

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

October 16, 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. Emery Thibodeau, Member
Miss Aubrey Robinson, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Walter Bromenschenkel, Superintendent
Mr. John Dahlgren, Associate Superintendent, Planning,
Operations, and Technology
Mrs. Sharon Radtke, Executive Director, Personnel
Mr. Richard Swarner, Executive Director, Business Management

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Jana Robinson	Mr. John Kistler
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fischer	Mr. Paul Epperson
Mr. Roger Liebner	Mr. Kurt Haider
Miss Melissa DeVaughn	Ms. Phyllis Halstead
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moldenhauer	Mrs. Tiffany Rice
Mr. Kevin Berkey	Mr. James Simeroth
Mrs. Karen Mahurin	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.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Mrs. Obendorf welcomed Miss Aubrey Robinson, Senior at Skyview High School, as the student representative to the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Betty Obendorf	Present
Mrs. Mari-Anne Gross	Present
Dr. Nels Anderson	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mrs. Susan Larned	Present
Mr. Emery Thibodeau	Present
Miss Aubrey Robinson	Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved as printed with the addition of 10a (4), Approval of Extended Field Trip Request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of October 2, 1995, were approved as written.

**KENAI ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL
REPORT:**

Mr. Paul Epperson and Mr. Roger Liebner presented an overview of the Kenai Alternative School. Mr. Liebner gave the Board a tour of the alternative school via a slide presentation. He noted the alternative school, which is housed at Kenai Elementary School, has graduated 51 students since it began five years ago. Students Tiffiany Rice and Kevin Berkey reported on their successful educational experiences at the school. Mr. Liebner extended an invitation to the Board to visit the school whenever possible.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND
PETITIONS:**

Mrs. Obendorf reported communications had been received from a group requesting the Board support HB 217. She noted a letter had been received from Anchor Point parents expressing concerns related to a possible bus route stop in Anchor Point and requested the Board look into the situation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Bromenschenkel welcomed the student representative, Aubrey Robinson. He noted this year would be a challenging and learning experience for her.

Superintendent Bromenschenkel reported on proposed revisions to the manner in which voting at the annual AASB business meeting will take place. The proposed weighted system, based on each school district's student population, rather than the number of board members in a district, will be considered at the November 11-14 AASB Conference. He noted the proposed voting method would be beneficial to the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District and urged the board's support of the proposal.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Swarner presented the financial report of the district for the period ending September 30, 1995.

BUDGET TRANSFERS REPORT:

Mr. Swarner reported on budget transfers #1 through #144 for schools and departments within the district.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of Substitute Teacher Contracts, Inservice Release Request, Tustumena Furniture and Equipment List, and Extended Field Trip Request.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
CONTRACTS:**

Mrs. Radkte recommended the Board approve contracts for 19-day substitute teachers Audrey Estes, Computer/Social Studies/Mathematics, Susan B. English Elem/High; and Tom Atkinson, English, Skyview High.

INSERVICE RELEASE REQUEST:

By memorandum, Mr. Thorpe recommended the Board approve an inservice day on May 23, 1996, for Mountain View Elementary School staff to develop schedules for 1996-97 and review the special services collaboration model, class size grant and technology services.

**TUSTUMENA FURNITURE AND
EQUIPMENT LIST:**

Mr. Dahlgren recommended the Board approve the purchase of furniture and equipment for the Tustumena Elementary addition in the amount of \$914.16.

EXTENDED FIELD TRIP REQUEST:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve an extended field trip request for 12 Nikiski High School students to travel to Redondo Beach, California, December 26-31, 1995, to participate in a basketball tournament hosted by Redondo Union High School.

ACTION Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

GAMING PERMITS-DESIGNATED MEMBERS: Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve a listing of primary and alternate members in charge for 20 district schools desiring to have gaming permits.

ACTION Mrs. Gross moved the Board approve the primary and alternate members for gaming permits as presented. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFER: Mr. Swarner recommended the Board approve budget transfer #000139 in the amount of \$190,000 for the Instructional Department to purchase language arts curriculum materials for schools.

ACTION Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the budget transfer. Mr. Thibodeau seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

POLICY REVISIONS/0000/
PHILOSOPHY, GOALS, OBJECTIVES
AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve Policies 0000, Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plan with an implementation date of July 1, 1996. He noted this was the first of nine sections to be revised in the policy manual. Two worksessions on the policies had been held prior to the meeting.

POLICY REVISIONS/0000/
PHILOSOPHY, GOALS,
OBJECTIVES AND
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (cont.): Mr. Kistler commented the Board should delete the word "student" under the student learning goal. He felt the goal should apply to all persons in learning whether it be teachers, administrators, school board members or others.

ACTION Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the policy revisions. Dr. Anderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

AASB CORE RESOLUTIONS: Mrs. Obendorf reported the Board reviewed the AASB Core Resolutions submitted to them. Their action would give direction to their representative in voting on the resolutions at the November AASB Annual Meeting.

Mr. James Simeroth, Kenai resident, asked the Board to consider resolution #95-1, Binding Arbitration. He commented he personally felt binding arbitration was a means to solve labor-management relationships. He requested the Board not be in opposition to binding arbitration and give serious consideration to this process.

Mrs. Obendorf stated that in worksession discussions the Board had determined they would like to delete resolutions #95-4, 95-5, 95-13, 95-15, 95-17, 95-20, 95-21, 95-26, 95-30, 95-33, 95-34, 95-35, 95-40, 95-41, 95-42, 95-43, 95-44, 95-46, 95-47, 95-50, and 95-57. She noted voting on the remaining resolutions would not necessarily affect the district, but would give direction to the AASB executive director to support these issues in Juneau.

ACTION

Dr. Anderson moved the Board approve the AASB Belief Statements and Core Resolutions, with the exception of those noted. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL BASED DECISION
MAKING COMPOSITION WAIVER/
NINILCHIK SCHOOL:

Dr. Bromenschenkel recommended the Board approve a request from Ninilchik Elem/High School's School Based Decision Making Council related to a waiver to their council's composition. He noted he had reviewed the request and found it to be within the intent of the School Based Decision Making Process document approved by the Board. The council noted that because of their small size, the waiver would allow two parents, instead of three, to serve on the council, and each member, except the student representative, would be elected for two-year terms, rather than annually as outlined in the SBDM Process document.

ACTION

Mr. Thibodeau moved the Board approve the School Based Decision Making Composition Waiver for Ninilchik Elem/High School. Mrs. Larned seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING/POLICIES/ 2000,
ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the first reading on Policies 2000, Administration. He noted the Board will discuss these in a worksession prior to the November 6 meeting.

SECOND READING/POLICIES/ 1000,
COMMUNITY:

Dr. Bromenschenkel presented the second reading on Policies, 1000, Community. He noted the Board had conducted two worksessions on this section of the policy manual. He explained to the audience the revision process to date.

Mr. Thibodeau questioned whether the audit dates stipulated in policy were appropriate. Mr. Swarner commented that although there was a coordinated effort between the school district, borough and auditors related to compilation of audit data, the date is stipulated in state law and should remain as such in the policy manual.

Mr. Thibodeau called attention to a Board adopted self-evaluation instrument. He suggested that if the Board desires to do this a form should be included in the policy manual related to self-evaluation.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. John Kistler, parent, thanked School Board President Betty Obendorf for her years of student support. He noted she has spent a tremendous amount of hours working for the students as a board member and as President of the Board. He commented that he hoped her replacement would do an equitable job in dealing with the administration, other board members and public as she has done.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Board members extended welcoming comments to Aubrey Robinson as student representative, and farewell comments to Mrs. Obendorf. The Board extended best wishes to Mrs. Obendorf in her future endeavors.

Mrs. Larned questioned whether night classes are conducted or have been considered at the alternative schools. Dr. Bromenschenkel responded he would secure this information for her.

Miss Robinson thanked the Board for their warm welcome and stated she looked forward to her experiences on the Board.

BOARD COMMENTS (cont.):

Dr. Anderson commented that he was appreciative of the work of Mrs. Obendorf and Mr. Tauriainen as they have served on the Board.

With concurrence of the Board, Mrs. Obendorf appointed Mrs. Larned to the Calendar Committee.

Mrs. Obendorf thanked the Board for their best wishes and wished them well in the future.

She announced the next school board meeting will be held on November 6, 1995, 7:30 p.m., in the Borough Assembly Room, Soldotna.

ADJOURN:

At 8:25 p.m., Mr. Arness moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Gross seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Betty Obendorf, President

Dr. Nels Anderson, Clerk

The Minutes of October 16, 1995,
were approved on November 6, 1995,
as written.