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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

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September 12, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Homer High School  
600 E. Fairview, Homer, Alaska

**WORKSESSION REPORT:** The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included the reading and language arts curriculum; assessment report; proposed state and federal legislative priorities; and AASB Resolutions.

**SCHOOL REPORT:** Mr. Benny Abraham, Paul Banks Elementary principal, provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the use of technology, goals of building a strong foundation, and assessment information. Ms. Shere Baechler provided information about the special needs preschool program and invited the Board to visit the school. Ms. Wendy Todd provided information about the school's use of the newly-installed Smart Boards.

Mr. Michael Wojciak, Voznesenka School principal, gave a computer generated presentation highlighting Adequate Yearly Progress and school goals, and staff appreciation. Miss Vaselissa Basargin and Miss Neonila Reutov, students, provided school and community highlights including sports, youth court, Battle of the Books, online courses, and the Close Up field trip to Washington DC and New York. Ms. Lisa Nordstrom, resource teacher, provided information on the water safety program, made possible through grant funding, partnerships and community volunteers.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Atwater reported that school enrollment is below projection by 223 students. He announced that the District did not make Adequate Yearly Progress but remained at level 1. He reported that the District administration has begun the FY13 budget development process.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Jones presented financial reports of the District for the periods ending July 31 and August 31, 2011.

**PERFORMANCE BASED CURRICULUM:** The Board unanimously approved the proposed K-6 Performance Based Writing Curriculum, 7-12 Performance Based Technology Curriculum Revision, and 7-12 Performance Based Math Curriculum.

**HSGQE:** The Board unanimously approved High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver Request Number 2012-01.

**RESIGNATIONS:** The Board unanimously approved resignations from Noell A. Boyer, Social Studies, Kenai Central High School (effective September 15, 2011); Sohail H. Marey, Physical Education, Soldotna High School (effective at the end of 2011-12 school year); and Gregory Weissenberg, World History/Russian, Soldotna High School (effective at the end of 2011-12 school year).

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:** The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Joshua Brantley, (temporary) Special Education behavioral /ED teacher, Districtwide/Central Peninsula area; Megan Onishi, speech language pathologist, Districtwide; Todd Boonstra, K-8th Grade teacher, Aurora Borealis Charter School; Matthew Paulus, Special Education resource teacher, Nikiski Middle/High School; Jessica Pena, interventionist teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Brianna Redfern, (temporary) .50 FTE Title I teacher, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Denice Spencer, (permanent .50 FTE/temporary .50 FTE)

language arts (Grades 6th-12th)/Title I teacher, Port Graham School; and Justin Zank, (temporary) pre-kindergarten teacher/migrant teacher, Voznesenka School.

**AASB OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BOARD:** The Board unanimously approved the submission of the AASB nomination form for Outstanding School Board.

**AASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Board unanimously approved the submission of the AASB Board of Directors nomination form for Mrs. Sunni Hilt.

**POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS:** Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 1321, Solicitation of Funds; BP 5124, Communication with Parents/Guardians; BP 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs; and BP and AR 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments.

**AASB CORE RESOLUTIONS:** The Board unanimously approved the proposed administrative recommendations and the AASB Board recommendations regarding the 2012 AASB Core Resolutions.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, October 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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