
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Board of Education Meeting News In Brief

June 4, 2012 - 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 school facilities usage, proposed Policy Manual revisions, proposed KPSAA Handbook revisions and the proposed District Strategic Plan. Due to time constraints, sessions on the newly implemented evaluation systems for administrators and teachers, and the career and technical education update were delayed.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Ms. Cheryl Anderson, Outreach Coordinator, Kenai Fish and Wildlife Field Office and Ms. Heather Fuller, Habitat Restoration Biologist, Kenai Fish & Wildlife Field Office spoke to the Board about the school yard habitat program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Atwater reported that drinking water at Moose Pass School does not meet D.E.C. standards and that the District is working on a solution. He reported that the District has applied for federal grant funding to place counselors in some of the District's elementary schools. He stated that he plans to support the State of Alaska's request for a waiver through the No Child Left Behind Act because it may aid some of our schools in their efforts to achieve AYP.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Mr. Jones reviewed the report of leases and agreements for the 2012-2013 school year.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2012.

KPSAA RECOMMENDED STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved proposed changes to the 2012-2013 Kenai Peninsula School Activities Handbooks which included eligibility for participation, student representative to KPBSD Board of Education, parent representative by-law change, middle school drug and alcohol policy change and cooperative football team formation.

NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved new teacher contracts for Albert Plan, math/science teacher, Seward High School; Annaleah Karron, social studies/generalist teacher, River City Academy; Barbara Gray, temporary elementary multi-grade teacher, Nanwalek School; Chelsea Lorge, math teacher, Kenai Middle School; Chelsea Van Vickie, primary grade teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Dana Strong, language arts/social studies teacher, Ninilchik School; Isaac Erhardt, math teacher, Soldotna High School; Jamie Hughes, temporary elementary teacher, Port Graham School; Jason Leslie, K-6 teacher (Science), Kaleidoscope Charter School; Jeanne Duhan, elementary general/instrumental music teacher, K-Beach Elementary School; Jonathan Dillon, elementary general/instrumental music teacher, Mt. View Elementary School; Josh Tone, secondary teacher, Port Graham School; Keith Gray, language arts/social studies teacher, Nanwalek School; Nicole Stover, interventionist (.50 FTE), Seward Elementary; Peter Dahl, permanent (.85 FTE)/temporary (.15 FTE) elementary general/instrumental music teacher, Soldotna Elementary and Soldotna Montessori School; Sami King, physical education/health/activities director teacher (.80 FTE), Seward High School and Todd Peterson, special education intensive needs teacher (cross-categorical), Tustumena Elementary School.

TENTATIVE NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved tentative non-tenured teacher contracts for Adrienne Bostic, teacher/regular (temporary), Central Peninsula Area; Jeremy McKibben, teacher/regular [permanent (.50 FTE)/temporary (.50 FTE)], Mt. View Elementary School; Justin Zank, teacher/regular (temporary), Homer Area; Matthew Creamer, teacher/special education, Chapman School; Michelle Barrows, teacher/special education, Mt. View Elementary School; Sarah Compton, teacher/regular, Ninilchik School and Theresa Salzetti, teacher/regular (temporary), K-Beach Elementary School.

RESIGNATIONS: The Board unanimously approved resignations effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year for Eric Dahl, math teacher, Soldotna Middle School; Tammy Farrell, librarian, Mt. View Elementary School; Anna Fisher, social studies teacher, Homer High School; Maryvonne Guillemin, Spanish/French/language arts teacher, Skyview High School; Kara Schreur, 2nd grade teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Sarah Swaney, special education intensive needs teacher, Soldotna Elementary School and Elizabeth Wallin, 3rd grade teacher, Mt. View Elementary School.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT 2012-13: The Board unanimously approved Mr. Dave Tressler as Director of Planning and Operations and Mr. Karl Kircher as assistant principal of Mt. View Elementary.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board unanimously approved budget transfer number 1374 for \$79,282 to pay for Fireweed Academy Charter School salaries and benefits and number 1384 for \$60,000 to pay for Aurora Borealis Charter School long term administrator substitute salary.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE-SUPPORT: The Board unanimously approved a request for a leave of absence-support for Carole Nolden, Kenai Middle School (effective the 2012-13 school year).

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT: The Board unanimously approved a long-term substitute teacher contract for Ruby Smith, Redoubt Elementary.

FY12 BUDGET REVISION: The Board unanimously approved a total revised General Fund budget of \$138,363,091 (\$200,000 increase to In-Kind Maintenance for unanticipated snow removal costs and a reduction of \$550,000 in the use of Fund Balance).

POLICY MANUAL REVISION: The Board unanimously approved proposed revisions to AR 6161.4, Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety Policy.

DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: The Board unanimously approved an amendment to endorse the 2013-17 Strategic Plan.

FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS: The Board heard a first reading of proposed revisions to BP 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion; BP 6141, Curriculum Development; BP 6161.1, Selection of Instructional Materials and BP 6190, Evaluation of Instructional Programs.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting is Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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