
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Debra Mullins, President
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Vice President
Mr. Marty Anderson, Treasurer
Mrs. Liz Downing, Clerk
Dr. Nels Anderson
Mrs. Debbie Brown
Ms. Lynn Hohl
Mr. Bill Hatch
Mrs. Sunni Hilts
Miss Lydia Ames, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Melody Douglas, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Glen Szymoniak, Assistant Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Terry Martin	Mr. Joe Nicks
Mr. Jim White	Mrs. Lisa Nissly
Mrs. Jamie Harper	Mr. Tim Peterson
Ms. Cathy Carrow	Mrs. Marni Bartolini

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

(7:00:04 PM)

Mrs. Downing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

(7:00:15 PM)

Mrs. Downing invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

(7:00:37 PM)

Mrs. Debra Mullins	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Absent/Excused
Mr. Marty Anderson	Absent/Excused
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mrs. Debbie Brown	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mr. Bill Hatch	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Miss Lydia Ames	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

(7:01:11 PM)

The agenda was approved with a revision to Item 10a.(3), Approval of Resignation, as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(7:01:47 PM)

The School Board Minutes of November 20, 2006, were approved with a correction.

SCHOOL REPORT:

(7:02:38 PM)

Mr. Terry Martin, Ninilchik Elementary/High School principal, reported on the many community volunteers and the hours they spend at the school each week. He reported on student activities and noted that declining enrollment is a challenge. Miss Sabrina Fergusson, student, reported on the Title I Program, Project GRAD, bussing services, and school staff. Mr. Tristan Combs, Miss Amber Mahoney, Mr. Sam Bennett, students, reported on assessment information. Miss Kjersten Skjold, student body president, reported on the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam results, Adequate Yearly Progress and the girl's basketball team. Mrs. Lisa Nissly, teacher, led the percussion ensemble group in a song titled, *Splash of Blue*.

RECESS:

(7:15:42 PM)

At 7:15 p.m., Mrs. Downing called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER RECESS:

(7:18:32 PM)

At 7:18 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

(7:19:04 PM)

Dr. Peterson reported that an email was received from the Borough Clerk announcing a joint worksession with the Assembly and School Board on January 16 in the Assembly Chambers. She reported that she received a letter from a senator in Alaska State Legislature thanking her for sending a copy of the District's legislative priorities.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

(7:20:11 PM)

Dr. Peterson reported that recent critical incidents have impacted three District schools. She reported that the State Department of Education and Early Development will establish a committee to review Special Education finance. She reported that the State Board of Education considered and approved three District charter school reapplications. She wished those present a Happy Holidays.

BOARD REPORTS:

(7:21:45 PM)

Mr. Hatch reported that he attended the Charter School Oversight Committee meeting and noted that the State Board of Education has mandated that the charter school lottery process must be consistent throughout all District charter schools. He explained that waiting lists must be activated immediately when there is an opening and must be filled right away. He reported that the group has decided to impose a realistic timeline for negotiating school space for charter schools.

BOARD WORKSESSION REPORT:

(7:23:05 PM)

Mrs. Downing reported that the Board heard an update regarding the selection of new computer software for the Human Resources, Finance and Payroll Departments. She reported that the Board discussed the FY07 Budget revision and listened to a report regarding school Advisory Programs.

CONSENT AGENDA:

(7:24:50 PM)

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Revisions to the 2007-2008 School District Calendar; Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract; Resignation; and Budget Transfers.

REVISIONS TO THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR:

By memorandum, Mr. Stewart recommended the Board approve revisions to the 2007-2008 District calendar that would change the end of the semester from January 14, 2008 to December 21, 2007; move the inservice day scheduled for January 14, 2008 to January 21, 2008; and move the vacation day scheduled for April 11, 2008 to April 18, 2008.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT:

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve a long-term substitute teacher contract for Thomas Rhyner, Grade 6, Redoubt Elementary.

RESIGNATION:

Mr. Szymoniak recommended the Board approve a resignation from Holly Alston, Grades 5-6, Seward Elementary (effective January 12, 2007).

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve budget transfers Number 95 for \$11,000 to pay for professional/technical assessment services and Number 96 for \$22,500 and \$10,400 to adjust salary accounts at Aurora Borealis Charter School.

Mrs. Cathy Carrow, KPEA president, asked the Board to table action on revisions to the 2007-2008 District calendar to allow enough time to discuss some of the issues brought forth by teachers such as ending the semester before Christmas break and use of minimum day at the end of each quarter to allow for grades to be submitted.

MOTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 4. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Mr. Hatch removed Item 10a.(1), Approval of Revisions to the 2007-2008 School District Calendar from the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Hatch moved the Board postpone action on Item 10a.(1) Revisions to the 2007-2008 District calendar until the January 15 meeting. Mrs. Hilts seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FY07 BUDGET REVISION:
(7:34:45 PM)

By memorandum, Mrs. Douglas recommended the Board approve an increase of \$2,011,224 to revise the FY07 general fund budget from \$98,255,224 to \$100,266,448.

MOTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the administrative recommendations regarding the FY07 general fund budget which was to revise the FY07 general fund budget from \$98,255,224 to \$100,266,448 (an increase of \$2,011,224). Mr. Hatch seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISIONS:
(7:35:44 PM)

By memorandum, Mr. Stewart recommended the Board approve Revisions to BP 7000, Concepts and Roles; BP 7100, Planning; BP 7150, Relations With Other Governmental Units; BP 7210, Professional Services; BP 7220, Site Selection and Development; BP 7310, Methods of Financing; BP 7511, Naming of Facility; BP 0430, Community Schools (deletion), AR 0430, Community Schools (deletion); and AR 6146.82, High School Graduation Qualifying Exam.

MOTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve revisions to BP 7000, Concepts and Roles; BP 7100, Planning; BP 7150, Relations With Other Governmental Units; BP 7210, Professional Services; BP 7220, Site Selection and Development; BP 7310, Methods of Financing; BP 7511, Naming of Facility; BP 0430, Community Schools (deletion), AR 0430, Community Schools (deletion);; and AR 6146.82, High School Graduation Qualifying Exam. Mr. Hatch seconded.

MOTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board amend the motion and remove BP 5141.21, Administering Medication; AR 5141.21, Administering Medication for further review. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Anderson Amendment carried unanimously.

MOTION

Ms. Hohl moved the Board amend the amended motion and remove Board BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs and refer it back to the Policy Review Committee for further work.

Hohl Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:
(7:40:35 PM)

Mrs. Hilts commented that the calendar review process is thorough and acknowledged that there may have been a breakdown of communication. She wished those present a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Hatch reported on a visit to Skyview High School and noted that the classrooms were crowded but students were engaged.

Ms. Hohl reported that she visited Seward Elementary, Seward Middle and Seward High. She gave a School Board report to the Seward City Council. She reported that she attended the Seward Chamber of Commerce meeting to hear Ms. Ginger Blackmon, Seward High School principal, give a presentation. She announced that Alaska PTA wellness grants are available.

Miss Ames expressed appreciation for the Ninilchik Elementary/High School report and was pleased to see that music is being taught to elementary students. She noted that she approved of the revisions to the District calendar. She reported that the student representative to the Calendar Committee reported to her regarding the views that were expressed during the committee meeting and added that more discussion was needed. She wished those present a Happy Holiday.

BOARD COMMENTS:

(continued)

Dr. Anderson expressed concern for the school calendar issue. He confirmed with Mr. Martin that there are graduates from Ninilchik Elementary/High School who are attending Dartmouth College.

Mrs. Downing thanked those present for their attendance. She thanked Mr. Martin for the Ninilchik Elementary/High School report. She wished those present a Happy Holidays.

ADJOURN:

(7:44:47 PM)

At 7:44 p.m., Mr. Hatch moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Liz Downing, Clerk

The Minutes of December 4, 2006,
were approved on January 15, 2007
as written.