
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

May 6, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Seward High School
2100 Swetmann, Seward, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included Board Policy, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Update, Project GRAD End of Year Report, Seward 6th Grade Reconfiguration, and a Public Hearing to discuss the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association (KPSAA) Revisions Regarding Borough Competitions. All members present at the meeting attended the worksessions.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Trevan Walker, Seward High School principal, noted the stage set built by Seward High School student, Mr. Ben Miranda, for the drama class production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Coliseum*. Mr. Walker gave a computer presentation that highlighted Seward High's transition into a Hybrid High School whereby technology, distance education, goals for instruction, capital project improvements (including one that would create a mezzanine study area for students), and career guidance liaison development, combined with course offerings in a traditional school schedule, would increase their ability to individualize the educational experience for every student.

Mr. Jason Bickling, Seward Middle School principal, presented a PowerPoint presentation that began with a yearbook cover contest entry designed by a student. He discussed the school's staff, goals, rules and expectations, the importance of "inquiry," various programs offered, developing student character, the student of the month program and criteria, teachers nominated (and one chosen) as BP Teachers of Excellence, community service projects (including school clean-up and sending packages to military personnel serving overseas), teamwork, and extra-curricular activities/sports accomplishments and awards. Seward Middle School Debate Team members, Mr. Alden Hamilton, Miss Kaylee Brockman, Miss Creeanna Whitcome, Mr. Joel Williams, and Miss Ayla Lapinskas, discussed the program, its successes, and the personal benefits of participating.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that the District has finalized a seven year contract with Alaska Communications Systems (ACS) to provide improved internet connectivity to Nanwalek and Port Graham schools. He announced that there were no exceptions noted during the recent review of District Title programs and thanked Ms. Sandy Miller for her efforts in preparing for the review. He reported that District nurses were chosen to develop a streamlined standard and procedure for Alaska's school districts to follow with regard to collecting body mass index (BMI) data, and thanked Ms. Naomi Walsworth and the District nurses for continuing to be leaders in Alaska. He stated that Mr. Sean Dusek, Ms. Pegge Erkeneff, and he met with American Productivity and Quality Center (APQC) representatives last week and chose the top four District priorities for improvement: aligning technology and instructional departments; refining processes to reduce workers compensation claims; creating a process to provide better overall governance of process management; and reviewing and, as needed, refining the budget review and revision process. He noted that May 6 – 10, is Staff Appreciation Week and thanked all District staff for their work and contributions. He thanked the Seward schools and community for their attendance and expressed appreciation for the evening's testimony.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending March 31, 2013.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT: Mr. Jones reported on budget transfers Numbers 588 through 1010 for various schools and departments within the District.

POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved Revisions to AR 3515.5 Emergency Action Plan.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfers #1089, in the amount of \$234,585 to align the electricity budgets to actual expenditures district wide; #1091, in the amount of \$71,000 to align the heating fuel budget to actual expenditures at Homer High School; #1076, in the amount of \$96,473 to purchase Aimsweb and Edperformance software for use district wide; and #1157, in the amount of \$96,800 for flooring replacement at Kaleidoscope Charter School.

2012-13 LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long term substitute contracts for Laura Beck, Seward Elementary School; Jon Lillevik, Soldotna High School; and Shannon Ryan, Seward Elementary School.

2012-13 NEW TEACHER CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a new teacher contract for Diane Olthuis, Temporary Generalist Teacher (Grades 7-12), Hope School.

2013-14 NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new administrator contracts for Kari Dendurent, Principal, Homer Middle School; Nate Crabtree, Principal, K-Beach Elementary; and Margaret Gilman, Principal, Nikiski North Star Elementary.

2013-14 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS AND TENURE: The Board unanimously approved non-tenured teacher contracts and Tenure for Maretta Taylor, Teacher/Regular, Chapman School; Darcy Mueller, Teacher/Regular, Homer Middle School; Shawna Vlasak, Teacher/Regular (.50 FTE), K-Beach Elementary School; Laura Fournier, Guidance Counselor, Kenai Central High School; Corise Story, Teacher/Regular, McNeil Canyon Elementary School; Shannon Hoffbeck, Teacher/Regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Michelle Green, Teacher/Regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Katy Settlemyer, Teacher/Regular (.50 FTE), Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Sarah Cooper, Teacher/Regular, Niniichik School; Michelle Fournier, Teacher/Regular (Perm .50 FTE/Temp .50 FTE), Razdolna School; Stephanie Belger, Teacher/Regular, Redoubt Elementary School; Bethany Epplin, Teacher/Regular, Redoubt Elementary School; Carol Hutto, Teacher/Regular, River City Academy; Deanne Pearson, Teacher/Regular, River City Academy; Wesley Andrews, Guidance Counselor, Skyview High School; Bristol Whitmore, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna High School; Brian Dandliker, Teacher/Voc Ed, Soldotna Middle School; Jeffrey Vincent, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna Middle School; Thomas Cavanaugh, Teacher/Regular, Sterling Elementary School; Christina Granger, Teacher/Regular, Tustumena Elementary School; Amanda Painter, Teacher/Regular, Tustumena Elementary School; and Amanda Miller, Teacher/Special Education, Unassigned.

2013-14 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved tentative non-tenured teacher contracts for Jacob Parrett, Teacher/Regular, Connections program; Lucas Oliver, Teacher/Regular, Aurora Borealis Charter School; Jennifer Riddall, Teacher/Regular, Aurora Borealis Charter School; Jonathan Crocker, Teacher/Regular, Chapman School; Jonathan Sharp, Teacher/Regular, Chapman School; Jon Kulhanek, Teacher/Regular, Fireweed Academy; Natali Jones, Guidance Counselor, Homer High School; Mark Putney, Teacher/Regular, Homer High School; Alayne Tetor, Teacher/Regular, Homer High School; Shoshannah Brasher, Teacher/Regular (Perm .50 FTE/Temp .25 FTE), Homer Middle School; Hannah Toporek, Teacher/Federal, K-12/Assessment; Anna White, Teacher/Regular (Temporary), Kachemak Selo School; Jason Leslie, Teacher/Regular, Kaleidoscope Charter School; Amy Maguire, Teacher/Regular, Kaleidoscope Charter School; Tracie Beck, Teacher/Regular, K-Beach Elementary School; Jeanne Duhan, Teacher/Regular, K-Beach Elementary School; Darcy Marcou, Teacher/Regular, K-Beach Elementary School; Theresa Salzetti, Teacher/Regular (Temporary), K-Beach Elementary School; Susan Smith, Teacher/Special Education, K-Beach Elementary School; John Marquez, Teacher/Regular, Kenai Central High School; Meredith McCullough, Teacher/Regular, Kenai Central High School; John Morton, Teacher/Regular, Kenai Central High School; Matthew Widaman, Teacher/Voc Ed, Kenai Central High School; James Creel, Librarian, Kenai Middle School; Mayme Grant, Teacher/Regular, Kenai Middle School; Chelsea Newton, Teacher/Regular, Kenai Middle School; Natalie Tews, Teacher/Regular (.50 FTE), Kenai Middle School; Lacey Wisniewski, Teacher/Regular, Kenai Middle School; Kathrine Abraham, Teacher/Regular (Temporary), Moose Pass School; Katy Journey Scrivo, Teacher/Regular, Moose Pass School; Tracy Brown, School Psychologist, Mountain View Elementary School; Jonathan Dillon, Teacher/Regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Merci Jusmable, Librarian, Mountain View Elementary School; Jeremy McKibben, Teacher/Regular (Perm .50 FTE/Temp .50 FTE), Mountain View Elementary School; Valerie McLeod, Teacher/Regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Monica Mullet, Teacher/Regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Mandi Young, Teacher/Regular, Mountain View Elementary School; Jeremy Anderson, Teacher/Regular, Nikiski Middle/High School; Jacob Doth, Teacher/Regular, Nikiski Middle/High School; Holly Jones, Guidance Counselor, Nikiski Middle/High School; Clyde Swaby, Teacher/Regular (Temporary), Nikiski Middle/High School; Anna Widman, Teacher/Regular, Nikiski Middle/High School; Christina Beahm, Teacher/Regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Emily Mayberry, Teacher/Regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Brianna Redfern, Teacher/Regular, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Jennifer Olson, Teacher/Regular, Paul Banks Elementary School; Anne Buckbee, Teacher/Regular (Temporary .50 FTE), Redoubt Elementary School; Carmen Hayes, Teacher/Regular (Perm .50 FTE/Temp .50 FTE), Redoubt Elementary School; Chelsea Van Vickle, Teacher/Regular, Redoubt Elementary School; Anna Karron, Teacher/Regular, River City Academy; Jenna Fabian, Teacher/Regular, Seward Elementary School; Alexis Kaferstein, Teacher/Regular (Temporary), Seward Elementary School; Carrie Lunardi, Teacher/Regular, Seward Elementary School; Leigh Ray, Teacher/Regular, Seward Elementary School; Andrew Scrivo, Teacher/Regular, Seward Elementary School; Nicole Stover, Teacher/Regular (.50 FTE), Seward Elementary School; Sami King, Teacher/Regular (.80 FTE), Seward High School; Albert Plan, Teacher/Regular, Seward High School; Breighley Sexton, Teacher/Regular, Seward High School; Joseph Cudd, Teacher/Regular, Skyview High School; Lindsay Fagrelus, Teacher/Regular, Skyview High School; Karen Hamlow, Librarian (.50 FTE), Skyview High School; Kyle McFall, Teacher/Regular, Skyview High School; Jeremy Nettleton, Teacher/Regular, Skyview High School; Sarah Burris, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna Elementary School; Peter Dahl, Teacher/Regular (Perm .85 FTE/Temp .15 FTE), Soldotna Elementary School;

2013-14 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS (Continued):

Elizabeth Edwards, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna Elementary School; Emily Smith, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna Elementary School; Isaac Erhardt, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna High School; James Harris, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna High School; Phillip Leck, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna High School; Amy Angleton, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna Middle School; Jill DuFloth, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna Middle School; Wendy Potton, Teacher/Regular, Soldotna Middle School; Nick Gilbertson, Teacher/Regular, Sterling Elementary School; Tiffany Gray, Teacher/Regular, Sterling Elementary School; Kristen Meadows, Teacher/Regular, Sterling Elementary School; Serina Montgomery, Teacher/Regular (Temporary), Sterling Elementary School; Isaiah White, Teacher/Regular, Voznesenka School; Justin Zank, Teacher/Regular (Temporary), Voznesenka School; and Emily Putney, Teacher/Regular, West Homer Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations for Catherine Bethune, Interventionist Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School; Robert Bird, Government/World History Teacher, Nikiski Middle/High School; Krista Christensen, Language Arts Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Johnnie Cotton, Assistant Principal, Skyview High School; Michael Druce, Language Arts/Drama Teacher, Soldotna High School; Jennifer Gilbertson, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School; Kevin Hilton, 1st Grade Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School; Thor Jones, Intermediate Grade Teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Marianne Kasch, 5th – 6th Grade Teacher, Kaleidoscope Charter School; Nathan Kiel, Government/US History Teacher, Kenai Central High School; Elaine Larson, Music Teacher, Kaleidoscope Charter School; Jamie Meyers, Technology Integration Specialist, Elementary Ed/Curriculum; Bethany Nyboer, Special Education Resource Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; Liviu Rizea, Math/Science Teacher, Razdolna School; April Tougas, 4th Grade Teacher, Seward Elementary School; and Tracey Withrow, 4th Grade Teacher, Redoubt Elementary School, all effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year, and Timothy Peterson, Director, Human Resources Department, effective June 30, 2013.

2013-14 NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Catherine Lavine, Intermediate Grade Teacher, Sterling Elementary School; Kimberly Leslie, Science Teacher, Distance Education/Districtwide; and Michael Tozzo, Special Education Resource Teacher, Ninilchik School.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS/CERTIFIED: The Board unanimously approved leave of absence requests/certified for Mindy Hunter, 3rd-4th Grade Teacher, Fireweed Academy, and Toni Steward, 6th Grade Teacher, Kenai Middle School, both effective the 2013-14 school year.

CONTINUED STUDY OF SEWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL RECONFIGURATION: The Board unanimously approved continued study to allow for a decision on whether to reconfigure the Seward Middle School to grades 6-8 by October, 2013.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, June 3, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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