
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

September 10, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Homer High School
600 E. Fairview Ave., Homer, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included board policies, internal service funds, equipment fund, budget development calendar, assessment report/Federal Programs/AYP, Homer Flex School Report - Ms. Karen Wessel, and AASB Resolutions.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Jeff Ambrosier, principal, Ninilchik School, presented a PowerPoint presentation with the assistance of two members of his student council, Miss Kaylee Smith and Mr. Ryan Bear. The presentation addressed test scores; “Power Hour” (a program designed to encourage student attendance); positive management process (PBIS); Success for All (SFA) reading program; after school tutoring; archery club; music program; and math club. He thanked the school staff, parents and community members for their assistance in helping Ninilchik students achieve.

Ms. Kiki Abrahamson, principal, Fireweed Academy, presented a computer presentation that highlighted the schools vision; mission; six learner outcomes program; educational programs and plans to support the district goals. She stated that as the school principal, she will guide collaboration, address school improvement and staff development, and she shared her plans for Fireweed Academy.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Dr. Atwater congratulated West Homer Elementary for receiving a federal Department of Education Blue Ribbon School Award. He reported that Soldotna Elementary, Kaleidoscope Charter, Seward Elementary and Paul Banks Elementary earned Bronze Awards in the U.S.D.A Healthier Schools Challenge. He announced that they are the first schools in Alaska history to earn this status and that program representatives from San Francisco will be in Kenai on September 20, 2012 to present their awards. He announced that the year-end financial audit was completed last week and that there were no exceptions noted on the audit. He thanked Mrs. Laurie Olson and Mrs. Elizabeth Hayes for their excellent work in preparing for the audit. He thanked three district custodians and school principal, Todd Syverson, for their clean-up efforts at Soldotna High School after recent vandalism.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Jones presented financial reports of the District for the periods ending July 31 and August 31, 2012.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Stephanie Dennis Blair, Soldotna Middle School, effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Adrian Hurst, School Psychologist, Seward Area; Alayne Tetor, Art/Computer Applications Teacher, Homer High School; Amy Angleton, Language Arts Teacher, Soldotna Middle School; Andrew Scrivo, Temporary Kindergarten/1st Multi Grade Teacher, Seward Elementary School; Cassandra Peterson, Special Education Resource Teacher, Soldotna Montessori Charter School; Deborah Pollock, Temporary 2nd Grade Teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Holly Alston, Temporary (.75 FTE) Social Studies/Vocational Education Teacher, Homer Middle School; Holly Jones, School Counselor, Nikiski Middle/High School; Irma Alvarez, Temporary (.40 FTE) Criminal Justice Instructor, Kenai Central High School and Soldotna High School; Jennifer Gilbertson, Temporary Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Mt. View Elementary; Jeremy

Anderson, Music Teacher – Vocal and Instrumental, Nikiski Middle/High School; Judy Odhner, Temporary (.20 FTE) Food Instructor, Seward High School; Karen Sheets, Temporary 5th -6th Grade Teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Kristin McGlothen, Science Teacher, Skyview High School; Mary Tierney, Computer Technology/Spanish Teacher, Skyview High School; Monica Mullet, Temporary Kindergarten Teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Natali Jones, Itinerant Counselor, Homer Area; Rebecca Arness, Temporary 1st Grade Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; Sarah Burris, 5th - 6th Multiage Teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Serina Montgomery, Temporary Pre-Kindergarten/Title I Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; Susan Smith, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, K-Beach Elementary School; and Wendy Foster, Temporary (.20 FTE) Dental Assistant Instructor, Skyview High School.

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE: The Board unanimously approved a change of the February 4, 2013 regular board meeting date to February 11, 2013.

RESOLUTION 12-13-1: The Board unanimously approved Resolution 12-13-1 authorizing the district to participate in the AML/JIA Loss Control Incentive Program.

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long term substitute contract for Mary Knudsen, Kaleidoscope Charter School.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer 124 to move student activity travel funds to the school locations.

EQUIPMENT FUND TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved an amended motion to direct administration to establish a separate special revenue fund to administer the \$1,000,000 from the FY13 state capital budget grant and to administer purchases in accordance with the same board policy and administrative regulations that govern the current equipment fund.

AASB CORE RESOLUTIONS: The Board unanimously approved the proposed administrative recommendations and the AASB Board recommendations regarding the 2012-13 AASB Core Resolutions.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 15, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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