

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

March 2, 1992

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President  
 Mrs. Marilyn Dimmick, Vice President  
 Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk  
 Mr. Clifford Massie, Treasurer  
 Mr. Joe Arness, Member  
 Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross, Member  
 Mr. Michael Wiley, Member  
 Mr. Ryan Rogers, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Robert Holmes, Superintendent of Schools  
 Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,  
 Operations, and Technology  
 Mrs. Mary Rubadeau, Executive Director, Instructional Services  
 Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel  
 Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hall	Mr. John Kistler
Mrs. Kathy Godek	Mr. Jim Heim
Mr. Henry Anderson	Mrs. Melody Douglas
Miss Megan O'Brien	Miss Oksana Khananskaia
Mr. Uriy Neugasov	Mr. Ivan Mukogorenko
Mrs. Tatyana Shmonina	Mr. Viktor Parshakov
Mr. Pavel Zhdanov	Mrs. Alla Vakuluk
Ms. Betty Leonard	Ms. Trena Richardson
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Haas	Mrs. Diane Borgman
Mr. Michael Ainsworth	Mrs. Susan Cain
Mrs. Sharon Mook	Ms. Nancy Watson
Mrs. Karen Mahurin	Mrs. Gwen Gjovig
Mr. Daryl Kellum	Mrs. Janis Mullen
Mr. Paul Epperson	Mrs. Dorothy McCard
Mr. Dennis Murray	Mrs. Nancy Rollins
Mr. Darrel Mattson	Sen. Paul Fischer
Mrs. Margie Campbell	Mr. Jim Montgomery
Mr. Laurel Ludy	Mrs. Shawn Harrison
Mrs. Sherry Mattson	Miss Natalie Miller
Mr. David Spence	Mrs. Jan Steadman
Mrs. Pat Hillary	Mrs. Judy Schell

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. Marilyn Dimmick	Absent - Excused
Mr. Michael Tauriainen	Present
Mr. Clifford Massie	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Mr. Michael Wiley	Present
Mr. Ryan Rogers	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with a change of Awards and Presentations to Item 2 on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of February 14, 1992, were approved as written.

AWARDS AND  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf welcomed a delegation of administrators and principals from Magadan, Russia, who are visiting the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District for the Youth Summit III. She presented Certificates of Friendship to Ivan Mukogorenko, Tatyana Shmonina, Viktor Parshakov, Pavel Zhdanov, and Alla Vakuluk. They were assisted by student interpreters Miss Megan O'Brien and Miss Oksana Khananskaia. Mr. Mukogorenko extended his appreciation for the friendship and hospitality shown the students and adults during their visit to the Kenai Peninsula. He stated this friendship was most important to the future of the students, and an experience the delegation would not forget. He presented gifts to Mrs. Obendorf, Dr. Holmes and Miss Leonard for their support of the Youth Summit exchange between Magadan and the Kenai Peninsula.

HEARING OF  
DELEGATIONS:

Mr. Dennis Haas, parent, told the Board parents of special education children were concerned about the 1992-93 budget and requested the Board not make any reductions in the special education program. He noted special education students' needs were not being met as outlined in the students' IEPs. He complimented the dedicated special education teachers and noted a communication problem existed with the administration.

COMMUNICATION AND  
PETITIONS:

Mrs. Obendorf read a portion of a letter from Mrs. Mildred Martin, Homer resident, who expressed concern that schools are mandated to provide services by the state and federal governments, yet they are not provided adequate funding for these programs or mandates. She added the district cannot turn to the local property owner taxpayers for the additional funding, and therefore, the students and the country's future are penalized. Mrs. Martin urged the public and school district personnel to contact the legislators and Governor to make their feelings known about the funding problem.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW  
ELEMENTARY P.T.A.:

Mrs. Pam Lazenby, Chairperson, Mountain View Elementary P.T.A., asked for support and direction from the Board on the reopening of Kenai Elementary School. She noted parents at Mountain View Elementary and Sears Elementary considered it imperative that this school be opened this coming school year to alleviate crowding in Kenai schools. She noted representatives from Kenai area parent groups had met with the borough mayor and requested this be considered as soon as possible. The mayor stated this needed to be a priority project on the school board's list of capital projects where it is currently listed as #3 on that listing. Mrs. Lazenby requested this be considered prior to the March 17 borough assembly meeting. Mr. Dahlgren responded that an architect has been hired to estimate the cost for remodeling the school. He noted funding for this project could be through various sources, but if it exceeded \$1 million and if local funds were used, the voters would first need to approve the project on a ballot proposition. Mr. Dahlgren reviewed the category listings for the various projects on the capital improvement lists where the #1 project was Tustumena Elementary School with a category listing of 6 for remodeling, whereas Kenai Elementary School was listed as #3 with a category listing of 2 for unhoused students. Mrs. Obendorf directed the administration to review the issue and present a recommendation or resolution to the board by March 16.

KENAI MIDDLE SCHOOL  
P.T.A.:

Mrs. Katherine Godek, Kenai Middle School P.T.A. Chairperson, told the board their organization supported the opening of Kenai Elementary School. She commented this was the best alternative considering funding at this time. She questioned when the architect's estimates were expected. Mr. Dahlgren responded the architect's estimates were expected in late spring. If it was determined local funds are needed for the project this would go on an October ballot. If funding came from the state legislature this would be known in May.

SOLDOTNA JUNIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL P.T.A.:

Mrs. Janis Mullen, Soldotna Junior High School P.T.A. Chairperson, invited the Board and public to attend a Soldotna area Facilities Meeting on March 10 at Soldotna High School. She noted this was organized by the parent groups in all the Soldotna area schools.

SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL P.T.A.:

Mr. Dennis Murray, P.T.A. Chairperson at Soldotna Elementary School, urged the Board to delay adoption of the school budget until more information is known about state funding as well as input from the facilities meeting on school reconfigurations. He suggested a special school board meeting be held on March 30 to consider the 1992-93 budget. He added the Soldotna Elementary P.T.A. is concerned about loss of teaching staff. Mr. Swarner explained that a complete budget document needed to be delivered to the borough assembly by March 16 and would

SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL P.T.A.:

be introduced to the assembly at their April 7 meeting. He felt further information from the state legislature would not be available at the time of transferring the budget to the assembly.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:

Dr. Holmes expressed appreciation to the school board, staff, principals, teachers, parents, community members and Budget Review Committee for their time and effort involved in the budget process. He noted it will still be an effort to secure the necessary funding at a \$63,00 unit value since the Governor and Commissioner of Education are not supporting an increase for education funding. He urged all interested persons to work together in the spirit of cooperation for completion of the budget process.

NORTH STAR ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL REPORT:

Mrs. Jan Hall, Principal, North Star Elementary School, told the Board her school is an innovative school where learning is of utmost importance. Mrs. Sherry Mattson's sixth grade class sang an original song on recycling which is part of a class play that will be presented to the public next week. Miss Natalie Miller, class representative, shared ideas on reuse and recycling which would be beneficial to their school and the district.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Sick Leave Requests/Support, Sick Leave Bank Request/Certified, Substitute Teacher Contracts, Tentative Tenure Teacher Assignments/1992-93, Inservice Request, Extended Field Trip Requests, and Rescinding Resignation.

SICK LEAVE BANK DRAW  
REQUESTS/SUPPORT:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve draws from the K.P.E.S.A. Sick Leave Bank for Irene Hegwer, Chapter I Tutor, Redoubt Elementary, 10 days; Janet Simmons, Teacher's Aide, Sears Elementary, 15 days; Doris O'Brien, Custodian, North Star Elementary, 24 days; and Nita Galloway, Head Custodian, Tustumena Elementary, 20 days.

SICK LEAVE BANK DRAW  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve a draw from the K.P.E.A. Sick Leave Bank for Vidya Oftedal, Speech Therapist, Soldotna Elementary, 15 days.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER  
CONTRACTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve contracts for 19-day substitute teachers Mary Brandt, Special Education/Severe Education, Soldotna Jr. High; and Dave Fischer, Special Education/Resource, Nikiski Elementary.

1992-93 TENTATIVE  
TENURE TEACHER  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve tentative tenure teacher assignments for the 1992-93 school year as follows:

Chapman Elementary

Donna Austin  
Margarte Corbisier  
Thomas Dougherty  
Bryan Epley  
Michael Hopson  
Patricia Hunter  
Donna Sigler  
Gary Van Hooser  
Patricia Walker

Cooper Landing Elem.

Darcia Dierick  
Teresa Orr

English Bay Elem/High

John Wensley

Homer High

Robert Ammerman  
James Ballentine  
Barbara Browning  
David Cloud  
Stan Eller  
Nina Faust  
Diane Griechen  
Erling Hofseth  
James Holcomb  
Randy Hunt  
Richard Ingels  
Florence Larson  
Wayne Lee  
Robert Macaulay  
Patricia May  
Lorraine Murphy  
Alan Olson  
Tashawana Olson  
Lance Peterson (.5)  
Charles Poindexter  
Catherine Rate  
Camille Rohrer  
Mary Sanders  
William Searle  
John Walsh  
Esther Webb  
Alice Witte  
Steven Wolfe

Homer Intermediate

Michael Cline  
Janet Fink  
Shirlie Gribble  
Susan Ingels  
Brentley Keene  
Gary Kirby  
Margaret Ladd  
Bill Morisette  
Katherine Morisette  
William Noomah  
Alice Porter  
Jeffrey Smith

Homer Jr. High

Leslie Bell  
David Brann  
Wayne Clark  
Timothy Daugharty  
Brenda Hearnberger  
Kathy Hill  
Jeanne Holcomb  
Gary Horrell  
Debra Lowney  
Harold Neace  
Mark Robinson  
Linda Rourke (.5)  
Karen Wessel (.5)

Kalifornsky Beach Elem.

Carol Brown  
Cecilia Colvin  
Susan Crane  
Ann Dahl  
Lynda Dahlgren  
Robert Dover  
Susan Dukowitz  
Beverly Edwards  
James Gates  
Anne Gentry  
Virginia Hallmark  
John Harro  
Thomas Houglum  
Satorene Jackson  
Sally Kishbaugh  
Gloria Larso  
Vickie Lund

1992-93 TENTATIVE TENURE  
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS  
(continued):

Kalifornsky Beach (cont.)

Jane Mattson  
Linell McCrum  
Connie Meyer  
Donna Rehberg  
Trena Richardson  
Janet Walker  
Kaye Watts  
Sally Willets

Kenai Central High

William Bacon  
James Beeson  
Elizabeth Burck  
Thomas Burck  
Mark Burgener  
Michael Christian  
Carolyn Cochran  
Kathleen Cowan  
Tim Delaney  
Patrick Dixon  
David Feldman  
Michael Heaphy  
Renee Henderson  
Everett Huff  
Linda Jarvi  
Craig Jung  
Nathan Kiel  
Donald Liebner  
Jon Lillevik  
Judith Marlow  
Lois Massie  
Susan Maurer  
Scott Richmond  
Margaret Simon  
Harold Smalley  
K.M. Tanaka  
Joyce Taylor  
Dawn Thorpe

Kenai Middle

Jack Albaugh  
Susan Bacon  
Rosemary Bird  
Tanya Boedeker  
Paul Christensen  
Margaret Gilman  
Kathleen Heus  
Cindy Litzenberger  
Diane Price  
William Radtke

Kenai Middle (cont.)

Kenneth Roser  
James Simeroth  
Stanley Steffensen

McNeil Canyon Elem.

Mary Beaumont  
Amy Budge  
Jolee Ellis  
Nancy Hartigan  
Patricia Kane (.5)  
Atz Kilcher  
Tami Mulick (.5)  
Mary Palmer  
Rita Pfenninger  
Deborah Piper (.5)  
Nancy Vait  
Duncan Wanamaker

Mt. View Elementary

James Bennett  
Dorothy Besch  
Melinda Cox  
Terry Cramer  
David Daniel  
Janice Daniels  
James Dawson  
Martine Dikes  
Pat Dye  
Nadine Efta  
Mary Estes  
Constance Gates  
Margaret Coodman  
Joy Hagen  
Alyce Johnson  
Judy Olson  
Cindy Rehm  
Judith Salo  
Patricia Springer-Hann  
Marti Steckel  
Iris Wotzka

Nikiski Elementary

Terry Allen  
Marsha Bauder  
Denise Cox  
Patricia Debusschere  
Barbara Dickerson  
Elizabeth Huff  
Elizabeth Hufford  
Wally Hufford

1992-93 TENTATIVE TENURE  
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS  
(continued):

Nikiski Elementary (cont.)

Vern Kornstad  
Judy Leichliter  
Barbara Lodge  
Eugene Smart  
Jean Sorenson  
John Uponen

Nikiski Jr/Sr High

Robert Bird  
L.D. Boatright  
Michael Boyle  
Dave Carlson  
Dean Castimore  
Robert Cochran  
Marcie Curry  
Richard Frederic  
Darlene Gehrke  
Cheryl Hobart  
James Hunter  
Michael Johnson  
Lynn McNamara  
Janet Miller  
Phillip Morin  
Brittany Nowak  
Marlene Pearson  
Linda Ralston  
Ward Romans  
Jimmy Standefer  
Marilyn Standefer  
William Stavley  
Lloyd Tappana  
Carol Tauriainen-Ernst

Nikolaevsk Elem/High

Betha Chesser  
Michael Chitty  
Patricia Chitty  
James Howard  
Steven Klaich  
Susan Ledger  
Joy McMahill  
Frances Moore  
Christine Normandin  
Barbara Veeck

Ninilchik Elem/High

Karen Brett Vadla  
Gerald Byrne  
Susan Byrne (.5)  
Bernie Clark  
Judith Cox  
Mark Gower

Ninilchik Elem/High (cont.)

Jamie Leman  
Elmer Schaetzle  
Elaine Thomas  
Kaye Waldsmith

North Star Elementary

Henry Anderson  
Gloryann Baily  
Ruby Bingham  
Rosemary Branham (.75)  
Molly Brann  
Eileen Bryson  
Kandi Diamond  
James Legner  
Charmaine Lundy  
Sherry Mattson  
Diane McBee  
Laurie Moon  
Charlie Stephens

Paul Banks Elementary

Ingrid Avril  
Sheryl Baechler  
Dorothy Cline  
Phyllis Cooper  
Robertta Creamer  
Kathy Eller  
Sharon Friesen  
Kari Greiner  
Mary Haakenson  
Kristie Haigh  
Gloria Hensen  
Elizabeth Johnson (.5)  
Kelly Jones  
Elizabeth Kirby  
Jill Kriens  
Kelly Macaulay  
Sandra McDaniel  
Jeri McLean  
Lynn McLin  
Deborah Poore  
Linda Satre (.5)  
Deborah Smith  
Ernest Suoja  
Raniece Sutton-Gamache  
Nancy Synhorst  
Caroline Venuti

Port Graham Elem/High

Andrea Deutsch

1992-93 TENTATIVE TENURE  
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS  
(continued):

Razdolna Elementary

Susan Dougherty  
David Lewis

Redoubt Elementary

Judith Ballentine  
Regina Banas  
Deborah Best  
Barbara Burman  
Judith Devito  
Lynn Devito  
Lana Esposito  
Susie Franklin  
Zada Friedersdorff  
Candice Goldstein  
Ardis Grove  
Dana Hallett  
Charles Jackson  
Teresa Kiffmeyer  
Susan Liebner  
Diana Marsh  
Deborah Mello  
Timothy Peterson  
Daniel Roach  
Lawrence Rockhill  
William Rolph  
Carol Simons  
Nancy Stengl  
Gerry Tullos  
Lou Jean Tullos  
Walter Wilson

Sears Elementary

Kathy Atkinson  
Deborah Brantley  
Mary Castimore  
Mary Fischer  
Kristin Green  
Laraine Hanson  
Alice Mae Hopkins  
Nancy Lafferty  
Elaine Larson (.75)  
Lynda Minogue  
Lori Newton  
Mark Newton  
Charlotte Pendleton (.75)  
Margaret Riedel  
Jeannette Sorrels  
Deeann Steffenson  
Nancy Tipton  
Mary Toutonghi  
Don Weller

Seward Elementary

Karla Arndt  
Kim Blommel  
Charles Crangle  
Clifford Draper  
Jeanne Fredrickson  
Melody Hatch (.5)  
Janice Kristenson  
Ruth Mai  
Jean Polowski  
Paul Prebys  
Paul Sayan  
Deetta Scarborough  
Linda Kay Smith  
Joanne Stigall  
Marvin Tapsfield  
Nancy Tapsfield  
Mary Vesel  
Daniel Walker  
John Wickersham  
Herbert Wottlin

Seward Jr/Sr High

Robert Arndt  
Douglas Capra  
Beverly Chapman  
Everett Corbin  
Mary Daniel  
Stephen Hamill  
Richard Houghton  
Sharon Inman Whiting  
Gerald Irvin  
Sharon Irvin  
Chales Lockwood  
Suzie Stafford-Hawker  
Katherine Taylor  
Marguerite Wilcox  
Stephen Wilcox (.5)

Skyview High

John Andrews  
Hans Bilben  
Susan Borko  
David Carey  
Carol Dallman  
Joseph Dilley  
Fred Esposito  
Clark Fair  
John Kennedy  
Mark Larson  
Edward Marman  
Hilary Matthews

1992-93 TENTATIVE TENURE  
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS  
(continued):

Skyview High (cont.)

Allan Miller  
Dale Moon  
Lawrence Moore  
Gregory Paxton  
Deanne Pokryfki (.5)  
Linda Raemaeker  
Nancy Savaria  
David Schmidt  
Rose Shearer  
Carla Stanley  
Terry Tipton  
Walter Ward  
Paul Zobeck  
Terri Zopf

Soldotna Elementary

Carol Ambarian  
Thomas Anderson  
Tonnie Bernhardson  
Catherine Bishop  
Jan Bobek  
Teresa Brown  
Carla Carlisle  
Nancy Courtright  
Janice Delaney (.5)  
Howard Draper  
Susan Ellis  
Yvonne Emery  
Rebecca Epperson  
Pamila Jonas  
Rose Ann Keating  
Carol Knight  
Julianne Large  
Suzanne Legner  
Carol Mack  
Donna Mears  
Carol Musson  
Donna Rea  
Carol Smith  
Maureen Stoner  
Kathleen Thompson

Soldotna High

Darrell Aleckson  
Robert Amundson  
Robert Boudreaux  
Lorraine Crawford  
Neal Dallman  
Kevin Dougherty  
Dennis Dunn  
Benjamin Eveland

Soldotna High (cont.)

Daniel Gensel  
Gordon Griffin  
Allan Howard  
Steven Johnston  
John Jonas  
Sarah Jones  
Gary Lindman  
Daryl Mannausau  
Jon McMichael  
Sandra Miller  
Patrick Nolden  
Kevan Nye  
Luanne Reynolds  
John Sauer  
Sharon Sauer  
Colleen Sinnott  
Kelley Smith  
John Stengl  
Noreen Sullivan  
Maria Tapia  
Martha Wallace-Keck

Soldotna Jr. High

Christopher Banas  
David Boyle  
Eldon Brothen  
Don Brown  
Rosemary Bushon  
John Christensen  
Kathleen Clark  
Mary Combs  
DeWayne Craig  
Frank Cullum  
Barbara Dilley  
Neldon Gardner  
Stuart Goldstein  
Thomas Green  
Darell Hagen  
Letitia Hallett  
Gary Horwath  
Kenneth Marlow  
Terry McBee  
David McCard  
Dorothy McCard  
Kathleen McDowell  
Etta Mae Near  
David Schmidt  
Marlene Sledge  
John Steckel  
Steve Verba

1992-93 TENTATIVE TENURE  
TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS  
(continued):

Sterling Elementary

Gayle Buben  
Fred Colvin  
Jane Handy  
Vicki Harrison  
Sara Hepner  
Vicki Johnston-Freese  
Donna Kime  
Sheryl McMichael  
Sherry Nauta  
Cheryl Schweigert  
Vincent Spady  
Lora Taylor  
Larry Wheat

Susan B. English Elem/High

Michael Efta  
Sharyn Harris  
James Huff  
Patrick Lamb  
Susan Mumma  
Michael Richards

Tustumena Elementary

Victor Borko  
Cathleen Brothen  
Michael Chase  
Charles Chavka  
Margaret Dancy  
Ann Fraser  
Timothy Jacobson  
Judy Klunder  
Jean Wykis

Voznesenka Elementary

Bonnie Evans  
David Evans  
Stanley White

D/W Alternative Schooling

Randall Creamer  
Judith McKinley  
Paula Standefer  
John Szajkowski

D/W Instructional Center

Mary Armstrong

D/W Grants

Mary Schmelzenbach  
Mary Jo Scott

D/W Media Center

Karen Mohn

D/W Special Services

Marc Berezin  
Janette Cadieux-Lexmond  
Edward Harrison  
Theo Lexmond  
Patrick McCrum  
Arlo Mogenweck  
Charles Rehberg  
Debra Sanders  
Marjory Wiley (.5)

LOA 92-93

Jeanna Carver  
Julie Stephens  
Melissa Frates

INSERVICE RELEASE  
REQUEST:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve an inservice release day on March 30, 1992 for Soldotna High School staff to finalize committee reports for an onsite Northwest Accreditation evaluation.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP  
REQUEST:

Mrs. Rubadeau recommended the Board approve extended field trip requests for six Homer High School students to travel to Washington, D.C., April 4-11, 1992 to be participate in the Close-Up Program; and for two Nikolaevsk High School students to be part of the Close-Up Program in Washington, D.C., May 9-16, 1992.

RESCIND RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board rescind the resignation of Dr. Richard Carignan, Director, Office of Grants Management.

Mrs. Obendorf requested Consent Agenda Item #5, Approval of Inservice Request, be voted on separately.

ACTION

Mr. Wiley moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Mr. Massie seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Item #5, Approval of Inservice Request. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf noted that Soldotna High School's inservice request was scheduled for March 30 which was the first day staff would be returning from spring break. She questioned whether all staff members would be on duty to participate in the inservice activities. Mrs. Rubadeau stated she was not aware of any teachers on leave and a full staff would be present at school that day.

Motion carried unanimously.

1992-93 ADMINISTRATOR  
ASSIGNMENTS:

Mrs. Radtke recommended the Board approve 1992-93 administrator assignments for Dr. Sara Peterson, Principal, McNeil Canyon Elementary; and Robert Bellmore, Principal, Nikiski Jr/Sr High.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the administrator assignments for McNeil Canyon Elementary School and Nikiski Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Tauriainen seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

1992-93 SCHOOL  
BUDGET:

Dr. Holmes recommended the Board approve the 1992-93 budget with Operation funds at \$69,319,755, Grants and Special Revenue Funds at \$8,089,127, less transfers of \$436,310 for a total budget of \$76,961,572.

Mrs. Sharon Moock, Borough Assembly Member, told the Board that assembly members visiting Juneau recently were not optimistic about increased funding, and were very concerned about reports on shortfalls in funding for the 1992-93 year. She noted the school district budget was built on a \$63,000 unit value which might not be realistic, and the assembly would not be able to fund beyond the normal limit. She requested the Board not pass the budget at this time and present a more realistic budget to the public.

1992-93 SCHOOL  
BUDGET (continued):

Mrs. Pat Hillary, Nikiski parent, spoke in support of a need for elementary school counselors and complimented Mrs. Debra Sanders on the excellent services she provides to students. She noted Mrs. Sanders is unable to serve all the students requiring counseling due to time constraints. She added that due to changing family situations and conditions, more students are in need of counseling services than in previous years.

Mrs. Judy Schell, parent, encouraged the board to consider Mr. Murray's suggestion to delay adopting the budget until the facilities meeting is held and updated information is available from Juneau. She commented that parents are aware of reductions which might need to be made at the \$60,000 level, but felt the board should have an opportunity to hear from parents on March 10.

Mrs. Jan Steadman, parent, noted that the budget provides some Soldotna students with extracurricular activities, new facilities and satisfied teachers, but noted that while this was a benefit to one segment it was a cost to the other segment. She added while one segment enjoys a new facility how can the public justify another segment in overcrowded conditions, a system that goes beyond school rivalry and promotes school jealousy, takes from those segments that are losing program strengths and students, and rewards those with expanded programs and attracts students within the community. She urged the board to not let future decisions be impaired by past mistakes. Mr. Wiley questioned whether the rivalry spoken to referred to Skyview High and Soldotna High School. Mrs. Steadman responded this was the issue. Mrs. Gross questioned which schools would be losing programs and who are expanding programs. Mrs. Steadman commented she felt Soldotna High School would be losing teachers and she assumed Skyview High would be gaining teachers due to more students projected. In response to a question on overcrowding, Mrs. Steadman said she was referring to the elementary schools. Mrs. Gross commented that all schools are staffed according to a formula so staffing would occur equally.

Mr. Henry Anderson, K.P.E.A. President, urged the Board to take a stand and approve the budget as proposed and send Governor Hickel a message that the district needed a \$63,000 unit value to run a quality program in the district. He added if the board backed down and approved a budget at \$60,000, the governor would assume the board could run the district at \$58,000.

RECESS:

At 9:07 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf called a recess.

RECONVENE AFTER  
RECESS:

The Board reconvened in regular session at 9:18 p.m.

ACTION

Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the 1992-93 budget in the amount of \$69,319,755 for the general fund, \$8,078,127 from Grants and Special Revenue, less transfers of \$436,310 from the operating budget for a total budget amount of \$76,961,572. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Gross stated the Board had listened to discussions on the budget for several months, and although it had been suggested to postpone action she felt the Board should approve the budget as scheduled. She noted the Soldotna Housing Committee meeting would not effect the budget because the same number of students would be receiving services despite possible changes in locations, and the Board would not know the actual educational funding until much later in the legislative session. She also noted the Board has been working on contingency plans should the \$63,000 unit value not be funded.

Mr. Tauriainen commented that the Board should listen to the public who requested the Board delay approving the budget at this time. He stated he was concerned about the state budget and a possible billion dollar shortfall. He added he could not responsibly vote for a \$63,000 unit value budget at this time. He urged the Board postpone action on the budget until March 16.

ACTION

Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board postpone action on the budget until the March 16 meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved to amend the motion to reduce extra duty compensation in the amount of \$69,728 and reduce funds for extracurricular travel in the amount of \$49,959. These amounts would be transferred into the unallocated elementary teachers account. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Mrs. Gross commented this action would bring extracurricular compensation and travel back to the 1991-92 level.

At 9:25 p.m., Mrs. Obendorf passed the gavel to the board clerk.

ACTION

Mrs. Obendorf moved to amend the amendment to place the \$119,687 in the unallocated 320 account to fund two elementary counselors instead of the unallocated elementary teachers account. Mr. Wiley seconded.

Mrs. Obendorf stated that every year a top priority from elementary principals has been the need for elementary counselors. She noted that a parent had spoken to this issue at the meeting, and this was a time to support that request. She added this action on two counselors would effect the lives of 1,000 to 2,000 students. Mrs. Gross offered her support on

1992-93 SCHOOL  
BUDGET (continued):

funding the elementary counselors. Mr. Arness commented that the board needed to route any available funds to elementary teachers to reduce the classroom sizes.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT FOR ELEMENTARY COUNSELORS:

YES - Gross, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Arness, Massie, Tauriainen  
Advisory vote - NO

Motion failed.

At 9:29 p.m., Mr. Tauriainen returned the gavel to Mrs. Obendorf.

ACTION

Mr. Massie to amend the amendment to place \$10,000 of the \$119,687 amount back into the activity travel account for nonathletic programs such as Future Problem Solving, etc. Mr. Arness seconded.

Mr. Massie commented that if the board returned to the 91-92 level 25% of state travel would be funded. However, nonathletic activities such as Future Problem Solving competitions, Academic Decathlon, etc. have no funds available to them for travel to competitions. He stated the funds would be used for these types of activities. In response to a question from Mr. Arness, Mr. Dahlgren stated the district has not previously categorically funded specific program travel, but schools are reimbursed 25% for out of district travel. Mr. Swarner commented that some district funds have been provided for travel for nonacademic activities in prior years, but not entirely funded these activities. Schools and students must provide the remainder of travel expenses. Mr. Tauriainen further questioned whether there has been a differential between athletics and academics. Mrs. Rubadeau responded that this has not occurred.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT FOR NONATHLETIC ACTIVITY TRAVEL:

YES - Gross, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Arness, Tauriainen  
Advisory Vote - YES

Amendment to amendment carried.

Amendment carried unanimously.

1992-93 SCHOOL  
BUDGET (continued):

Mrs. Obendorf spoke in support of the 1992-93 budget at the \$63,000 unit value. She stated the children should not have to bear the burden of cuts at the state level. She said it was not fair to provide them a \$60,000 unit value education. She added it was important for the Board to take a stand that \$63,000 was necessary to provide education to children of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. She also felt it was not necessary to delay approving the budget since numerous meetings and public hearings had been conducted where plenty of public input had been received. She said she did not feel the Board would have any new information from the legislature by the March 16 meeting.

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

YES - Arness, Gross, Massie, Wiley, Obendorf  
NO - Tauriainen  
Advisory Vote - NO

Amended motion carried.

SECOND READING/POLICY  
REVISIONS/AIDS:

Mrs. Rubadeau presented the second reading on revisions to policies 004.61/004.61R, Handling and Disposal of Infectious Waste; 005.311/005.311R, AIDS-Personnel; and 006.44/006.44R, AIDS-Students. Five committee recommendations were also presented. She noted a worksession had been held prior to the meeting and the policy revisions would be considered for adoption on March 16. Mrs. Rubadeau acknowledged the AIDS Committee members: Larry Nauta, Terry Zopf, Nita Galloway, Flo Larson, Jeanie Robinson, Betty Miller, Betty Obendorf, Sue Hawkins, Nancy Rollins, Cindy Sawyer, Mike Wiley and Sue Olson.

Mr. Wiley suggested the words "from time to time" be deleted from Policy 004.61, Handling and Disposal of Infectious Waste. The board concurred with the word change.

SECOND READING/POLICY  
REVISIONS/007.12/  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

Mrs. Rubadeau presented the second reading on revisions to Policy 007.12, Substance Abuse. She stated a worksession had been held prior to the meeting on the revisions. The policy would be scheduled for adoption on March 16. Suggestions from the worksession on wording changes were presented by Mrs. Rubadeau.

Mrs. Nancy Rollins, Kalifornsky Beach Elementary P.T.A. Chairperson, requested that elementary schools be included in school support groups. This was addressed on page 3, section 2b of the policy.

PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS:

Mrs. Shawn Harrison, Soldotna parent, expressed concern there was not effective communication between the special education parents and the administration. She noted parents were concerned that their children's needs were not being met as specified in the IEPs. She stated she was pleased with the teachers who serve special services students. She commented that it was important that the board become fully aware of the state and federal laws that effect handicapped children. She stated the local special services parent group and Advocacy Services in Anchorage would be happy to meet with the Board in an information session.

Mrs. Obendorf directed the administration to set up a worksession on special education regulations.

Mr. John Kistler, parent, stated it had been a long time since the school board has passed the "buck" over to the borough assembly in dealing with the school budget. He commented that he foresaw a war coming between the two bodies, and felt it was time to board do what is best for children. He felt it was not good to promise something and not fulfill that promise.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Massie stated he hoped Mr. Kessler's suggestions were not true. He stated the board had worked a long time on the budget and made the best possible decisions with information known to them.

Mrs. Gross stated she did not promise anything for next year, but the board would do the best with whatever they get. She expressed appreciation to public input even though the board was not always able to please everyone.

Mr. Rogers stated the budget process is like that of a teenager asking for more weekend spending money even though the parents are not giving the child any additional money. He commented it was apparent the legislature did not have additional funding for education, thus his reason for not voting to approve the budget.

Mr. Wiley complimented the North Star staff and students for their presentation at the meeting. He urged the board consider the recycling suggestions presented by the students for use in the school district.

He commented that the budget system is flawed because forward funding does not exist for school districts to be able to more accurately plan their budgets. He added it is unfortunate the board will not know until May the amount of funding. He added that some legislators have come forward to support a \$63,000 unit value. Therefore, the Board and public needed to support them.

BOARD COMMENTS

(continued):

Mr. Arness stated he did not see that a conflict existed between the school board and borough assembly. He noted as soon as funding is known from Juneau then revisions most likely will be made. Nevertheless, the school board needed to establish a responsible budget for education, and he was comfortable in the approach the board had taken on the budget.

Mr. Arness requested consensus of the board to send a letter to Mrs. Mattson's class thanking them for their presentation and seeking additional recycling information from them.

Mrs. Obendorf reiterated her stand on requesting \$63,000 for unit funding of the budget. She stated if only \$60,000 was requested the school district would receive that or less. This would not responsibly fund education for students in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. She encouraged parents to write to the legislators and governor requesting the \$63,000 amount. She expressed appreciation to everyone who had contacted her about the budget.

Mrs. Obendorf announced a parent workshop will be held on Saturday, March 7, 1992, at 8:30 a.m. in the Borough Assembly Room, Soldotna. The morning session would deal with site based management and the afternoon session's topic would be on student success.

Mrs. Obendorf solicited school board members' opinions on open negotiations. Mr. Wiley stated he favored this, but it was a decision that could not be unilaterally agreed upon. Mr. Tauriainen stated he had no objections to such, but he had not sat in on negotiations. Mrs. Gross stated it sounded good, and Mr. Massie stated it sounded good, but a good deal of posturing is done in the process. Dr. Holmes stated the administration would like to review this with the board, possibly in an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:18 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:

At 11:45 p.m., Mr. Tauriainen moved the Board reconvene in regular session. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

At 11:46 p.m., Mr. Massie moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

  
Mr. Michael Tauriainen, Clerk

The Minutes of March 2, 1992,  
were approved on March 16, 1992,  
with corrections.