



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting Minutes

2/2/2015 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Joe Arness, President
Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Vice President
Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk
Mr. Dan Castimore, Treasurer
Mr. Marty Anderson
Mrs. Liz Downing
Ms. Lynn Hohl
Mr. Bill Holt
Mr. Tim Navarre
Miss Maria Kulikov, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Sean Dusek, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. John O'Brien	Mr. Loren Reese
Ms. Joann Riener	Mrs. Dawn Edwards-Smith
Mrs. Julie Cisco	Mr. Dave Brighton
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff	Mrs. Audra Faris
Mr. Tim Whip	Mrs. LaDawn Druce
Mrs. Margaret Gilman	Mr. Jeff Ambrosier
Mrs. Robin Dahlman	Ms. McKibben Jackinsky
Ms. Crista Cady	Miss Martine Dikes
Mrs. Lisa Whip	Mr. Blaine Gilman
Mrs. Shellie Worsfold	Mr. Brent Johnson

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT: Mr. Navarre read the District's mission statement.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Marty Anderson	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mr. Dan Castimore	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mr. Bill Holt	Present
Mr. Tim Navarre	Present
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Absent/Excused
Miss Maria Kulikov	Absent/Excused

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with a revision to 10a. (5) Approval of 2015-16 Tentative Tenure Teacher Contracts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of January 12, 2015, were approved as printed.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

In recognition of February as Board Appreciation Month, Mrs. Robin Dahlman, Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science principal, presented to the Board, a gift of student music. She introduced Ms. Crista Cady and Mrs. Kelli Stroh's third and fourth grade students who performed *Look at the Snow*. Ms. Cady then invited the Board members to perform and play the various instruments with the students.

The Board presented a Golden Apple Award to Mrs. Lisa Whip, West Homer Elementary School teacher, for her service to the West Homer Elementary Library and the District.

SCHOOL REPORT:

Mrs. Margaret Gilman, Nikiski North Star Elementary principal, presented a PowerPoint highlighting the school's students, community and programs including the "Buddy Bench." She introduced 5th grade students Miss Adrienne Stynsberg and Mr. Tye Kuhr who discussed school programs including the "One School, One Book" program, after school activities including the Boys and Girls Club, a video about the State of Alaska, school goals, Reflex math, and pre-kindergarten. Mr. Braeden Porter performed his forensic piece "Yukon Ho" by Bill Waterson. Mrs. Gilman and the students presented the Board with a student created thank you mural and a wall hanging. Directed by Mrs. Audra Faris, a group of students from Mrs. Thye's first grade class performed the song *North Winds Blow*. Mrs. Gilman closed by thanking the Board and inviting them to visit the school.

Mr. Tad Degray, River City Academy (RCA) teacher, discussed the school's make up and programs. He introduced three students who performed their Poetry Slam competition pieces: Mr. Dylan Crafton performed *The Charge of the Light Brigade*, Mr. Morgan Stoddard performed *OCD*, and Miss Izabeau Pearston performed *To This Day*. River City Academy principal, Mrs. Dawn Edwards-Smith, noted a school informative flyer that she provided for the Board. She invited the Board to visit the school and announced that, in March, RCA students will teach a batik class offered through Soldotna Community Schools. She stated that for the second year in a row, four RCA teams will attend "Model United Nations" at the University of Alaska Anchorage and will represent the countries of Syria, Vietnam, South Africa and Venezuela. She thanked the Board members that have visited the school this year and discussed the school's electives, technology and uniqueness.

RECESS:

At 8:01 p.m. Mr. Arness recessed the meeting.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

At 8:14 p.m. Mr. Arness reconvened the meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Sara Moore, Mrs. LaDawn Druce, Ms. Margaret Griffin, Ms. Erin Neisinger, and Mrs. Natalie Kant announced that the week of Feb. 2, 2015 is National School Counselor's Week. They discussed the many requirements of their jobs; stated that their workloads are too large and that performing the duties of school test coordinator effects their ability to be effective counselors.

Ms. Peggy Larson discussed the value of swimming in light of her personal health issues and spoke in support of the Skyview pool remaining open.

Ms. Mary Toutonghi stated she would like to know how the District selects textbooks and curriculum and spoke against the District's 8th grade social studies textbook *America: History of Our Nation, Beginnings through 1877*.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mr. Dusek announced that February is Board Appreciation Month and thanked the Board for their service. He stated that the week of Feb. 2, 2015 is National School Counselor's Week, thanked the District counselors for their service and invited the Board to visit a school and observe the counselor's work. He noted that Wednesday, Feb. 4 is an early release day for schools and Thursday and Friday (February 5 and 6) are Parent Teacher Conference Days. He again invited the Board to visit a school during these days to see how these special days are arranged. He reported that the Budget Forum Meetings will be preceded by discussions regarding district-wide pools.

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

Mr. Jeff Ambrosier, KPAA president, greeted the Board and administration. He noted the upcoming staffing and budgeting planning and asked that all stakeholders work together to face current challenges. He discussed the recent "AMP It Up" day held on Thursday, January 29, which tested school bandwidth and prepared schools for the upcoming Alaska Measure of Progress (AMP) testing. He expressed appreciation for Mrs. Druce's work and expertise. He pointed out his mother in the audience, who was visiting from Colorado.

Mr. David Brighton, KPEA president, greeted the Board on behalf of Mrs. Patty Sirois and stated that she is currently vacationing in Hawaii. He thanked the Board for their work and noted that it is Board Appreciation Month and National School Counselor's Week. He stated that he hopes the upcoming negotiations will be completed in a timely manner.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT:**

Mr. Dusek stated that the District's recent "AMP It Up Day" was a success and discussed his concerns about the process for implementing the Alaska Measure of Progress (AMP) test this Spring. He updated the Board on the ConnectEd Grant for Nanwalek School and noted that District teachers will receive approximately 17 days of professional development this Spring in order to prepare for the implementation of iPad use next school year. Mr. Dusek discussed the Assessment Literacy Grant which focuses on and provides professional development opportunities that will help staff meet Student Learning Objectives and Student Growth Map requirements. He stated the Mrs. Melissa Linton will provide an update to the Board at the April meeting. He reported that, with the assistance of Project GRAD, approximately 50 District students will participate in the Career Institute to be held at the University of Alaska Anchorage. He congratulated and thanked the certified and support staff retirees approved on the agenda and especially thanked Miss Martine Dikes, Mt. View teacher, Mrs. Natalie Kohler, District Office secretary and Ms. Karen Standifer, Tebughna School secretary. He announced that Mr. Roger Schmidt, former teacher and administrator, recently passed away and expressed his condolences to the family.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Downing reported that she participated in a preliminary budget discussion with the staff of Homer Middle School. Along with Mr. Dusek and some district principals, she attended the Homer Chamber of Commerce luncheon on January 27. She reported that the Legislative Committee met earlier in the day to discuss final preparations for the Association of Alaska School Boards' (AASB) Legislative Fly-In on February 7-10, 2015.

Ms. Hohl reported that she attended the Effective Instruction Committee Meeting on January 20 and the Administrator's Meeting on January 21. She suggested one Board member attend each Administrator's Meeting on a rotating basis to ensure that all members have the experience and opportunity to participate in them. She stated that she will be absent for the next Effective Instruction Committee Meeting and Mr. Holt will attend in her stead.

**BOARD WORKSESSION
REPORT:**

Mr. Arness reported that the Board held worksessions regarding the FY16 Preliminary Budget, and Level III Grievance Procedures. The Board Policy worksession was postponed. All members present at the meeting, attended the worksessions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 2015-2016 District Organizational Chart, Six-Year Plan FY 2016-2021, 2015-16 Tentative Administrator Contracts, 2015-16 New Administrator Contract(s), 2015-16 Tentative Tenure Teacher Contracts, 2015-16 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts and Tenure, 2015-16 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts, Long Term Substitute Contract(s), Resignation(s), Budget Transfer, and Leave of Absence Request/Support.

**2015-2016 DISTRICT
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART:**

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve the 2015-2016 District organizational chart as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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**SIX-YEAR PLAN
FY 2016-2021:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve the proposed Six-Year Plan for FY 2016-2021.

**2015-2016 TENTATIVE
ADMINISTRATOR
CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a list of tentative administrator contracts for the 2015-2016 school year.
<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=32677>

**2015-2016 NEW
ADMINISTRATOR
CONTRACT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a new administrator contract for the 2015-16 school year for Christopher Brown, Homer Flex School.

**2015-2016 TENTATIVE
TENURE TEACHER
CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a list of tentative tenure teacher contracts for the 2015-16 school year.
<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=32745>

**2015-2016 TENTATIVE
NON-TENURED TEACHER
CONTRACTS AND TENURE:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve tentative non-tenured teacher contracts and tenure for Amanda Adair, Teacher/Special Education; Michelle Barrows, Teacher/Special Education; Cindy Bedingfield, Teacher/Special Education; Matthew Creamer, Teacher/Special Education; Cynthia Fudzinski, Teacher/Special Education; Timothy Galpin, Teacher/Special Education; Monica Mullet, Teacher/Special Education; Theresa Rose, Teacher/Special Education; and Christina Tuls, Teacher/Special Education.

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**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER CONTRACT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve long-term substitute teacher contracts for Kelli Boonstra, Kaleidoscope Charter School and Mary Knudsen, Kaleidoscope Charter School.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations from Martine Dikes, 5th Grade Teacher, Mountain View Elementary School, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year; Susan Stempel, Speech Language Pathologist, Paul Banks Elementary School, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year; and Janae Van Slyke, 3rd-4th Grade Teacher, Sterling Elementary School, effective January 30, 2015.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
REQUEST/SUPPORT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for Carol Thomassen, School Secretary III, Seward High School, effective March 16, 2015 to March 11, 2016.

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve budget transfer 474, totaling \$487,658 and 525, totaling \$227,058 to transfer funds to school budgets for the purchase of Science Curriculum and K-8 Health curriculum supplies.

MOTION:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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Mr. Castimore removed items 10a. (2) Approval of Six-Year Plan, FY 2016-2021, 10a. (3) Approval of 2015-16 Tentative Administrator Contracts, 10a. (4) Approval of 2015-16 New Administrator Contract(s), 10a. (5) Approval of 2015-16 Tentative Tenure Teacher Contracts, 10a. (6) Approval of 2015-16 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts and Tenure and 10a. (7) Approval of 2015-16 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts.

Motion carried unanimously for items 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

MOTION:

Mr. Castimore moved the Board postpone item 10a. (2) Approval of Six-Year Plan, FY 2016-2021 until March 2, 2015 meeting. Mr. Navarre seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously for items 3-7.

POLICY REVISION:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a BP 3471 Equipment Reserve Fund.

MOTION:

Mr. Anderson moved the Board approve BP 3471 Equipment Reserve Fund. Mr. Holt seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT EXPULSION:

This item was removed from the agenda as it is an adjudicative issue only.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of BP 3541.1 & AR 3541.1 School Related Trips and BP 3514 Environmental Safety and BB 9320 Meetings.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Hohl expressed appreciation for the presentations during the meeting and the gifts given to the Board.

Mr. Holt expressed appreciation for the presentations during the meeting and the opportunity to play a musical instrument with students. He noted that Miss Adrienne Stynsberg is a former student of his wife.

Mrs. Downing expressed appreciation for the presentations during the meeting and discussed the importance of music in education.

Mr. Castimore thanked his school counselors of the past. He commented on the difficult decisions concerning the budget which include funding district pools, extracurricular activities and school counselors. He discussed the value of the new AMP test and a presentation he saw at the AASB Winter Boardmanship and stated that the District needs to persevere in making the test successful.

Mr. Navarre thanked the Board for their service. He expressed appreciation for the presentations of the evening, especially the school reports.

BOARD COMMENTS:

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Mrs. Hilts expressed appreciation for the presentations during the meeting. She remarked that the evening's meeting was long but still shorter than the January 12, 2015 meeting. She noted Mrs. Gilman's good service as a past board member but added that she is a great administrator.

ADJOURN:

At 9:24 p.m., Mr. Arness adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joe Arness, President

Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

Approved 3-2-15

Submitted by Mrs. Debbie Tressler
Administrative Secretary to the Board of Education