

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

September 15, 1997

- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President
Mr. Joe Arness, Vice President
Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk
Dr. Nels Anderson, Treasurer
Mrs. Joyce Fischer, Member
Mrs. Deborah Germano, Member
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Member
- 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: Mrs. Linda Raemaeker Mrs. Terri Carter
Mr. Gary Jackson Ms. Traci Davis
Ms. Karen Mahurin Mr. Lawrence Colston
Ms. Angela McKinney Ms. Shana Loshbaugh
Others present not identified.
- CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Gross called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:01 p.m., Ms. Mullins moved the Board go into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.
- ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:30 p.m., Mrs. Larned moved the executive session be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.
- 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 Absent/Excused
Mrs. Deborah Germano Present
Mrs. Debra Mullins Present
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of August 18, 1997 were approved as printed.

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

Mrs. Angela McKinney, Parent Representative, Chapman Elementary SBDM, asked the Board to staff the Chapman Jr. High grades as a middle school. She recounted the history surrounding the decision not to move the Chapman Jr. High students to Homer Middle School. She stated that Anchor Point parents were not aware that they would be losing .5 FTE and that Chapman Elementary was categorized as an elementary school along with other K-6 or 3-6 elementary schools. She reviewed the staffing formula and asked the Board to staff Chapman Elementary seventh and eighth grades using the middle school formula of 1:19. Mrs. McKinney stated that she felt Chapman Elementary was being discriminated against.

Mr. Arness clarified the facts surrounding the previous conversations of the Chapman Elementary School staffing. He stated that Chapman Elementary parents agreed to status quo staffing as opposed to moving Anchor Point middle school students to Homer Middle School. Mr. Arness added that financially, it made more sense to transport the Anchor Point middle school students to Homer Middle School.

Mr. Colston, KPEA President, encouraged the Board to seek more ways for both groups to work together. He highlighted personal contributions made to the district by board members and district staff. Mr. Colston expressed his appreciation for progress between KPEA and the Board and hoped it would continue.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Gross presented an Award of Recognition to Ms. Terri Carter, first grade teacher, K-Beach Elementary, for receiving the 1997 Sallie Mae First Class Teacher for Alaska. Ms. Carter will receive \$1,500, a personalized memento, and a trip to Washington, D.C.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dahlgren presented a listing of worksessions and reports to be presented at future board meetings from October 20 through May 18, 1998.

Mr. Dahlgren reported on Future Homemakers of America winners from Homer and Seward High Schools who had competed at the national convention. At Seward High, Candice Gonzales placed first in Community Service; Kelly Lipinski and Haida Hamill placed second in Skills for Life, Senior Division; and Marcie Zimmerman placed third in Skills for Life, Junior Division. At Homer High, Annie Lefton placed first in Illustrated Talk and Tiffany Webb placed third in Illustrated Talk.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
(Continued):

Mr. Dahlgren reported that the most recent student enrollment count indicated the district is below the projected enrollment by 207 students. He pointed out that the Alternative School is below by 55 students and that the anticipated students requesting the Calvert School program have not materialized. The administration is currently working on plans to balance the budget if the enrollment does not significantly increase. Mr. Dahlgren noted that this is the first time the kindergarten and first grade classes have been smaller than the senior class. He announced that a freeze has been put on hiring until a plan is developed. He added that substitutes have been placed in areas where there are vacancies. Mr. Dahlgren stated that he anticipates a continued student increase during the twenty-day count, but the District is still looking at a sizable loss of funding at the borough and state levels.

Mrs. Germano suggested that worksessions and reports that have budgetary impact be rearranged so they occur prior to budget preparation. Mr. Dahlgren replied that the administration has tried to distribute the worksessions and reports prior to budget adoption. Information for the inclusion of soccer in the cocurricular budget will not be available prior to spring.

Dr. Anderson expressed concern that changes to the cocurricular and health services budgets would not have a chance to be considered before the budget is prepared.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the period ending August 31, 1997.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Gross reported that she attended the AASB Board of Directors meeting at Big Lake during the Alaska State School Board meeting. Mrs. Gross expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to share ideas with the state board.

Mrs. Gross reported that during a stop at the Anchorage School District offices she was invited to participate in a worksession involving health insurance coverage. She was provided a comparison of Alaska employers' health benefits premiums and was pleased to note the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District had lowest cost for health insurance of those listed.

Mrs. Gross appointed Mr. Joe Arness to represent the Board on the Math Curriculum Committee. Mrs. Gross stated that she will also attend as many of the meetings as possible.

- BOARD REPORTS (Continued): Mrs. Gross reported that she had received a request from the president of the Anchorage School District to meet with presidents or representatives from Fairbanks, Mat-Su, Kenai, Juneau and Anchorage school districts on October 11 to discuss legislation regarding funding, deferred maintenance and other topics of mutual interest.
- CONSENT AGENDA: Items presented on the Consent Agenda were 1997-98 Teacher Appointments, Furniture and Equipment List and Revised Substitute and Temporary Pay Schedule.
- 1997-98 TEACHER APPOINTMENTS: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1997-98 teacher assignments for Dennis Calhoun, Math (half-time), Homer Middle; Angela Maw, Dance (.4 time), Soldotna High; Jill Showman, Russian, Skyview High; Paula Patterson, Special Ed/Resource, Homer Middle; Charlotte Records, Grades 1-2, Ninilchik School; Kristi Felchle, Intermediate Grades, K-Beach Elementary; Cynthia Capra, Grade 1, Seward Elementary; Kathleen Herring, Technology/Math (.75 time), Nikiski Jr./Sr.; William Vedders, Technology Specialist/Media Center, Mt. View Elementary; and Christine Hertholtz, Science, Kenai Central High.
- FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT LIST: Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for West Homer Elementary School in the amount of \$504.95.
- REVISED SUBSTITUTE AND TEMPORARY PAY SCHEDULE: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the revised pay schedule for substitutes and temporary employees for the 1997-98 school year. Mrs. Radtke explained that the change was necessary to comply with the new state minimum wage increase.
- Mrs. Radtke explained that the teacher who was recommended for the Homer Middle School math position was selected even though it was not his area of certification. She further explained that it is difficult to place teachers for positions that are half-time and only one year.
- ACTION Mrs. Germano moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda items numbers 1 through 3. Mrs. Larned seconded.
- Motion carried unanimously.
- ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION HANDBOOK COMMUNITY SURVEY FORM: Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the community survey form to be included in the 1997-98 Administrator Evaluation Handbook and made available to the public. The form includes questions intended to provide feedback to principals on their work with parents, students and community members.

ADMINISTRATOR EVALUATION
HANDBOOK COMMUNITY SURVEY
FORM (Continued):

ACTION Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the 1997-98 Administrator Evaluation Handbook Community Survey Form. Mrs. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

VOZNESENKA LAND PURCHASE: Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve the purchase of a portion of Lot 7, Voznesenka Subdivision, pending Borough Assembly approval at their September 16 meeting. Mr. Hickey explained that Voznesenka Elementary School population has increased from 28 students during the 1987-88 school year to a projected enrollment of 131 students for the current year.

Mr. Hickey explained that the Borough Assembly will consider the Voznesenka land purchase at their next meeting and asked the Board to give their endorsement so the Borough can proceed with the purchase.

Mr. Arness expressed concern over the cost of the property. Mr. Hickey stated that the two-acre parcel would cost between \$14,000 and \$19,000. He explained that during the negotiations process, the Borough tried to trade for other land but there wasn't any available.

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the purchase as a good way to protect the district as the community evolves and becomes Americanized. He assured the Board that, although some work will have to be done clearing the property, all of the land is usable.

Mr. Dahlgren explained that enrollment at Voznesenka is below projection because residents quite often migrate to Oregon to find work or are on extended trips outside and sometimes return later in the school year.

ACTION Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve the Voznesenka land purchase of Lot 7, Voznesenka Subdivision, pending Borough Assembly approval. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AASB RESOLUTIONS: Mrs. Gross asked the Board to consider the 1997 AASB Belief Statements and Core Resolutions. She reminded the Board that the resolutions were given to them last year and that they must be acted on and submitted to AASB prior to the November AASB Annual Conference.

AASB RESOLUTIONS (Continued):
ACTION Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the AASB Belief Statements and Core Resolutions with the exception of 4.1, Opposing Mandated School Consolidation; 4.2, Opposition to Mandated Borough Formation; and 4.3, Non-Public School Student Access to Public School Programs. Mrs. Germano seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve AASB Resolution 4.1, Opposing Mandated School Consolidation. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Dr. Anderson expressed his concern over Resolution 4.1, Opposing Mandated School Consolidation. He felt that consolidating smaller schools would reduce costs to the state and still serve the best interests of students.

ACTION VOTE:

YES - Germano

NO - Anderson, Arness, Larned, Mullins, Gross

Motion failed.

ACTION Mrs. Larned moved the Board approve AASB Resolution 4.2, Opposition to Mandated Borough Formation. Mrs. Germano seconded.

Dr. Anderson spoke against the resolution stating that small REAA and city districts should be forced to incorporate into boroughs.

VOTE:

YES - Mullins

NO - Anderson, Arness, Germano, Larned, Gross

Motion failed.

ACTION Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve AASB Resolution 4.3, Non-Public School Student Access to Public School Programs. Mrs. Germano seconded.

Dr. Anderson spoke in support of private school students being allowed to access public school facilities and programs.

Mr. Dahlgren reminded the Board that Board Policy 5119 addresses the issue of non-public school students having access to public school programs.

AASB RESOLUTIONS (Continued):

ACTION

Mr. Arness and Mrs. Mullins clarified that voting in favor of Resolution 4.3 would support continued local control of non-public student access.

Motion carried unanimously.

REVISION OF AR 1330, USE OF
SCHOOL FACILITIES AND
PROPERTIES:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the revision of Administrative Regulation 1330, Use of School Facilities and Properties. The change allows school groups to use kitchen and food preparation facilities to serve food and not be required to hire a food service worker to be present.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve revision of Administrative Regulation 1330, Use of School Facilities and Properties. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Mrs. Mahurin, President, KPEA, clarified that school related groups could still use kitchen facilities and nonschool groups would be required to hire a kitchen worker to monitor the kitchen use. Mrs. Mahurin stated that a vital part of the regulation is that all groups appropriately cleanup after themselves. She added that cleanup is an extremely sensitive issue at the building level since custodial time has been reduced.

Mr. Jackson, Principal, K-Beach Elementary spoke in favor of the regulation change. He added that a memo had been sent to building administrators earlier in the year from Student Nutrition Services that addressed the use of kitchen facilities.

Mrs. Germano concurred with Mrs. Mahurin's concern over building use cleanup and suggested that the building administrators provide a list that clearly states what is expected before the group is finished.

Mr. Dahlgren explained that building administrators have the liberty to decline the use of their facilities if they are not properly cared for and cleaned.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Larned reported that she had spoken to several teachers who had felt that this year's school opening had been one of the best and they expressed their appreciation for the use of e-mail to share information.

BOARD COMMENTS(Continued):

Mrs. Gross expressed concern that Homer Flex School reported 27 students with one teacher. She asked the administration to investigate the possibility of adding a second teacher. She commented on her recent school visits and felt the school year was beginning on a positive tone.

ADJOURN:

At 8:38 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mr. Arness seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, President

Mrs. Susan Larned, Clerk

The Minutes of September 15, 1997,
were approved on October 6, 1997,
with a correction.