

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

November 20, 2000

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: Ms. Deborah Germano, President  
Mrs. Sammy Crawford, Vice President  
Mrs. Debra Mullins, Clerk  
Mr. Joe Arness, Treasurer  
Dr. Nels Anderson, Member  
Mr. Mike Chenault, Member  
Mr. Al Poindexter, Member  
Miss Sara Hart, Student Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Patrick Hickey, Assistant Superintendent, Operations and Business Management  
Dr. Ed McLain, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction  
Mr. Todd Syverson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Pete Sprague Mr. Tim Peterson  
Soldotna Police Chief Shirley Warner Ms. Shona Loshbaugh  
Ms. Marilee Johansen Ms. Trena Richardson  
Ms. Ria Fandel Mr. Richard Isley  
Ms. Theresa Colton Mr. Buck George  
Mr. Tony Milionta Ms. Debra Holle  
Mr. Dennis Welton Mr. Carlton Kuhns  
Mr. Chris Moss

Others present not identified.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Germano called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Ms. Germano invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Deborah Germano Present  
Mrs. Debra Mullins Present  
Mrs. Sammy Crawford Present  
Dr. Nels Anderson Present  
Mr. Mike Chenault Present  
Mr. Al Poindexter Present  
Mr. Joe Arness Present  
Miss Sara Hart Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the addition of Consent Agenda Item 10a. (3), Approval of Resignation, and the relettering of Action Items after Item 10c.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The School Board Minutes of November 6, 2000, were approved as printed.

## SCHOOL REPORTS:

Mr. Carlton Kuhns, principal of Nikolaevsk Elementary/High School, reported on the student activities and instructional programs at his school. He reviewed the school's enrollment numbers, demographic composition, and curriculum. He noted that English is a second language for the majority of his students, and the school's curriculum emphasizes speaking, reading, and writing in English. Mr. Kuhn's video presentation showed students engaged in classroom activities planned around a cross-curricular, K-12 thematic unit on medieval Europe. Mr. Kuhn's overhead presentation demonstrated how his staff uses assessment to guide not only the school's instructional program but also individual student plans. Mr. Kuhns noted that his staff adapted the District's flight path graphic to help parents and students understand academic strengths and weaknesses and to plan individual instructional goals. He commented that recent results from the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam and Benchmark Exams illustrate how assessment is driving instruction at his school. He noted that the math tests are language based and his staff is now teaching students how to communicate mathematically using their English language skills.

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Richard Isley, authorized distributor for AquaAmerica, asked the Board to consider his proposal for point-of-use water filtration systems in District schools. He reviewed the health benefits of the system and the potential cost savings. Mr. Isley reported that he is working with DEC to obtain their written certification.

## HEARING OF DELEGATIONS:

Mr. Pete Sprague, chairman of the Kenai Peninsula Juvenile Detention Facility Committee, requested Board support for the project. Mr. Sprague also asked the Board to encourage state officials to support the facility. Mr. Sprague's PowerPoint presentation detailed the committee's formation and membership; addressed the need for a Peninsula facility; and illustrated the benefits of the facility to the community, local law enforcement agencies and detainees. He described the coordinated services to be offered at the facility, and he emphasized the educational benefits to both the detainees and the District. Soldotna police chief and committee member Shirley Warner elaborated on the need for a Peninsula facility, and she illustrated her position by relating the time and costs involved in the apprehension, detention and transportation of juvenile offenders. She noted that a local facility would benefit not only her staff and the community at large but also the juveniles and their families. She stressed that juvenile offenders on the Peninsula have more in common with local youth than with the offenders from Anchorage, some of whom are very dangerous.

Mr. Poindexter asked how law enforcement agencies and juveniles from the far ends of the Peninsula would benefit from the facility. Chief Warner responded that these juveniles would receive the same coordinated services from local agencies, a consistent and continuing educational curriculum, and more frequent family contacts which would not occur if the students were transferred to Anchorage. She noted that the law enforcement agencies would also benefit but not to the same degree as Central Peninsula agencies.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: Dr. Peterson brought two items to the attention of the Board: a letter from an international conference participant who complimented the teachers and administration of the District and notification that the District was awarded a \$155,880 Technology Literacy Challenge grant.

Ms. Deborah Germano announced that she received a thank-you card from Mari-Anne Gross and a thank-you card from Susan Larned.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Germano expressed appreciation to ACS Wireless, Agrium U.S., and UNOCAL for their coordinated donation of more than 40 cellular phones and chargers to District schools. She noted that educating the Peninsula requires the involvement of many parties such as this joint venture. Ms. Germano awarded certificates of appreciation to Mr. Tony Milionta (UNOCAL), Ms. Theresa Colton (ACS Wireless), and Mr. Dennis Welton and Mr. Mike Nugent (Agrium U.S.).

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The Board presented golden apple awards to Ms. Marilee Johansen, Food Service Manager at Nikiski Middle/Senior High, and Ms. Ria Fandel, Head Baker and Food Service Manager at Soldotna High School. Both employees were recognized for their enthusiasm, dedication, volunteer work and service to the students of the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Peterson announced that the Theater Task Force Committee meeting has been rescheduled to December 6, 2000.

Dr. Peterson announced that the quarterly administrators' meeting was held on November 14.

Dr. Peterson noted that she attended the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) conference and commented on the excellent training.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Patrick Hickey presented the District financial report for the period ending October 31, 2000. He noted that the count period ended October 27, and the foundation report has been submitted. Mr. Hickey added that work has started on budget revisions, one of which pertains to the inclusion of the Spring Creek program.

BOARD REPORTS:

Mrs. Crawford announced that she was proud to be a member of the District delegation at the AASB conference. She announced that Mari-Anne Gross received the AASB Member of the Year award. Mrs. Crawford noted that Mrs. Mullins delivered an outstanding performance as both parliamentarian and board member and that Ms. Germano demonstrated her leadership skills and advocacy for students through her resolutions.

Mrs. Crawford announced that she attended a meeting of the Awards Committee and that the members decided to add the category of *businesses* to the groups recognized at School Board meetings. Mrs. Crawford noted that the business community contributes much and in many ways to the District.

Mrs. Mullins reported on the AASB sectionals and training sessions she attended. She commented on the excellent speakers and the personal and professional applicability of their messages. She noted that she served as moderator of the school-business partnership sectional and was impressed with both the content and presenters. Mrs. Mullins reported that she returned with information on school-business partnerships to share with Central Office administrators, and she repeated her appreciation for community businesses and their support. Mrs. Mullins announced that Mrs. Crawford and Ms. Germano received boardsmanship awards and that AASB members raised more than \$11,000 for the scholarship fund.

- BOARD REPORTS (continued):**
- Mrs. Mullins noted her attendance at the November 14 administrators' meeting and invited principals to meet with her.
  - Mrs. Mullins announced that she attended the morning's KPSAA meeting and added that the afternoon work session proved beneficial.
  - Mr. Poindexter noted his attendance and training at the AASB conference, and he commented on the many state laws and regulations pertaining to school boards.
  - Mr. Poindexter announced that he attended a recent meeting of the District Vocational Advisory Committee, and he commented on the role students will play organizing this year's CTSO conference.
  - Mr. Poindexter reported that he and Mrs. Crawford attended the Job Center open house, and he emphasized the necessity of partnering with local industries to enhance students' job skills.
  - Mr. Arness announced that he attended the November 13 Calendar Committee meeting and that calendars for the next three school years will be presented to the Board at the December 4, 2000, meeting.
  - Ms. Germano thanked Mr. Chenault for attending the AASB conference.
  - Ms. Hart thanked Mr. Chenault for his chocolate purchase and announced that students from the Leadership Institute raised \$1,344.50 with their fund raising sale. Ms. Hart thanked the District for sending her to the AASB conference.
  - Ms. Germano reported that she attended an AASB conference sectional for board presidents and also spent a day working with resolutions. She commented on the value of students attending the conference and thanked other Board members for attending.
- CONSENT AGENDA:** Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of New Teacher Assignment, Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract and Resignation.
- NEW TEACHER ASSIGNMENT:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a 2000–2001 contract for Paul Hettwer temporary, full-time music, Seward Middle/High and Seward Elementary Schools.
- LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve a long-term substitute teacher contract for Cindy Hurst, Grade 1, Sears Elementary School.
- RESIGNATION:** Dr. Peterson recommended the Board approve the resignation of Mr. Mike Chenault, School Board member.
- ACTION** Mr. Chenault moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 10a (1) through 10a.(3). Mr. Poindexter seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF 2001–2002 CERTIFIED STAFFING FORMULA:** Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve the 2001–2002 Certified Staffing Formula.

APPROVAL OF 2001–2002 CERTIFIED STAFFING FORMULA (continued): Mr. Syverson reported that the staffing ratio for Grades K–3 is set at 1:24. He noted that the CSR grant and unallocated staffing would be used to maintain a ratio of 1:18 in Grade 1. Mr. Syverson also reported that staffing for certified pool directors is no longer in the formula.

ACTION Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve the 2001–2002 Certified Staffing Formula. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2001–2002 SUPPORT STAFFING FORMULA: Mr. Syverson recommended the Board approve the 2001–2002 Classified Staffing Formula.

Mr. Syverson reported that nursing staff has increased from the 2000–2001 formula by .38 FTE to cover intensive needs and medically fragile students who attend school in the Central Peninsula. Mr. Syverson reported that pool aides have been changed to pool managers within the classified staffing formula.

ACTION Mrs. Mullins moved the Board approve the 2001–2002 Classified Staffing formula. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT EXPULSION: Mr. Arness moved the Board approve the following: “Board Policy 5131.6(a) requires the administration to recommend expulsion for a second drug or alcohol-related offense. This was MR’s third violation of Board policy on an alcohol or drug-related offense. This behavior is inimical to the welfare and safety of other pupils. As such, MR is permanently expelled for violation of KPBSD policy 5131.6, Alcohol and Other Drugs. Beginning in August 2001, upon application by MR, the Superintendent may readmit MR if the Superintendent reasonably concludes that the cause for expulsion has been remedied. Such readmission shall be on terms and conditions the Superintendent deems appropriate to ensure MR’s presence is not inimical to the welfare, safety or morals of other pupils. During the expulsion, MR is restricted from physically attending any KPBSD school and school activities, from being on school grounds, and from participation in school-related or supervised activities on or off school grounds.” Dr. Anderson seconded.

ACTION

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 00-01-08 IN SUPPORT OF JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY: Dr. McLain recommended the Board approve Resolution 00-01-08 in Support of a Juvenile Detention Facility on the Kenai Peninsula.

Dr. McLain, committee member, noted the District’s three-year involvement with the project. He stated that the facility has the attention of various legislators and staff from the governor’s office and that indications of support from the local governments and District is important. Dr. McLain urged passage of the resolution.

Mr. Arness asked if the District would be operating a school within the facility. Dr. McLain responded that a 10-student minimum is required for state funding. He noted that the Kenai facility is modeled after the Mat-Su facility, and the Mat-Su District receives \$183,000 in foundation funding for operating that school.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 00-01-08  
IN SUPPORT OF JUVENILE  
DETENTION FACILITY (continued):

Ms. Germano thanked Dr. McLain and the rest of the committee for their presentation. She wished them success.

ACTON

Mrs. Crawford moved the Board approve Resolution 00-01-08 in Support of a Juvenile Detention Facility. Mrs. Mullins seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER:

Mr. Patrick Hickey recommended the Board approve Budget Transfer No. 114 for \$10,000.

Mr. Hickey noted that transfers in excess of \$10,000 must have Board approval. Mr. Hickey classified the transfer as a numbering change to correct an invalid object code for FY01.

ACTION

Mr. Arness moved the Board approve Budget Transfer 114. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Debra Holle announced that she will be applying for Mr. Chenault's School Board seat. She presented a brief overview of her volunteer work at Tustumena Elementary and her service on the Borough Assembly.

Mr. Pete Sprague thanked the Board for approving Resolution 00-01-08. He thanked Dr. Ed McLain for his valuable work on the project. Mr. Sprague also expressed his appreciation to the District administration for their support.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Miss Hart thanked the Board for allowing her attendance at the AASB conference.

Mrs. Mullins thanked Mr. Kuhns for his presentation. Mrs. Mullins stated that she understands the request for a Peninsula juvenile facility, but she is dismayed that one is needed. Mrs. Mullins noted that the students of the Peninsula will be well represented in Juneau by Mr. Chenault.

Mrs. Crawford thanked Mr. Kuhns for the information about the students and programs at Nikolaevsk. Mrs. Crawford thanked Dr. McLain and Mr. Syverson for their reports during the afternoon work session. Mrs. Crawford asked to be excused from the December 4, 2000, meeting.

Dr. Nels Anderson announced that applications are available for the School Board seat vacated by Mr. Chenault. He noted that the position announcement will be published in Central Peninsula, Seward and Homer newspapers.

Mr. Chenault thanked Borough Assemblyman Chris Moss for attending the meeting. Mr. Chenault thanked the representatives from ACS, Agrium U.S., and UNOCAL for their donation of cell phones and chargers. Mr. Chenault thanked Mr. Pete Sprague for the presentation on the detention facility.

BOARD COMMENTS (continued): Mr. Arness asked the administration to acknowledge Mr. Isley's water filtration proposal. Mr. Hickey stated that he will respond to Mr. Isley. Mr. Hickey noted that he is aware of the product and the problems Mr. Isley is experiencing with DEC. Mr. Hickey commented that a water task force has formed and representatives from the District and Borough have met several times to discuss the water situation. Mr. Hickey reiterated the administration's desire to have potable water in all school buildings, especially since these buildings are used as emergency relocation centers. Mr. Hickey noted that the water situation will be reviewed at the next Board meeting when capital projects major maintenance issues are presented for review.

Ms. Germano thanked Mr. Syverson for the staffing formula reports and Dr. McLain for his class size study. She also commented on the reading intervention report. Ms. Germano noted that a short work session was held that afternoon to discuss procedure and time line for filling the vacancy created by Mr. Chenault's resignation. She announced that beginning this week, the vacancy will be advertised. She noted that the application will also be available on-line. Ms. Germano announced that candidates will be interviewed on January 8, 2001, and the new member seated at the second meeting in January.

ADJOURN: At 9:21 p.m., Mrs. Mullins moved the School Board Meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Crawford seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ms. Deborah Germano, President

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Mrs. Debra Mullins, Clerk

The Minutes of November 20, 2000,  
were approved on December 4, 2000  
as written.