
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

April 1, 2013 – 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 Board Policy, Early/Late Student Release, American Productivity and Quality Center (APQC), and Soldotna Area Schools. All members currently at the meeting attended the worksessions.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Craig Fanning presented the Prudential Spirit of Community Award to Miss Shaylee Rizzo, Nikiski High School student, recognizing her as Alaska's top high school youth volunteer in 2013.

SCHOOL REPORT: Ms. Sherry Hingley, principal of Port Graham School, gave a computer generated presentation highlighting the school grounds, teacher housing, staff, students, classroom configuration, student attendance, weather, Project GRAD, the challenges of the school and its location (including travel), the Key-Hole Gardening Project, welding, kayak building, school goals, and the school-wide reading program. She stated the school does not have its own sports program but, through coordination with Susan B. English School, Port Graham students are able to participate in basketball with Seldovia students. She discussed the Workforce Academy held at Susan B. English School that includes students from Port Graham, Seldovia, Nanwalek, Tyonek and Connections.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater noted the summer maintenance and capital projects list in the General Information packet, stated that this summer's roofing projects will expend the remaining bond money, and that he is working with Mayor Navarre to develop options to allow for future roofing repairs. He announced that the Community Block Grant of \$154,000, for the planning and design of a new school at Kachemak-Selo, was approved; that on April 16, the Borough Assembly will consider an ordinance to accept the grant money; and subsequently, the District will join with the Borough to begin planning the design of the new school. He announced that at the recent Math Counts competition in Anchorage, Kenai Middle School (KMS) placed 2nd (missing 1st by one point), Homer Middle School (HMS) placed 4th, and Mr. Drake Thomas (KMS student) qualified for the state team and will represent Alaska in the national competition.

HOPE SCHOOL RECONFIGURATION: The Board unanimously approved the reconfiguration of Hope School to Pre-K – 12.

2013-2014 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES: The Board unanimously approved a tentative meeting schedule for Board meetings for the 2013-2014 school year.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer Number 887, in the amount of \$110,000 to purchase equipment for Aurora Borealis Charter School; numbers 935 and 937, in the amounts of \$87,000 and \$74,000 to purchase equipment for Kaleidoscope Charter School; and number 943 in the amount of \$241,147 to purchase Career and Technical Education supplies and technology equipment.

2012-2013 LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Nancy Courtright, Soldotna Elementary School, and Judith Cox, Mountain View Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations from Gary Benson, Special Education Resource Teacher, Seward High School; Jan Bobek, 4th-5th Grade teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Lisa Callahan, Principal, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Gwenn Dailey-Gee, Special Education Resource Teacher, Homer Middle School; Melisa Frates, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Dennis Gee, Principal, Homer High School; Mary Glynn, Occupational Therapist, Tustumena Elementary School; Wally Hufford, Speech Language Pathologist, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Megan Onishi, Speech Language Pathologist, Mountain View Elementary School; Joseph Pazar, 6th Grade Teacher, K-Beach Elementary; AnnMarie Rudstrom, Kindergarten/1st Multi Grade Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; Kendra Rupp, Speech Language Pathologist, Kaleidoscope Charter School; Cindy Schlung, Interventionist Teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Marcia Stanziale, Special Education Resource Teacher, Tebughna School; and Brian Zinck, 3rd Grade Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved unpaid leave of absence requests for Susan Nabholz, Kenai Central High School, and Matthew Tucker, Homer High School, both effective the 2013-14 school year.

2013-2014 NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a new administrator contract for Eric Pederson, Paul Banks Elementary School.

AR 6146.1 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The Board unanimously approved AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements.

2013-14 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative non-tenured teacher contracts for Matthew Creamer, Teacher/Special Education, Chapman School; Cindy Bedingfield, Teacher/Special Education (.50 FTE), Homer High School; Amanda Adair, Teacher/Special Education, Kenai Middle School; Jordana Engebretsen, Teacher/Special Education, Kenai Middle School; Lindsey May, Teacher/Special Education, Mountain View Elementary School; Theresa Rose, Teacher/Special Education, Mountain View Elementary School; Heidi Berg, Teacher/Special Education, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Margaret Lourigan, Teacher/Special Education, Ninilchik School; Jamie Hughes, Teacher/Regular, Port Graham School; Josh Tone, Teacher/Regular, Port Graham School; Timothy Galpin, Teacher/Special Education, Soldotna Elementary School; Joshua Brantley, Teacher/Special Education, Soldotna Middle School; Suzanne McKeon-Brantley, Teacher/Special Education, Soldotna Middle School; Cassandra Peterson, Teacher/Special Education, Soldotna Montessori Charter; Christina Tuls, Teacher/Special Education, Sterling Elementary School; Justin Derks, Teacher/Regular, Susan B English School; Cynthia Fudzinski, Teacher/Special Education, Tustumena Elementary School; Todd Peterson, Teacher/Special Education, Tustumena Elementary School; and Matthew Paulus, Teacher/Special Education, Unassigned.

2013-14 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS AND TENURE: The Board unanimously approved Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts and Tenure for Monica Stockburger, Teacher/Special Education, Homer High School; Sonya Selanoff, Teacher/Regular, Nanwalek School; Cheryl Brown, Teacher/Special Education, Soldotna High School; Bethany Nyboer, Teacher/Special Education, Sterling Elementary School; Mary Montgomery, Teacher/Special Education; Teacher/Regular, Susan B English School; Robert Thompson, Teacher/Special Education, Voznesenka School; and Barbara Larrivee, Teacher/Special Education, West Homer Elementary School.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST/CERTIFIED: The Board approved an amended motion to approve a leave of absence for Joanne Frey, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Seward Elementary School.

FY14 BUDGET: The Board approved the FY14 Budget.

SOLDOTNA AREA SECONDARY SCHOOLS RECONFIGURATION: The Board approved an amended motion to reconfiguration of the Soldotna area high schools into one high school for grades 10-12, to be located at the current Soldotna High School, and to be opened no later than the Fall of 2015.

LETTER EXPRESSING RESPONSE TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION (SJR9) 9/HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1 (HJR1) – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: The Board approved a motion to direct that Board President Arness and Superintendent Atwater co-author a letter to all state legislators opposing SJR9/HJR1 – Constitutional Amendment to allow for further vetting before action is taken by the legislature.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, May 6, 2013, 7:00 p.m., **Seward High School, Seward, Alaska.**

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