## KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Borough Administration Building Soldotna, Alaska 99669

March 20, 1995

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Vice President

Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer Mrs. Susan Larned, Member Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Member Mr. Emery Thibodeau, Member

Miss Mandy Baldwin, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel, Superintendent

Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,

Operations, and Technology

Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Interim Assistant Superintendent,

Instruction

Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Rosie Reeder Mr. Jack Castimore Mrs. Angela McKinney
Mrs. Melody Douglas Mr. Richard Harvey Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chitty Mrs. Karen Mahurin Mrs. Janie Lawley Mrs. Mary Armstrong Mrs. Emily Fiala Mr. Tim Navarre Mrs. Sherril Miller Mr. Tom Atkinson Mr. Pat Shields Miss Joy Epley

Mr. Don Oberg Mrs. Lenoria Johnson Mr. Paul Trissel Mrs. Caroline Roderick Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Obendorf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf Present Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross Present Dr. Nels Anderson Present Mr. Joe Arness Present Mrs. Susan Larned Present Mr. Michael Tauriainen Present Mr. Emery Thibodeau Present

Absent - Excused Miss Mandy Baldwin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed with the deletion of Item 2a, Ninilchik Elem/High School Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of March 6, 1995, were approved as written.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged receipt of letters from 14 people signing a letter from Soldotna Middle School expressing their concern on the overcrowded situation at their school; from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dilley submitting their formal letter of intent to retire; from Leanne and Rex Poindexter expressing opposition to the consideration of moving Chapman's 7th and 8th graders to Homer; from the Seldovia Chamber of Commerce requesting a change to the interscholastic program where sixth graders could participate in sports activities with 7th and 8th grade students as it relates to small schools; and from Deb Germano requesting the Board to postpone adoption of the budget until the public has been fully informed about the reductions and how each building would be affected.

ANCHOR POINT PTA:

Mrs. Angela McKinney, Chapman Elementary PTA Chairperson, told the Board she agreed with them in balancing the budget, but disagreed with the manner in which the Board was doing it. She felt the Board needed to research the situation firsthand in sending Chapman's 7th and 8th grade students to Homer Middle School. She felt good education was not based upon the number of classes students have to select from, but it was a strong family environment. She stated that taking those students from Anchor Point would be destroying the critical area of a strong family. She concluded this change would be a mistake and not a cost savings in the long run.

KPESA

Mrs. Karen Mahurin, KPESA Chairperson, expressed concern on a recent study being conducted in the district related to possibly contracting for food services. She commented she had inquired several times during the strategic planning process about contracting services and had been assured by the superintendent and the Board that such services were about printing services, etc. She noted this past week the food services director and two unidentified guests arrived at her school unannounced to review the food services program. She was dismayed that KPESA had not been contacted about the study and had not been contacted to brainstorm ways the current program could be more cost effective. She expressed concern on the secretiveness, lack of openness from the administration and lack of respect to its employees. She urged the Board to consider its caring employees and not contract out the food services program.

GUESTS:

Mrs. Obendorf acknowledged the presence of Mr. Tim Navarre, Borough Assembly Representative, and Mrs. Sherril Miller and her KPC/UAA education class in attendance at the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Bromenschenkel reported the First Annual Update for the Strategic Plan will be held on April 6, 1995, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Kenai Visitors and Convention Bureau Building, Kenai. He noted the Strategic Planning Committee will review the strategies and implementation plans, review the accomplishments for the 1994-95 school year and recommend plans for the 1995-96 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending February 28, 1995.

KPSAA RULES AND ACCESS TO

Mr. Dahlgren reported that state and district rules apply to CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS: district correspondence students participating in cocurricular activities. He also provided explanations for home school, private school and state correspondence study students and their involvement in district co-curricular programs. He noted that at the high school level home school, private school and state correspondence students must be taking one course through district correspondence. or one course at the school where they are participating in the activity, and meet all other eligibility requirements of the state and district. He noted the Board had conducted a worksession on this topic prior to the meeting and suggested another worksession be held prior to the April 6 meeting to consider changes in the 1995-96 activity handbooks.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Unpaid Leave of Absence/Certified, Resignation, Substitute Teacher Contracts, and Tustumena Furniture and Equipment List.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS:

By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve unpaid leave of absence requests for the 1995-96 school year for Joy Hobart, Counselor, Nikiski Jr/Sr High; Arlo Morgenweck, School Psychologist, Districtwide/Special Services; and DeeAnn Steffensen, Speech/Language, Sears Elementary.

RESIGNATION:

By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the resignation of Henriette Ledger, Special Services, Homer Junior High, effective May 26, 1995.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACTS:

By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve contracts for 19-day substitute teachers Judy Carmichael, Home Economics, Soldotna High; and Teresa Toller, QUEST, Kenai Middle.

TUSTUMENA FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT LIST:

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve a furniture and equipment list in the amount of \$122,737 for the Tustumena School addition.

ACTION

EXPULSION #1:

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following: "This matter was heard before the Board on March 20, 1995. The student and parent were present. The school principal and the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction were present and recommended expulsion for violation of Policy 007.12 for possession of drugs and paraphernalia. The evidence shows the student had possession of a significant amount of marijuana in a locker. The student acknowledges the presentation by the administration was correct.

The facts indicate a staff member detected an odor that he felt could be marijuana. On report of this the assistant principal checked the area and determined the smell appeared to come from this student's locker. On questioning, the student denied the presence of any illegal substance in the locker, but inspection of the locker disclosed 4 bags of marijuana. The exact quantity was not disclosed, but the principal testified it was a larger amount than the school had ever seized before. The principal testified it was packaged in a manner that would be consistent with distribution, although the student denies this and says it was for personal use only. There was also paraphernalia for smoking marijuana present in the locker. The student indicated purchase off campus and the purchase did not involve another student.

The administration recommended expulsion for a least the remainder of the school year, but did not recommend eligibility for district correspondence. The student desires an option for district correspondence. The mother has initiated stringent controls on social life designed to remove the student from contact with drugs. The student has initiated steps for drug treatment and education since suspension.

After hearing the Board finds the possession of drugs to be most serious in nature. Although the student indicates no involvement in distribution, the quantity present tends to raise more than a hint of risk that the drugs may have been distributed or used by other students even if this student

EXPULSION #1 (continued):

did not have such intent initially. The possession together with this risk mandates removal from the classroom setting. Possession and availability of drugs on the campus merits the most serious response to protect the integrity of the learning environment and to remove a risk that such action can occur or reoccur.

The remainder of the school year is fairly short. The Board finds that the recommended period for the remainder of the school year to be inadequate to address this risk and therefore expels the student for the remainder of the school year and the first semester of the next school year. This expulsion is with authority of the administration to allow enrollment for the district correspondence program. Continuation in the correspondence is conditioned upon enrollment and continued participation and progress in a drug treatment program. A current drug assessment must be supplied for admission to correspondence and upon application for readmission to the classroom setting at the end of the expulsion period." Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following: "This matter was heard before the Board on March 20, 1995. The student and mother were present. The school principal, assistant principal and the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction were present and recommended expulsion for creating a significant danger to students and property by attempting to light a fire in the restroom, lighting a fire in the restroom in a subsequent attempt and pulling a fire alarm in the school.

The principal related a series of events that the student agreed with, except for denial that an attempt to set fire to a sweater during an assembly was done by her. The student admitted attempts to light a fire and set off a sprinkler in a restroom. The student admits later setting a fire in the trash in a restroom and pulling the fire alarm at another time. When questioned the student could offer no reason why the actions were taken, but testified they were dumb and that the student really did not want to do them. Despite this the actions were taken. This lack of explanation causes the Board serious concern about the motivation of the student and the possible risk to other students in the future from similar acts by this student. The actions themselves place students and property at

EXPULSION #2:

EXPULSION #2 (continued):

serious risk. False alarms, at best, involve risk in evacuating the school, especially in winter with the hazards of cold, ice and snow added. Starting a fire after repeated attempts indicates a more serious problem than a single "dumb" mistake.

These risks make it necessary to remove this student from the school by expulsion for the remainder of the current school year. The student shall not go on school grounds during the period of expulsion unless specific permission has been obtained from the building principal. The administration may allow limited readmission to district programs for district correspondence only. Prior to readmission to a classroom setting at the end of the expulsion period, the student shall supply a psychological evaluation to the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction assessing the potential for problems relating to compulsive behavior or inappropriate response to boredom for the district to consider in allowing readmission. The student and parents are responsible for providing this evaluation." Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1995-96 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:

By memorandum, Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve the following tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 1995-96 school year:

Chapman Elementary
Donna Austin
Margaret Corbisier
Thomas Dougherty
Mary Durman
Bryan Epley
Tonia Parlow
Donna Sigler

Jill Stanley
Gary Van Hooser

Cooper Landing Elem.

Pay Dye Teresa Orr Carol Smith Steve Smith

Homer High
Robert Ammerman
James Ballentine
Barbara Browning

Judy Bundy Mike Bundy Eileen Clark David Cloud Stan Eller Randy Hunt Richard Ingels Brad Kloeckl Wayne Lee Troy Minogue Loraine Murphy Brittany Nowak Alan Olson Tashawana Olson Lance Petersen (.75) Harry Rasmussen Catherine Rate Mark Robinson Camille Rohrer William Searle

Homer High (cont.)

1995-96 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS (continued):

Homer High (cont.) Esther Webb Steven Wolfe

Homer Flex
Diane Griechen

Homer Intermediate Susan Bunting Michael Cline Melissa Cloud Janet Fink Shirlie Gribble Brentley Keene Gary Kirby Margaret Ladd David Lewis Bill Morisette Katherine Morisette Alice Porter Michelle Robbins Susan Scott-Ingels Jeff Smith

Homer Jr. High
Leslie Bell
David Brann
Wayne Clark
Timothy Daugharty
Ellen Halseth
Brenda Hearnsberger
Kathy Hill
Gary Horrell
Henrietta Ledger
Debra Lowney
Harold Neace
Peter Thielke

<u>Hope Elementary</u> Elena Yoter

<u>Kenai Alternative</u> Roger Liebner

K-Beach Elementary
Carol Brown
Cecilia Colvin
Susan Crane
Ann Dahl
Lynda Dahlgren
Robert Dover

K-Beach Elem. (cont.) Susan Dukowitz Beverly Edwards James Gates Margaret Gilman (.5) Margaret Goodman John David Harro Thomas Houglum Satorene Jackson Sally Kishbaugh Gloria Larson Vickie Lund Linell McCrum Connie Meyer Sally Oelrich Irma Peterson Donna Rehberg Trena Richardson Ed Sotelo Barbara Vogel Janet Walker

Kachemak Selo Randall Creamer Suzanne Martin Michelle Stenger

Kenai Central High James Beeson Liana Bingham Elizabeth Burck Thomas Burck Mark Burgener Tim Delaney Pat Dixon David Feldman Kim Foley Kathy Groleske Renee Henderson Gene Huff Linda Jarvi Craig Jung Nathan Kiel Jon Lillevik Mark Manuel Laura Sievert Harold Smalley Bill Stavley Fran Stetson Joyce Taylor

1995-96 TENTATIVE TENURE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS (continued): Kenai Middle Jack Albaugh Susan Bacon Rosemary Bird Tanya Boedeker Andrea Deutsch Dave Fischer Ruth Geiger Thomas Green William Hatch Natalie Kant Sandra Lewis Debra Moore Tim Peterson Diane Price William Radtke Kenneth Roser Timothy Sandahl Cheryl Schey James Simeroth Felicia Smith Stanley Steffensen Robert Summer John Tabor

McNeil Canyon Elem.
Mary Beaumont
Rebecca Boone
Amy Budge
Jolee Ellis
Patricia Kane (.5)
Atz Kilcher
William Noomah
Diane Patch
Rita Pfenninger
Deborah Piper
Nancy Vait (.5)
Duncan Wanamaker

Moose Pass Elem. Terri Carter

Mt. View Elementary
Jim Bennett
Jacqueline Bock
Terry Cramer
David Daniel
Janice Daniels
Jim Dawson
Martine Dikes
Rebecca Eppeson

Mt. View Elem. (cont.) Mary Estes Constance Gates Alana Haider Dana Hallett Alyce Johnson David Knudsen Judy Olson Katherine Pault Cindy Rehm Pat Springer-Hann Julie Stephens Toni Steward Kellie Wannamaker Berni Wensley (.5) Lisa Whitney

Nikiski Elementary Denise Cox Melinda Cox Trish DeBusschere Terry Durrant Wayne Floyd Marsha Gustkey Elizabeth Huff Elizabeth Hufford Wally Hufford Ann Kendall Judy Leichliter Barbara Lodge Judy Shields LaVona Smith John Uponen

Nikiski Jr/Sr High Scott Anderson Robert Bird Michael Boyle Dean Castimore Scott Christian Marcie Curry Richard Frederic Darlene Gehrke Maurice Glenn Cheryl Hobart Joy Hobart Stephen Howell James Hunter Michael Johnson Vern Kornstad Lynn McNamara

1995-96 TENTATIVE TENURE Nikiski Jr/Sr High TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS Lori Manion Charmaine Lundy (continued):

Daryl Mannausau Janet Miller Phillip Morin Marlene Pearson Linda Ralston Ward Romans Jimmy Standefer Marilyn Standefer Carol Tauriainen-Ernst Paul Banks Elementary Holly Zwink Ingrid Avril

## Nikolaevsk Elem/High Dorothy Cline

Betha Chesser Michael Chitty Patricia Chitty James Howard Barbara Jasper Gloria Hensen Beatrice Klaich Elizabeth Kirby Steven Klaich Susan Ledger Joy McMahill Jeri McLear Frances Moore Lynn McLin Christine Normandin Mary Perry Olga Veter-Eluska Deborah Poore

Marina Bosick Deborah Smith Karen Brett-Vadla Gerald Byrne Susan Byrne (.5) Bernie Clark Mark Gower Joel Hilbrink Jamie Leman Elaine Sandoval Eric Skjold Scott Tomaso Kaye Waldsmith

## North Star Elementary Lynn Devito

Henry Anderson Susie Franklin Gloryann Bailey Melisa Frates Gloryann Bailey
Ruby Bingham Kandi Diamond Pam Gennari Richard Gennari Virginia Glenn Jim Legner

### North Star Elem. (cont.)

Sherry Matson Diane McBee Sandra Miller Laurie Moon Rosemary Pilatti (.75) Lesley Weatherman (.75) Linda Zimmerman

Sheryl Baechler Roberta Creamer Kathy Eller Sharon Friesen Kari Greiner Jill Kriens Sandra McDaniel Jeri McLean Linda Satre Ninilchik Elem/High Janet Shepard Nancy Synhorst

# Razdolna School

David Evans Bonnie Evans

### Redoubt Elementary

Gina Banas Cathleen Brothen Barbara Burman Judy Cox Janice Delaney Zada Friedersdorff Candice Goldstein Deborah Griffin Joy Hagen Teresa Kiffmeyer Susan Liebner Diana Marsh

1995-96 TENTATIVE TENURE Redoubt Elementary (cont.)
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS Daniel Roach Sandra Pelischek
(continued): Lawrence Rockhill Jean Polowski

TVE TENURE

Redoubt Elementary (contour Daniel Roach
Lawrence Rockhill
William Rolph
Melody Schwartz
Carol Simons
Deborah Verney
Patricia Walker

Sears Elementary Kathy Atkinson Donna Bellmore Kathy Brown Deborah Burnham Troy Castimore Mary Fischer Kristin Green Laraine Hanson Alice Mae Hopkins Mary Knudsen Nancy Lafferty Elaine Larson John Mills Lynda Minogue Lori Newton Mark Newton Diane Porter Barbara Ralston Jean Sorenson Jeanette Sorrels DeeAnn Steffensen Nancy Tipton Don Weller

Seward Elementary
Karla Arndt
Kim Blommel
Jennifer Carr
Charles Crangle
Jerry Dixon
Clifford Draper
Jeanne Fredrickson
Ann Ghicadus
Melody Hatch (.5)
Daphne Honn
Janice Kristenson
Kirstie Leslie
Jerry Olive

Seward Elementary (cont.
Sandra Pelischek
Jean Polowski
Paul Prebys
Paul Sayan
DeEtta Scarborough
Linda Smith
Noreen Steinbrecher
Marc Swanson
Marvin Tapsfield
Nancy Tapsfield
Catherine Turnbull
Mary Vesel
John Wickersham
Herbert Wottlin

Seward Jr/Sr High Robert Arndt Gary Benson Charles Boerger Jane Boerger Debra Burdick Douglas Capra Quentin Carr Beverly Chapman Wayne Clark Everett Corbin John Davis Jim Fredrickson Stephen Hamill Angela Hammer Richard Houghton Sharon Inman Sharon Irvin Dan Marshall Thomas Osborne Mike Richards Suzie Stafford-Hawker Roger Steinbrecher Katherine Taylor Daniel Walker Marguerite Wilcox

1995-96 TENTATIVE TENURE Skyview High

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

(continued):

John Andrews
Hans Bilben
David Carey

Darrell Aleckson
Robert Amundsen
Robert Boudreaux George Clouston Carol Dallman Lorraine Crawford Clark Fair Erling Hofseth John Kennedy Mark Larson Edward Marman Daniel Gensel Hilary Matthews Allan Miller Allan Howard Dale Moon Lawrence Moore Sarah Jones Gregory Paxton Gary Lindman
Linda Raemaker Sandra Mille Richard Redmond Patrick Nolden Rose Roeske Luanne Reynolds
Carolyn Savaria John Sauer
David Schmidt Sharon Sauer
Diane Silva Vernel Schneider Robert Sparks
Carla Stanley
Lana Syverson
Terry Tipton
Joseph Trujillo Joanne Wainwright Martha Wallace-Keck Walter Ward Susan Wheeler

Paul Zobeck

Soldotna Jr. High
William Altland Terri Zopf-Schoessler Leonard Ball

> Thomas Anderson Catherine Bishop Don Brown

Jan Bobek Rosemary Bushon
Teresa Brown John Christensen
Carla Carlisle Paula Christensen Nancy Courtright Mary Combs
Howard Draper Polly Crawford-Lowenstein Susan Ellis Yvonne Emery Yvonne Emery Mary Dougherty
Mitchell Glover Neldon Gardner
Rose Anne Keating Stuart Goldstein C.J. Knight Dorothy Gray Shari Meacham Darell Hagen

Donna Mears Lesley Murphy

Vidya Oftedal Donna Rea

Kathleen Thompson

Kelly Vasilie

Soldotna High

Jeanna Carver

Neal Dallman Mark Devenney Kevin Dougherty

Benjamin Eveland

Gordon Griffin

Steven Johnston

Sandra Miller

Kelley Smith Noreen Sullivan

Maria Tapia Lloyd Tappana Stan Vogel

Christopher Banas

Soldotna Elementary David Boyle Eldon Brothen

Frank Cullum Letisha Hallett Gary Horwath

Emily Nicholson Patricia Johnson Cindy Litzenberger

> Terry McBee Kathleen McDowell Robert Moore

1995-96 TENTATIVE TENURE Soldotna Jr. High (cont.) Voznesenka (continued):

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS Terry Myrick Sue Dougherty Laura Pillifant David Schmidt Marlene Sledge John Steckel Charlie Stevens

Clark Whitney

Sterling Elementary Gayle Buben Fred Colvin Roberta Darling Vicki Harrison Vicki Johnston-Freese Donna Kime Sohail Marey David McCard Sheryl McMichael Cheryl Schweigert Ed Seims Vincent Spady Lora Sterling Jane Teller John Wensley Larry Wheat

> Susan B. English Michael Efta Sharyn Harris James Huff Susan Mumma Sheri Otis Jeffrey Wheaton

Tustumena Elementary Michael Chase Charles Chavka Darcia Dierick Ann Fraser Sara Hepner Sharon Hopkins Tim Jacobson Judy Klunder Gail Knobf Suzanne Legner Karla Schneider (.5) David Silva Colleen Sinnott Sheryl Sotelo Jean Wykis

Bill Idzerda John Szajkowski Stanley White

Districtwide/Alternative Judith McKinley

Not Assigned Mary C. Schmelzenbach Lana Esposito Iris Wotzka

> Districtwide/Grants Judith Downs

Districtwide/Media Center Kari Mohn

Districtwide/Spec. Serv. Marc Berezin Janette Cadieux-Lexmond Virginia Drais Edward Harrison Carolyn Hitzler Theo Lexomd Scott Linner Patrick McCrum Stanley McKnight Paulette Martel Arlo Morgenweck JoJo Powell Charles Rehberg Debra Sanders Maureen Stoner Raniece Sutton-Gamache Wendy Todd Kaye Watts Marjory Wiley (.75)

> Leave of Absence/95-96 Lyn Maslow Deanne Pokryfki Linda Rourke

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the tentative tenure teacher assignments as presented. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve the resignation of Steve Hackett, Mathematics/Science/Physical Education, Susan B. English Elem/High, effective April 3, 1995.

Mrs. Gross recommended the Board approve the resignation as presented by Dr. Bromenschenkel. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the 1995-96 budget in the amount of \$81,853,470. He noted the balanced budget was prepared on the best estimate of revenues and expenditures, and incorporates the series of reductions the Board had been working on for several months. He noted if HB 230, which reduces the funding unit, is approved in the legislature the district would need to consider an additional \$600,000 in reductions.

Mr. Pat Shields, Anchor Point parent and Special Services aide at Homer High, told the Board his children attend Chapman Elementary School and he did not want the 7th and 8th grade students moved to Homer. Mr. Shields felt the issue was not one of money, but one of priorities. He expressed concern that local control was slipping away, and this is the only reduction which directly affects students.

Miss Joy Epley, Chapman Elementary sixth grade representative to the student council, presented a petition signed by students in grades 4-8 who wanted to keep the junior high at Anchor Point. She commented some of her friends would not attend school in Homer and go on home school courses, and she would miss her friends.

Lyle Dahl, Anchor Point Chamber of Commerce representative, stated that organization voted unanimously in opposing the move of Chapman 7th and 8th grade students to Homer. He presented a petition with 308 signatures against the move.

RESIGNATION:

ACTION

1995-96 BUDGET:

1995-96 BUDGET (cont.): Mr. Paul Trissel, Anchor Point PTA Vice President, told the Board he had conducted a telephone pole which resulted in all respondents stating they were pleased with the quality of junior high education at Chapman School, and many students would not attend Homer Junior High School if this change is approved by the School Board. From his study, he reported 12 students would be lost to the borough and this would cost more than any resulting savings. He also told the Board they had not followed through on promises for school additions or a new school at Anchor Point.

> Mrs. Caroline Roderick, Anchor Point resident, stated she was opposed to the move of Anchor Point students to Homer. From her many years residence in the community, she noted this was the fourth time changes had been proposed for Anchor Point. She told the Board such a move would be costly to parents with additional travel time and expenses.

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the 1995-96 budget in the amount of \$81,853,470. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Dr. Anderson commented that the Board was not pleased with the reductions in the budget and had considered numerous other areas for reductions. He stated he understood the concern of the Anchor Point parents, but the students would receive a good education at Homer Junior High School. He also noted additional reductions would be necessitated in future years, and the Board would need to address those concerns as they arise.

Mrs. Gross stated it was not an easy decision to move Anchor Point students, but with space available at Homer Junior High it would be cost effective in addition to alleviating the overcrowded situation at Chapman Elementary. She noted she understood the parents feelings and anguish, but after carefully considering all alternatives she would vote for the budget as presented.

Mrs. Obendorf stated the Board had spent many hours considering ways to balance the budget. She noted that in her nine years on the Board she felt this was the worst budget, but the Board needed to prepare a balanced budget within the confines of projected revenues. She expressed appreciation to all people who worked on the budget through committees, public input, etc.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Thibodeau responded to Mrs. Mahurin's comments where he was unaware of contracting services for the food services program.

Mr. Tauriainen requested the administration prepare recommendations at an April meeting on substituting interscholastic athletic activities for physical education, and allowing dual credit for suitable college courses. There were no objections to the request.

Dr. Anderson requested that information be presented at the next meeting related to boundary changes.

Mrs. Obendorf commented on interesting visitations to Nikiski Jr/Sr High School, North Star Elementary and Sterling Elementary School last week.

She announced the next school board meeting would be held on April 3 at Homer High School Auditorium.

At 8:38 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Bedty Obendorf, President

Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of March 20, 1995, were approved on April 3, 1995, as written.

ADJOURN: