
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Special Meeting News In Brief

November 8, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Borough Administration Building - 148 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska

WORKSESSION REPORT: The Board held several worksessions prior to the formal business meeting which included Policy Manual revisions, Charter Schools Charter renewals, student concussions, District Health Manual procedures regarding lice, School District facility maintenance, and the Five-Year Plan.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: Banner of appreciation was presented by Mr. Mike Peterson, Project GRAD Executive Director, Kenai Peninsula to Wal-Mart for their donation of \$25,000.00.

SCHOOL REPORT: Mrs. Marilyn Johnson, Tebughna School principal/teacher, gave a computer presentation highlighting the Village of Tyonek, community, student body, and introduced Jenny Andersen, Instructional Coach for Project GRAD. Ms. Andersen explained school-wide goals, activities and student achievement awards.

Mr. Scott Handley, Nanwalek School principal/teacher, gave a computer presentation detailing the school's vision, partnerships, academic achievement and language development.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported BP 0210, Goals for Student Learning is out for public comment. Dr. Atwater thanked Michael Crawford, Jamie Meyers and Michelle Thomason for their work in getting i-SAFE up on the website. There are nine early-entrance students in kindergarten this year. He complimented the Board on being awarded 'School Board of the Year' at AASB conference. He appreciated the Board's efforts in working through the Homer track issue.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Christopher Etwiler, (temporary) .50 FTE interventionist teacher, Homer High School; and Kendra Rupp, speech language pathologist, Central Peninsula Area.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations, effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year, from James Barkman, math/science teacher, Soldotna High School; Laura B. Beck, generalist teacher/librarian, Connections Program/Seward Middle School; Nancy Courtright, 4th grade teacher, Soldotna Elementary School; Robert J. Dimick, physical education teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Richard Frederic, biology/anatomy and physiology teacher, Kenai Central High School; Ann Ghicadus, kindergarten teacher, Seward Elementary School; David L. Knudsen, 4th grade teacher, Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science; Mary Kay Knudsen, elementary teacher, Kaleidoscope School of Arts and Science; Suzanne C. Martin, kindergarten teacher, Sterling Elementary School; and Lora L. T. Sterling, kindergarten teacher, Sterling Elementary School.

BUDGET TRANSFER: The Board unanimously approved a budget transfer from Soldotna Montessori Charter School to align their current year budget with the expected expenditures for salaries, benefits and contracted services.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, December 5, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

* * * * *