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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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April 1, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building  
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mr. Joe Arness, President  
Mrs. Liz Downing, Vice President  
Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk  
Ms. Lynn Hohl, Treasurer  
Mr. Marty Anderson  
Mrs. Sammy Crawford  
Mrs. Sunni Hilts  
Mr. Bill Holt  
Mr. Tim Navarre  
Mr. Hayden Beard, Student Representative

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Tim Peterson	Mr. John Pothast
Mrs. Kathy Gensel	Mrs. Jen Dowd
Mrs. Margie Warner	Mrs. Teri Diamond
Ms. Jenny Neyman	Miss Martine Dikes
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff	Mrs. Melissa Linton
Mr. John O'Brien	Mrs. LaDawn Druce
Mrs. Christine Ermold	Mrs. Amy Hogue
Mr. Tim Vlasak	Mr. Matt Fischer
Mr. Todd Syverson	Ms. Dawn Edwards-Smith
Mr. Tony Graham	Mrs. Heather Lawson
Mr. Doug Hayman	Ms. Mica VanBuskirk
Mr. Randy Neill	Mrs. Karen Hamlow
Miss Shaylee Rizzo	Mr. Rocky Laster
Mr. Craig Fanning	Ms. Sherry Hingley
Mr. Scott Miller	Ms. Rashah McChesney
Mrs. Debbie Michael	Mr. Dan Carstens
Mr. Dave Michael	Mr. Joe Rizzo
Mr. Bob Ermold	Mrs. Jennifer Barkman
Mr. Kiril Basargin	Mrs. Terri Tidwell
Mrs. Evdokaya Basargin	Dr. Nels Anderson
Mr. Brent Johnson	Mr. Paul Kupferschmid
Ms. Amy Hankins	

Others present not identified.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. A quorum of School Board members, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Downing, Mr. Navarre, Mrs. Hilts, Ms. Hohl, Mrs. Vadla, and Mr. Arness were present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 2:15 p.m., Mr. Navarre moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough and subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically, the executive session was to discuss District budget and a personnel issue. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holt joined the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 3:02 p.m., Mrs. Downing moved the executive session be adjourned. Mrs. Hilts seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

At 3:02 p.m., Mr. Arness recessed the meeting until 7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
*(7:02:17 PM)*

Mr. Arness called the meeting back to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**  
*(7:02:42 PM)*

Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:**  
*(7:03:08 PM)*

Mrs. Downing read the District’s mission statement.

**ROLL CALL:**  
*(7:03:26 PM)*

Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mr. Marty Anderson	Present
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mr. Bill Holt	Present
Mr. Tim Navarre	Present
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Present
Mr. Hayden Beard	Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
*(7:03:52 PM)*

The agenda was approved with revisions to numbers 11a.(5) Approval of Resignations; 11a.(8) Approval of AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements; 11a.(11) Approval of Administrative Recommendation Regarding Leave of Absence Request/Certified (Laydown Item); 11b. Approval of FY14 Budget; 6. Hearing of Delegations, Mr. Kiril Basargin, Razdolna School/Russian language teacher and 11d. Letter Expressing Board Response to Senate Joint Resolution 9/House Joint Resolution 1 (SJR9/HJR1) - Constitutional Amendment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
*(7:06:04 PM)*

The School Board Minutes of March 4, 2013, were approved as printed.

**AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:**  
*(7:06:25 PM)*

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:***(7:10:01 PM)*

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.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:***(7:23:41 PM)*

Mrs. Amy Hankins, Seward Site Council member, spoke in support of Seward 6<sup>th</sup> grade students remaining at Seward Elementary School, discussed the procedure used by the Seward Site Council to obtain survey and voting results for a recent resolution to move the Seward 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to the middle school, and provided the Board with copies of information regarding 6<sup>th</sup> grade student test scores, and articles discussing the impacts of students starting middle school in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She discussed a recent recommendation to the Board, from the Seward Site Council, that school administrators be non-voting members on site councils and the effects this change might have had on the Seward 6<sup>th</sup> grade reconfiguration vote.

**HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:***(7:30:25 PM)*

Mrs. Evdokaya Basargin and Mr. Kiril Basargin spoke on behalf of community members to request a Russian Language teacher solely for Razdolna School. Mr. Basargin discussed the need to preserve the community's traditional language, the unique needs of Razdolna School, the requirement that KPBSD students be offered a foreign language, and presented research regarding improving language skills for Russian Orthodox Old Believer students.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:***(7:38:14 PM)*

Dr. Atwater announced that Mr. David Barton, Alaska Coordinator of Access Alaska, will conduct an American Disabilities Act (ADA) audit of District school facilities and that the audit will take place from April through October, 2013. He reported that Kenai Peninsula College is sponsoring a commemorative coin project to celebrate the 50th anniversaries of the college, the Kenai borough and the school district, that Mr. Sterling Sears has been suggested as the person to honor on the coin, and Dr. Atwater will be working with the Board to make a formal decision. He congratulated Kenai Central High School for being selected as a 2013 Top American Field Service (AFS) School which recognizes the school's work with the international student exchange program.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:***(7:40:04 PM)*

Mrs. LaDawn Druce, KPEA president, reported that the union membership voting on the KPEA Negotiated Agreement will be completed on April 7, 2013, and the results will be forwarded to the District on Monday, April 8, (to accommodate the April 9, Special Board Meeting where the various agreements will be considered). She thanked the Board for their letter regarding concerns over Senate Joint Resolution 9 and House Joint Resolution 1 and stated that she feels this legislation is harmful to public education. She discussed House Bill 162 (a bill regarding teacher tenure), and requested that the Board not support this bill.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE,  
SITE COUNCIL AND/OR  
P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A.,  
K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY:**

*(Continued)*

Mrs. Margie Warner, KPESA president, thanked Ms. Hingley for the school presentation. She congratulated Miss Shaylee Rizzo and her father, Mr. Joe Rizzo, for Shaylee earning the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. She stated that she attended the Education Support Professionals (ESP) National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, and the NEA-Alaska Board of Directors' meeting in Juneau. She noted that the KPESA membership area meetings were complete, voting on the Negotiated Agreement has begun, and the results will be forwarded to the District on Monday, April 8.

Mrs. Mica VanBuskirk, Seward Site Based Council, discussed the recent vote by the Seward Site Council to reconfigure Seward schools (moving 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to the middle school), assured the Board that proper procedures were followed to gather the vote, discussed course selection loss at Seward Middle School if 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are not moved, and requested that the Board support the reconfiguration proposal. She requested that Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) in middle and high schools with less than 200 students be changed from 1 to 24 to 1 to 17 and asked the Board to review Point 3 of District's 2010 Curriculum Audit to further support this request.

Mr. Brent Johnson, Borough Assembly, stated that he is available to deliver comments and messages from the Board to the Borough Assembly.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

*(7:55:14 PM)*

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 2<sup>nd</sup> (missing 1<sup>st</sup> by one point), Homer Middle School (HMS) placed 4<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Drake Thomas (KMS student) qualified for the state team and will represent Alaska in the national competition.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

*(8:00:27 PM)*

Mr. Jones presented the District financial report for the period ending February 28, 2013.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

*(8:03:24 PM)*

Mrs. Downing reported that the Legislative Committee held their second meeting at 1:00 p.m. today, discussed recent activities including Board and District administration attendance at the AASB March Legislative Fly-In and her recent trip to Washington D.C. where she met with U.S. Senate education representatives, and stated that the committee will continue to track and testify on state legislation.

Ms. Hohl reported that she has been unable to attend the Cooper Landing Site Council meetings this school year but that she did attend the Cooper Landing Annual St. Patrick's Day fundraiser and discussed a yearbook compiled for the event.

**BOARD REPORTS:***(Continued)*

Mr. Beard reported that he was asked to serve on the BP Teacher of Excellence Committee but was unable to attend the meeting and he expressed appreciation for the selection process and the teachers that are chosen.

Mr. Navarre reported that he attended the AASB March Legislative Fly-In in Juneau, expressed appreciation for the quality of the conference and speakers. He thanked the state legislators and their staff members for meeting with the Board members and stated that he is hopeful that the state will provide additional funds to the District.

Mrs. Hilts stated that she attended the Board Policy Committee meeting today where they discussed site council voting, student nutrition and wellness, acceptable concession stand food choices, students in middle school taking high school algebra courses, and school facility use including the requirement for liability insurance and concussion training. She attended the AASB March Legislative Fly-In, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be a part of the selection committee for the AASB June B. Nelson Scholarship program, and commented on the quality of the applicant essays.

Mrs. Vadla reported that while attending the AASB March Legislative Fly, she also attended the Alaska School Leaders Symposium on Art and discussed the program and the importance of art in education. She displayed her jacket and jewelry she purchased recently in New Zealand and a matching scarf (made by her daughter) and discussed the works of Mr. Yaniv Janson, an autistic artist and author. She reported that she attended the AASB March Legislative Fly-In, discussed the conference topics covered, presentations attended, and the meetings with state legislators and Commissioner Hanley (Alaska Department of Education and Early Development). She stated that she felt the meetings were successful and showed the District well.

Mrs. Crawford reported that she attended the AASB March Legislative Fly-In, discussed the AASB June B. Nelson Scholarship program essays, noted the decreased availability of the state legislators during the Fly-In, and discussed the effects of the shorter, 90 day session. She stated that she testified at the Legislative Information Office regarding Senate Joint Resolution 9 and House Bill 65.

Mr. Anderson reported that he attended the AASB March Legislative Fly-In; discussed the meetings with legislators; expressed appreciation for the preparation work done by AASB, the Board's teamwork, and Mrs. Crawford's years of experience; stated that the Board attended a reception at the Governor's Mansion; and the effectiveness of the personal visits and letters written to legislators.

**BOARD WORKSESSION  
REPORT:***(8:21:55 PM)*

Mr. Arness reported that the Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting on Board Policy, Early/Late Student Release, American Productivity and Quality Center (APQC), and Soldotna Area Schools. All Board members currently at the meeting attended the worksessions.

**RECESS:**  
(8:22:17 PM)

At 8:22 p.m. Mr. Arness called a recess.

**RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:**  
(8:34:45 PM)

At 8:34 Mr. Arness reconvened the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**  
(8:34:56 PM)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Hope School Reconfiguration, 2013-2014 Tentative Board Meeting Dates, Budget Transfer, 2012-13 Long Term Substitute Contracts, Resignations, Leave of Absence Requests/Certified, 2013-2014 New Administrator Contract, AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements, 2013-14 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts, 2013-14 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts and Tenure and Administrative Recommendation Regarding Leave of Absence Request/Certified.

**HOPE SCHOOL  
RECONFIGURATION:**

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve the reconfiguration of Hope School to Pre-K – 12.

**2013-2014 TENTATIVE  
BOARD MEETING DATES:**

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve a tentative meeting schedule for Board meetings for the 2013-2014 school year.

**BUDGET TRANSFER:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve 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 CTE supplies and technology equipment.

**2012-2013 LONG TERM  
SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve long-term substitute contracts for Nancy Courtright, Soldotna Elementary School, and Judith Cox, Mountain View Elementary School.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations from Gary Benson, Special Education Resource Teacher, Seward High School; Jan Bobek, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*(Continued)*

**2013-2014 NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a new administrator contract for Eric Pederson, Paul Banks Elementary School.

**AR 6146.1 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements.

**2013-14 TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve 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:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve 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:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the administrative recommendation that a leave of absence for Joanne Frey, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher, Seward Elementary School, be denied.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
RECOMMENDATION  
REGARDING LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:**

*(Continued)*

**MOTION:**

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 11. Mr. Holt seconded.

Mr. Navarre removed Number 11a.(11) Approval of Administrative Recommendation Regarding Leave of Absence Request/Certified.

Mrs. Vadla removed Numbers 11a.(1) Approval of Hope School Reconfiguration, (5) Approval of Resignations, and (8) Approval of AR 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements.

Motion carried unanimously for Numbers 1-10.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve an amendment to Number 11a.(11) Approval of Administrative Recommendation Regarding Leave of Absence Request/Certified to delete the words "Administrative Recommendation Regarding" and leave "Approval of Leave of Absence Request/Certified." Ms. Hohl seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

**VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:**

Advisory Vote: Yes

YES: Arness, Downing, Hilts, Hohl, Holt, Navarre, Vadla

NO: Anderson, Crawford

Amended motion carried.

**FY14 BUDGET:**

*(8:42:41 PM)*

**MOTION:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the FY14 Budget.

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve the FY14 Budget. Ms. Hohl seconded.

**VOTE:**

Advisory Vote: Yes

YES: Arness, Crawford, Downing, Hilts, Hohl, Holt, Navarre, Vadla

NO: Anderson

Motion carried.

**SOLDOTNA AREA  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
RECONFIGURATION:**

*(8:58:00 PM)*

Dr. Atwater recommended the Board approve the reconfiguration of the Soldotna area high schools to one high school with grades 10-12 that will be located at the current Soldotna High School and to be opened in the Fall of 2015.

Mr. Scott Miller and Mr. Rocky Laster spoke in favor of the reconfiguration to one high school in Soldotna and one 9<sup>th</sup> grade school to be located at the current Soldotna Middle School.



**SOLDOTNA AREA  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
RECONFIGURATION:**

*(Continued)*

Mr. Tony Graham spoke in favor of the reconfiguration to one high school in Soldotna.

Mr. Paul Kupferschmid spoke in support of the reconfiguration to one high school in Soldotna at the later date of the Fall of 2015 versus the Fall of 2014.

**MOTION:**

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the concept of reconfiguring the Soldotna area high schools to one high school with grades 10-12 that will be located at the current Soldotna High School and to be opened in the Fall of 2015. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve an amendment to change the language to include "The KPBSD Board of Education approves the concept of reconfiguring the current Skyview High School and Soldotna Middle School. The final reconfiguration will come before the board in the Fall of 2013 due to the need to further study options that best meet the needs of Soldotna area students. Mr. Holt seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve an amendment to change the language from "in the Fall of 2015" to "no later than the Fall of 2015." Mrs. Downing seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve an amendment to remove the words "concept of" from the first line. Mr. Anderson seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

**VOTE:**

Advisory Vote: Yes

YES: Arness, Crawford, Downing, Hilts, Hohl, Holt, Navarre, Vadla

NO: Anderson

Motion carried.

**LETTER EXPRESSING  
BOARD RESPONSE TO  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
9/HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 1 –  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT:**

*(9:39:11 PM)*

Mrs. Downing moved the Board direct the superintendent to write a letter to the state Legislature expressing Board concerns for Senate Joint Resolution 9/House Joint Resolution 1 – Constitutional Amendment and requesting additional vetting before considering a constitutional amendment. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

**VOTE:**

Advisory Vote: Yes

YES: Arness, Crawford, Downing, Hilts, Hohl, Holt, Navarre, Vadla

NO: Anderson

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/  
COMMENTS:**

*(9:46:41 PM)*

Mrs. Terri Tidwell expressed appreciation for the school administrators and staff, their dedication and work and discussed the need for an increased rapport between school staff and District administration.

Mr. Matt Fischer discussed the need for school staff to be better included in District office processes and decisions. He requested that the Board consider all Soldotna Site Council and teacher opinions before deciding on the reconfiguration for the Soldotna middle schools.

Dr. Nels Anderson stated that he missed working with the School Board and expressed appreciation for the Board's work. He thanked Mrs. Crawford for teaching his son. He noted that the \$150 million District budget was passed without comment. He discussed a recent Alaska School Activities Association (AASA) issue with a student and recognized Mrs. Crawford and Mr. Todd Syverson for their assistance, and suggested the Board consider AASA policy revisions regarding student discipline.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

*(9:55:44 PM)*

Mr. Holt thanked the Skyview students for their presentation regarding the Soldotna Area schools reconfiguration, expressed appreciation for time that he was employed at the school, and thanked Mrs. Terri Tidwell for her work. He discussed the importance of encouraging high school students in the Soldotna area to see the high school reconfiguration as an opportunity to share their outlooks and vision.

Mrs. Crawford thanked the public for their testimony and Mr. Dusek for his work regarding the Soldotna Area schools reconfiguration. She congratulated Miss Shaylee Rizzo on her award. She thanked Ms. Hingley for her presentation.

Mr. Anderson noted the number of "no" votes he posted during the evening and expressed appreciation for the ability to vote. He commented on Board committee composition and power limits. He thanked Dr. Anderson for attending and for his past mentorship.

Ms. Hohl stated that she attended the Seward PTSA meeting, and the Seward Choose Respect March. She attended the Alaska State PTA meeting and noted that two Kenai Peninsula residents are currently serving on State PTA Board. She thanked Mrs. Vadla for representing the Board at the Alaska School Leaders Symposium on Art and discussed District art programs. She thanked Dr. Anderson for attending. She stated that she did not believe the District's alcohol policy has changed.

Mr. Beard stated that, in conversations with Soldotna High and Skyview High students, the students have been undecided about the reconfiguration and he feels the change will serve as a life lesson. He expressed appreciation for serving on a board that respects students' opinions and their wishes.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

*(Continued)*

Mrs. Vadla thanked the public for their testimony regarding the Soldotna Area schools reconfiguration. She congratulated Kenai Central High School for being selected a 2013 Top American Field Service (AFS) School. She thanked Dr. Anderson for attending. She expressed appreciation for the administrators' and teachers' Career Development Grant reports, and highlighted some of their comments. She encouraged City of Soldotna residents to vote on April 2, 3013.

Mrs. Hilts thanked Dr. Anderson for attending. She thanked the audience for attending and the Razdolna parents for their testimony. She expressed appreciation for the meeting and the day's work that was done with students in mind. She thanked Ms. Hingley for her report and commented on air transportation into Port Graham. She commented on the challenges of the budget approval process.

Mr. Navarre thanked Dr. Anderson for attending and discussed his past work with the Board. He commented on Mr. Anderson's statement regarding committee duties and power and apologized for any miscommunication. He expressed appreciation for the Soldotna Area schools decision and stated that he prefers that the reconfiguration begin in the Fall of 2014. He commented on the school roof bonding issue, stated that the Board did not expect the original bond to complete all roofing issues, and expressed confidence in Borough administration and the public to support school needs. He thanked Mrs. Tidwell for her comments. He thanked Mr. Arness for assigning the Board to visit schools and expressed his willingness to work as a partner to improve the District.

Mrs. Downing thanked the public for their testimony. She clarified that the Legislative Committee has not made any decisions not supported by Board. She thanked Dr. Anderson for attending and expressed appreciation for working with him in the past. She stated that Dr. Allan Gee will be missed at Homer High School and discussed his success as the school's administrator.

**ADJOURN:**

*(10:13:43 PM)*

At 10:13 p.m., Mr. Arness adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Joe Arness, President

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Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

The Minutes of April 1, 2013,  
have been approved as of  
May 6, 2013.