

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

December 4, 2000

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. Deborah Germano, President  
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Vice President  
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Clerk  
Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer  
Dr. Nels Anderson, Member  
Mr. Mike Chenault, Member  
Mr. Al Poindexter, Member  
Miss Sara Hart, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Business Management  
Dr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Linda Overturf	Mrs. Shona DeVolld
Mr. Hank Overturf	Mr. Ben Eveland
Ms. Linda Encelewski	Mrs. Shana Loshbaugh
Mr. Sam Stewart	Ms. Liz Burck
Mrs. Margaret Gilman	Mr. Tom Redmond
Mr. Lee Young	Ms. Sandy Wassilie

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Mullins called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Deborah Germano	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Sammy Crawford	Absent/Excused
Mrs. Debra Mullins	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Absent/Excused
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mr. Mike Chenault	Present
Mr. Al Poindexter	Present
Miss Sara Hart	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with revisions to 10a.(1), Resignation and 10a.(2), Leave of Absence Requests – Support and the deletion of 11a., BP 6146, Graduation Requirements and Standards of Proficiency.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of November 20, 2000, were approved as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Dr. Peterson reported that she received two communications: a letter from Miss Melinda Haring containing comments about her college preparation by the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (included in the Board information packet), and an acknowledgement letter from the American School Board Journal for the 2001 Magna Awards nomination of the program, "Elementary Visual Arts Education." She added that the results of the 2001 Magna Awards would be released to the media in mid-March.

## AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

The Board presented a golden apple award to Linda Overturf, Soldotna Middle School teacher, for being selected the 1999-2000 Family and Consumer Services Alaska Teacher of the Year. The Board presented certificates of appreciation to Kenai Central High teachers Shona DeVold and Liz Burck for being chosen as 1999-2000 British Petroleum Teachers of Excellence.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson noted that a pop-up window has been added to the District website to advise the public on weather-related information. She reported that Commissioner Rick Cross has resigned and that the State Board of Education will meet December 8 and 9 to discuss the vacancy. Dr. Peterson noted that Mr. Pete Sprague and Mr. Bill Popp have been appointed as Assembly representatives to the Technology Committee. She announced that Assembly President Tim Navarre has requested that the Site Study Task Force be reactivated to consider the location of the School District Central Office. She noted that a joint budget worksession with the Assembly has been confirmed for February 20, 2001.

## DEED Capital Improvement Projects:

Mr. Hickey noted that there were no projects that qualified for consideration under new construction and three projects that qualified for major maintenance. He stated that with the declining enrollment projections in the Soldotna area, the Soldotna Middle School project did not qualify for consideration and was excluded. He stated that the three major maintenance projects were already scheduled for action.

## Assessment Report:

Dr. McLain presented the Assessment Report and noted that Mr. Leal, assessment director, provided the Board with a detailed report of the results from the benchmark exams, high school qualifying exam and last year's level tests during the worksession held prior to the regular Board meeting. Dr. McLain reported that the results show that District students are slightly ahead of the state but that there are some significant issues in 10<sup>th</sup> grade math. He stated that Dr. Whiteley and Mr. Leal are working with math teachers and language arts teachers to address necessary program and curriculum changes. Dr. McLain noted that additional copies of the Assessment Report are available from Mr. Leal.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Resignation, Leave of Absence Requests – Support, and New Teacher Assignments.

## ResignationS:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve resignations from Shae Hollandsworth, Grade 6, K-Beach Elementary and Jean Slankard, special education/resource, Spring Creek School.

## Leave of Absence Requests – Support:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve leave of absence requests from Linda Encelewski, buyer, Student Nutrition Services (effective 12/27/00); Sandra Houghton, bus driver, Seward Middle/High (effective the 2001-02 school year); and Debbie White, Title I tutor, Mt. View Elementary (effective 12/9/00).

## New Teacher Assignments:

Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve teacher assignments for Stephanie Roberts, generalist (temporary), Kenai Middle; Cindy Hurst, kindergarten (temporary), Soldotna Elementary; and JoAnn Campbell, special education/resource, Nikiski Middle/High.

## ACTION

Mr. Chenault moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 3. Mr. Poindexter seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

## School Calendar:

Dr. McLain recommended the Board approve the 2001-2002 school calendar and tentatively approve school calendars for 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. He noted that the committee met twice, and he thanked the members for their participation.

ACTION

Mr. Chenault moved the Board approve the 2001-2002 school calendar and tentatively approve school calendars for 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. Mr. Poindexter seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Major Maintenance Priority List:

Mr. Hickey recommended the Board approve a list of 103 legislative capital improvement and major maintenance projects for FY 2001. He asked the Board to confirm the administration's goal of water treatment as a priority for the District.

Ms. Sandy Wassilie, Seward resident, stated that she appreciated the priority given to water treatment and that a proposal was made to conduct a baseline water sample for each school. Ms. Wassilie reported that she attended the Seward Middle/High School facility community meeting on November 13. She stated that the community wishes to keep both buildings, if possible, but that a decision cannot be made until a structural engineering assessment is made.

ACTION

Mr. Chenault moved the Board approve a list of legislative capital improvement and major maintenance projects for FY 2001. Dr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION

Mr. Poindexter moved the Board approve an amendment to move item Number 87 (Chapman – Connect to Public Water System) to Number 6 and to designate water treatment issues as a priority districtwide. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Amendment carried unanimously.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:

The Board heard a first reading of BP 5111, Admission.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Miss Hart wished those present a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

Mr. Poindexter noted that he will be giving a presentation on Friday, December 8 during the Economic Development District Economic Forum. He stated that he will be presenting as a soil and water conservation district consultant and not as a school board member as indicated in the newspaper. He announced that the soil and water conservation districts in Homer and Kenai are sponsoring a speech and poster contest for all students in the District and that money prizes will be awarded. He announced that he will attend the Alaska Future Workforce Conference on December 11 in Anchorage.

Dr. Anderson recognized government students in the audience and noted that the Board appreciated their attendance. He acknowledged the note from former student representative, Melinda Haring. He stated that he receives the *Imprimis* magazine published free of charge by Hillsdale College, a college Miss Haring was considering attending. He called the Board's attention to an article in the most recent issue of *Imprimis* titled, "Is America Safe" written by former Vice President Dan Quayle.

Mr. Chenault announced that this was his last meeting. He thanked Dr. Peterson and noted that he has enjoyed serving on the Board. He stated that in his new role as legislator, his "door will be open" and he will be relying on Board members for their educational expertise. He noted potential interim Board member candidates in the audience and added that the Board will have a difficult time making a choice. Mr. Chenault thanked Mrs. Tachick, administrative secretary, board/superintendent. He recognized assembly member Paul Fischer in the audience.

Mrs. Mullins commended the government students for their attendance. She wished the interim Board member candidates good luck and commended them for their willingness to apply. She noted that the Board discussed Board vacancy replacement procedures during the worksession prior to the Board meeting. She recognized assembly member Paul Fischer. She wished those present a Happy Christmas season.

ADJOURN: At 8:03 p.m., Dr. Anderson moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned.  
Mr. Chenault seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ms. Deborah Germano, President

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Mrs. Debra Mullins, Clerk

The Minutes of December 4, 2000,  
were approved with a correcton on  
January 8, 2001.