
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

April 2, 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 technology, special education and curriculum. The Board held a conference call with legislators to discuss education legislation.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Mrs. Lana Syverson for her service to the students at Soldotna High School.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mr. Vaughn Dosko, Kenai Middle School, introduced Mrs. Margaret Gilman, teacher, and Mr. Dan Beck, assistant principal. Alternatingly, they gave a Powerpoint presentation highlighting student enrollment, international students, transition and orientation assistance from elementary school into the middle school, parent orientation and open house, Welcoming All Kids (WAK) orientation, and the visually impaired program. Mrs. Jordana Engebretsen, visually impaired teacher, introduced Ms. Peggy Jones, Mr. John Clare, and Miss Maria Maes, student. She stated that only two students in the district can read Braille. She demonstrated the Job Access With Speech (JAWS) screen reading software. Miss Maes concluded the presentation by singing *Welcome Home*.

Mr. Loren Reese, Kenai Alternative School principal, gave a Powerpoint presentation highlighting the admission process, student demographics, academic schedule, Healthy Choices/Healthy Changes grant activities, the community supported breakfast program, Thanksgiving Day Feast, community mentoring program, educational moose hunt, student recognition programs, preschool program and graduation history. Mr. Eddie Snyder, Miss Tatiana Edelben, and Miss Janae Brooks testified in support of the Kenai Alternative High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater asked for a Board worksession during the week of April 16 to review the proposed draft of the District's mission statement and vision statement. He announced that standards-based assessments begin April 3 and noted that student test results will be tied to the primary teacher. He reported that a meeting will be held on April 3 to discuss the school facility situation at Kachemak Selo. He reported that Soldotna area principals met to explore ways to reconfigure Soldotna schools and noted that Soldotna Middle School may add sixth grade. He stated that he will bring a recommendation to the Board at the May meeting regarding transportation. He thanked those that have testified before state legislators, and Mr. Jones and Mrs. Crawford for their work with legislators. He expressed condolences to the family of a Nikiski student who was recently killed in a car accident.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented District financial reports for the period ending February 29, 2012.

2012-2013 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES: The Board unanimously approved a tentative meeting schedule for Board meetings for the 2012-2013 school year.

TENTATIVE NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved tentative nontenured teacher contracts for the 2012-13 school year for Heidi Berg, teacher/special education, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Joshua Brantley, teacher/special education, Soldotna Middle School; Cheryl Brown, teacher/special education, Soldotna High School; Casey Davis, school psychologists, Homer Middle School; Jordana Engebretsen, teacher/special education, Kenai Middle School; Callie Hrubby, teacher/special education, Mountain View Elementary School; Deana Kahn, school psychologists, Soldotna Elementary; Barbara Larrivee, teacher/special education, West Homer Elementary School; Margaret Lourigan, teacher/special education, Ninilchik School; Lindsey May, teacher/special education, Mountain View Elementary; Amanda Miller, teacher/special education, Fireweed Academy; Mary Montgomery, teacher/special education and teacher/regular education, Susan B English School; Bethany Nyboer, teacher/special education, Sterling; Megan Onishi, speech therapists, Mountain View; Matthew Paulus, teacher/special education, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Sonya Selanoff, teacher/regular, Nanwalek Elem/High; Belinda Stevens, school psychologists, Mountain View; Monica Stockburger, teacher/special education, West Homer Elem; Sarah Swaney, teacher/special education, Soldotna Elementary; Maretta Taylor, teacher/Regular, Port Graham; Robert Thompson, teacher/special education, Voznesenka; and Trina Uvaas, school psychologists, Homer High.

CONTRACT AND TENURE FOR NONTENURED TEACHERS 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts and tenure for the 2012-13 school year for Kelli Creglow, teacher/special education, Soldotna Elementary School; Gwenn Dailey-Gee, teacher/special education, Homer Middle School; Tina Gilman, teacher/special education, Soldotna Elementary School; Christy Gomez, teacher/regular, Tebughna School; Peter Gundunas, teacher/special education, Skyview High School; Heather Hooper, teacher/regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Garrett McMullen, teacher/special education, Tebughna School; and Amy Sundheim, school psychologist, West Homer Elementary School.

HSGQE WAIVER REQUESTS: The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Numbers 2012-011, 2012-012, 2012-013, and 2012-014.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers Numbers 917, 940, 941 and 958 to move curriculum budgets to the schools.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year, for Charles Crain, science/math teacher, Nanwalek School; Gary Blount Math, teacher, Spring Creek School; Geoffrey Clark, music teacher, Nikiski Middle/High School; Janet Van Driessche, special education resource teacher, Seward Middle School; Jeffrey Wolf, math/Spanish, Seward High School; John Wensley, 4th grade teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Justine Reese, science/language arts/credit recovery, Nikiski Middle/High School; Mary Alice Blount, science teacher, Spring Creek School; Megan O'Neill, math interventionist, Kenai Middle School; Misty Crain, language arts/social studies, Nanwalek School; Rosemary Pilatti, music teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary; Patricia Kane, language arts/geography teacher, Secondary Education/Student Activities; and Thomas Houglum, music teacher, K-Beach Elementary School.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved administrator contracts for the 2012-2013 school year for Michelle Thomason, Professional Development Coordinator, District Office and Nancy Kleine, principal/teacher, Nanwalek School.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to AR 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion and AR 5144.11, Due Process.

CHANGE IN CONFIGURATION OF TITLE I SCHOOLS: The Board unanimously approved changes in school configuration for Kenai Alternative, Nikolaevsk School, Port Graham School and Razdolna School, which will allow them to offer pre-kindergarten for special education students.

FY13 BUDGET: The Board unanimously approved a General Fund FY13 Budget of \$143,007,644, with budgeted revenue from all sources of \$140,526,201 and use of fund balance of \$2,481,143.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 0210, Vision for Student Learning.

FY12 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a revision to the F12 General Fund revenue budget of \$139,930,278, plus the \$316,822 increase in state revenue, less the decreased use of fund balance for a total revised FY12 Revenue budget of \$138,913,091.

SUPPORT BOROUGH ORDINANCE 2012-08: The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to Support Borough Ordinance 2012-08, An Ordinance Amending The Borough Code To Revise Assembly And School Board District Boundaries And Providing For Truncation Of The Term For Assembly Seat Number 2.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 7, 2012, 7:00 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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