
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

June 4, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley

Soldotna, Alaska

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented Golden Apple Awards to Mrs. Jane Stein, Community Volunteer and Mrs. Debbie Carroll, Parent Volunteer, in appreciation for their service to the District. The Board presented thirty-year service awards to District employees Regina Banas, Sam Peter, and Jon Lillevik. Ms. Chris Normandin also received recognition for thirty years of service but was not in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson presented the End of the Year Report, which included a summary of Board action for the 2006-2007 school year as well as progress on administrative work plans and Board goals. She clarified that the District was unaware of the Alaska/Shield/Northern Edge 2007 homeland security drill. She noted that the District is involved with the E-rate selective review. She noted that the Information Services Department has started working on technology throughout the District. She announced that the Board Planning Retreat will be held June 5 at the Soldotna City Council Chambers beginning at 9:00 a.m. She thanked Miss Ames for her service on the Board as a student representative. She announced that Mr. Sam Stewart has resigned from the District and accepted a position at Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas.

LEASE AGREEMENTS REPORT: Mr. Szymoniak presented a report of leases and agreements for the 2007-2008 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mrs. Douglas presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2007.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR KPSAA HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK: The Board postponed action on the high school handbook changes recommended by the Kenai Peninsula School Activities Association member schools for the 2007-2008 school year.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS, 2007-2008: The Board unanimously approved teacher contracts for the 2007-2008 school year for Cheryl Wambach, special education resource teacher, Homer High; Pepper Pond, 9-12 math/science teacher, Kenai Alternative; and James R. Reinseth, (.50 FTE temporary/.50 FTE permanent) Grades K-2 teacher, Nanwalek School.

REQUEST FOR LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved long-term substitute contracts for Marcy Simpson, Zada Friedersdorff, Lori Garrison, and Tish Hallett.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board approved budget transfer Number 423 for \$13,000 to pay for substitute salaries and temporary salaries for employees hired to help with testing throughout the district; Number 445 for \$13,400 to pay for software licenses for E-ducate, an online Content Management System, for the Peninsula Optional High School and Homer Flex High School; and Number 456 to pay for math curriculum materials at Ninilchik (\$13,863), Skyview High (\$40,108), Homer High, (\$42,328), Kenai Central High (\$42,568), Seward High (\$25,853), Soldotna High (\$55,943), and Nikiski Middle/Senior High (\$28,165).

NONTENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved nontenure teacher contracts for the 2007-2008 school year for Andrew Rothenberger, generalist, Kachemak Selo; Steve Schoessler, Vocational teacher and technology education, Kenai Central; and Cindy Robertson, (temporary) Grades 3/4 Teacher, Voznesenka School

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved an administrative contract for the 2007-2008 school year for Sargeant Truesdell, assistant principal, Soldotna Middle.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Mary-Ellen Johnson, special education aide, Soldotna Middle.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST-CERTIFIED. The Board unanimously approved an unpaid leave of absence request for Patricia Jay, history and government, Homer High.

FY07 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a decrease to the FY07 budget of \$9,373 which would revise the general fund budget from \$100,266,381 to \$100,257,075.

FY08 BUDGET REVISION: The Board approved an increase to the FY08 budget by \$3,838,549 which would revise the general fund budget from \$113,434,399 to \$117,272,948.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR PENINSULA OPTIONAL AND HOMER FLEX: The Board approved the 2007-2008 Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Student Performance Standards as presented.

STUDENT EXPULSION HEARINGS: The Board approved expulsion recommendation Number 2006-07-002 for violation of AR 5144, Discipline; BP and AR 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion; and BP 3520 School Safety and Security. The Board approved expulsion recommendation Number 2006-07-001 for violation of BP 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments and AR 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of revisions to BP and AR 1230, Organizations Supporting Student Activities.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 16, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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