

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street

Soldotna, AK 99669

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent

January 22, 2001

NEWS IN BRIEF

OATH OF OFFICE: The Oath of Office was administered to newly selected interim school board member Sandra Wassilie by notary public Sally Tachick.

SCHOOL REPORTS: Mr. Wykis, Sears Elementary principal, distributed a written report that included school demographic information, the school mission statement and staff list, the school goals, and information regarding integrating language arts, music, movement, art and drama. Mrs. Carol Ann Barum, PTA member, reported on PTA activities and parent volunteerism. Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Larson presented information regarding the development of a sample activity that was subsequently performed by students. The students played musical instruments and sang the words to the book, *A Time for Bed*, which is part of a larger unit on night and day. The teachers explained that the activity was an example of integration that meets the standards of the language arts and fine arts curriculum and included other disciplines as well.

HEARING OF DELEGATIONS: Mrs. Ginger Steffy, Kenai Peninsula College campus director, and Dr. Peter Larson explained that the Jump Start Program allows high school seniors to take college classes for a copay amount of \$20 per credit. They explained that the program is paid for by money from the Kenai Peninsula Borough and presently includes over 250 students districtwide. Students take courses that are not available at their own high school or take general education classes and complete their first year of college while still in high school.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS: The Board presented certificates of appreciation to Mr. Chuck Chavka, Redoubt Elementary teacher, and to Mrs. Penny Vadla, Ninilchik Elementary/High teacher, for being chosen as the 1999-2000 British Petroleum Teachers of Excellence.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Peterson reported that she continues to have positive communication with legislators. She reminded the Board of the upcoming Media Training scheduled for February 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Solid Rock Bible Camp. Dr. Peterson thanked District employees who recently volunteered their time to assist the Seldovia basketball team who were stranded in Soldotna after their activity van was stolen.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Hickey presented the financial report of the District for the periods ending November 30, 2000, and December 31, 2000.

BUDGET TRANSFER REPORT: Mr. Hickey reported on budget transfers Numbers 43 through 157 for various schools and departments within the District.

RESIGNATION: The Board unanimously approved a resignation from Mrs. Cathleen Brothen,

Correspondence Program, effective at the end of the 2000-2001 school year.

POLICY REVISIONS: The Board unanimously approved revisions to board policies 4119.23, 4219.23, and 4319.23, Unauthorized Release of Confidential Information. The revision adds a phrase to include individual test results in the records not subject to public disclosure, adds legal citations to legislation and regulations passed which relate to the state testing and assessment program, and brings the policy into compliance with state law and regulations related to the handling of confidential information.

The Board unanimously approved the adoption of BP 5137, Positive School Climate. The policy endorses positive steps to discourage campus disturbances and channel students' energies into constructive actions.

The Board unanimously approved revisions to BP 6146, Graduation Requirements and Standards of Proficiency. The changes will align instructional practice with state standards and requirements.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting is Monday, February 5, 2001, 7:30 p.m., Borough Administration Building, Soldotna, Alaska.

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