities. He stated that if schools are allowed to have as many interscholastic teams as they want then the District will be reverting back to the former interscholastic philosophy. He cautioned the Board that allowing more teams will reduce student participation, especially in the areas of girls' volleyball and basketball. Mrs. Fischer asked whether it would be permissible to raise money to fund an additional team. Mr. Dalgren stated that it would be permissible to raise funds to create another team, but the team may also expect to compete in the Borough tournament. Mrs. Fischer asked whether the outside funding of additional teams for borough competition has occurred. Mr. Arness stated that Homer Middle School had been rotating approximately 20 basketball players throughout the year and subsequently asked to have two separate teams.

Mrs. Mullins stated that there are parents who might object to a Sunday performance or game and asked whether there is a penalty for those students who choose not to participate. Mr. Spence assured the Board that penalties are not issued to students who choose not to participate in activities on a Sunday or holiday.

Ms. Germano stated that she was hoping to see a statement in the cocurricular handbook addressing the issue of balanced teams.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve changes to the Cocurricular Activities Guidelines as outlined. Mrs. Larned seconded.

APPROVAL OF COCURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES AND HANDBOOKS  
(Continued):  
ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve an amendment to Item Number 1 to add that any school with more than one team, that those teams shall be balanced by ability level. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Mullins commented that the school day encroaches enough on the lives of children and parents without the inclusion of weekends and Sundays. Dr. Anderson agreed with Mrs. Mullins and stated that his children have been subjected to penalties if they did not participate in Sunday practices. Mrs. Fischer stated that she shared the concerns of Mrs. Mullins and Dr. Anderson and would like to see language that ensures that students will not be penalized if they choose not to participate in Sunday or holiday activities.

ACTION

Mrs. Fischer moved the Board approve an amendment to Item Number 3 that states, "There will be no penalties for children who do not participate in Sunday or holiday practices or events." Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Mr. Arness asked whether similar language already existed in the cocurricular handbooks. Mr. Spence stated that it is illegal to penalize students for not participating in Sunday or holiday activities.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR  
REDOUBT AND SOLDOTNA  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a recommendation to change the boundaries for Redoubt Elementary and Soldotna Elementary Schools. He explained that the area contained between the streets of Fireweed and the Kenai Spur Highway, north of Marydale and south of Knight Drive, Soldotna, will now be assigned to Soldotna Elementary effective July 1, 1998. Mr. Hickey noted that twenty-four families will be impacted by the change, but they will be allowed to continue their enrollment at Redoubt Elementary. He added that new families to the District will be required to enroll at Soldotna Elementary.

Dr. Anderson asked how either principal will staff their building with such a nebulous change. He stated that it creates problems, especially in a situation where a family may have a kindergarten student who is the oldest child, and therefore, the siblings could continue to attend Redoubt Elementary for many years. He stated that a boundary change should be made the year before and affected students should be surveyed.

BOUNDARY CHANGES FOR  
REDOUBT AND SOLDOTNA  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
(Continued):

Mr. Hickey stated that affected students have already been identified and they will be surveyed upon passage of the boundary recommendation. Mr. Hickey stated that each school has a high pupil-teacher ratio and the administration is trying to balance the enrollment by adjusting the school boundaries. He stated that moving as few as 10 students to either school could impact staffing. He added that depending on future growth, further changes may include extending the boundary further down Marydale Avenue. Mrs. Larned asked whether kindergarten visitations would be reissued to students who are affected.

ACTION

Ms. Germano moved the Board approve a recommendation to change the boundaries for Redoubt Elementary and Soldotna Elementary Schools as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Ms. Germano asked that Mr. Hickey include a notice to parents of kindergarten students inviting them to participate in kindergarten orientations and other similar activities.

Motion carried unanimously.

SALARY SCHEDULE FOR  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS  
AND DIRECTORS:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a salary schedule for assistant superintendents and directors. He noted that directors and assistant superintendents not receiving a step advancement will receive a longevity payment of two percent above their salary, if they have satisfactorily fulfilled their goals for the previous year.

Mrs. Fischer asked whether the two percent increase will compound each year. Mr. Dahlgren stated that the two percent increase is based on the level five salary amount and that it was not the intent that the increase compound each year.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the salary schedule and the addendum for assistant superintendents and directors as proposed. Ms. Germano seconded.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve an amendment to delete the last paragraph. Ms. Germano seconded.

SALARY SCHEDULE FOR  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS  
AND DIRECTORS (Continued):

Mr. Arness stated that he opposed Dr. Anderson's amendment because the salary schedule is only a five-year step program as opposed to the ten or fifteen year programs that were negotiated by the other associations and that there are only three or four employees affected by the addendum. He stated that the Board declined to negotiate a longevity bonus with the support association but at the same time granted a percentage increase at each step of their salary schedule. He stated that he could support the addendum because it does not permanently affect the salary schedule. Dr. Anderson stated that he could not support an increase since District funds will be limited even with the assistance of SB36. He expressed concerned that a precedent will be set.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

YES - Anderson, Germano  
NO - Arness, Fischer, Larned, Mullins, Gross  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amendment failed.

VOTE:

YES - Anderson, Arness, Fischer, Larned, Mullins,  
Gross  
NO - Germano  
Advisory Vote - YES

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT: Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the appointment of Bill Hague, principal/teacher, Hope Elementary/High School.

ACTION Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the appointment of Bill Hague, principal/teacher, Hope Elementary/High School. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY  
REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of BP 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements. Proposed revisions delay the requirement for students to fulfill 22 credits for graduation by one year.

Dr. Anderson suggested that consideration of the revision be postponed until the issue of dual credits are addressed and discussions are held with various principals and PTAs.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Dr. Anderson distributed copies of his response to the Kenai and Nikiski groups who wrote to the Board regarding graduation requirements. Dr. Anderson stated that he is providing copies of a video titled, Math Who Needs It for each Board member and various PTA groups.

Mr. Arness commended the Nikiski Middle/High School boys' track team performance at the Borough meet.

Ms. Germano stated that a representative from the Paul Banks Site-Based Council contacted her and requested a response to their letter asking to relocate the Homer Charter School from Paul Banks Elementary portable buildings.

Mrs. Larned expressed appreciation for the Soldotna Elementary student presentations. She suggested that the Board carefully review the murals displayed as part of the school presentation. She congratulated the Laidlaw employees for their accomplishments at the local and state rodeos. Mrs. Larned extended a thank you to Kathy Schwartz for her presentation and announcement about the Alaska Arts Education Institute.

Mrs. Mullins extended congratulations to Danielle Meacham on her upcoming graduation. Mrs. Mullins stated that she has appreciated her input on the School Board during this past school year. She also stated that she is looking forward to attending the various graduation ceremonies this week. Mrs. Mullins expressed her appreciation to Mr. Morin and Mr. Bird for their hard work in the production of the Nikiski Middle/High School performance of Oklahoma.

Miss Meacham stated that she is excited about graduating and will try to continue serving on the Board until her term is complete. She expressed her appreciation for the Soldotna Elementary School report and performance.

Mrs. Gross congratulated Miss Meacham on her upcoming graduation and urged her to complete her term as the student representative to the Board.

Mrs. Gross requested that the administration write an acknowledgment letter to the Paul Banks Site-Based Council.

Mrs. Gross asked that information be provided concerning the expenditures of Eisenhower funds for the past three years.

BOARD COMMENTS (Continued): After a lengthy discussion, Mrs. Gross asked that the Board conduct a worksession prior to the Board meeting on June 8 to develop a plan for the expenditure of additional funds received as a result of SB36. She stated that a meeting will be scheduled with the Borough Assembly after their worksession.

ADJOURN: At 10:11 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

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Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of May 18, 1998,  
were approved on June 8, 1998,  
as written.