



# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building  
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mr. Joe Arness, President  
Mr. Bill Holt, Vice President  
Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk  
Mr. Tim Navarre, Treasurer  
Mr. Marty Anderson  
Mr. Dan Castimore  
Mrs. Liz Downing  
Ms. Lynn Hohl  
Mr. John Kelly

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Sean Dusek, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Julie Cisco	Mrs. Patty Sirois
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff	Mr. David Brighton
Miss Martine Dikes	Mr. Gary Knopp

Others present not identified.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:**

Ms. Hohl read the District's mission statement.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Marty Anderson	Present
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mr. Dan Castimore	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Absent/Excused
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mr. Bill Holt	Present
Mr. John Kelly	Present
Mr. Tim Navarre	Present
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Present

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved as written.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The School Board Minutes of July 11, 2016, were approved as corrected.

The School Board Minutes of July 27, 2016, were approved as printed.

## UNAPPROVED

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

Mr. Dusek stated that 20 District students participated in the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) this summer and the District will continue the partnership whether in Anchorage or at the Kenai Peninsula College (KPC). He announced that the Calendar Committee will convene this year to update the next two years' calendars. He discussed the requirements of the recently passed House Bill 156 regarding human reproduction education and asked the Board to be prepared to review materials and presenter names at the September board meeting. He noted that there are 53 new to the District teachers this year (down a little from last year). He invited the Board to attend the new teacher meeting at Skyview Middle School on Friday, August 12. He reported that Mrs. Larissa Mika has resigned her position with the district office and her position will be absorbed, which brings the total district office staff reductions to 11 FTE from last year. He noted the grant updates in the information packet, stated that he will travel to Tyonek in September to observe the hydroponics project and invited interested board members to attend. He reminded the Board of their work session on August 9, in the Soldotna Elementary Library beginning at 8:30 a.m. He invited board members to attend the administrator meetings on August 10-11, at Skyview Middle School. He discussed the new format of the districtwide inservice (to be presented via video) and encouraged the Board to schedule with school administrators for a time to attend. He said that some schools are already in session but most begin August 23.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SITE COUNCIL AND/OR AUTHORIZED STUDENT SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS, P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A., K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:**

Mrs. Patty Sirois, K.P.E.S.A. president, stated that she has begun receiving phone calls as employees get ready to begin the new school year. She expressed concern over the absorption of Mrs. Mika's position. She noted that the Calendar Committee will include association representatives. She expressed appreciation that Mr. Brighton and she were given the opportunity to record messages for the districtwide inservice. She announced that Mr. Brighton and she will begin making site visits towards the end of August.

Mr. David Brighton, KPEA president, stated that he had missed the last two board meetings and glad to attend this one. He attended the summer's National Education Association (NEA) meeting in Washington, D.C. where he met Senator Elizabeth Warren. He discussed the employee contract negotiations, recent requests from staff for the contract to be settled and he offered an update on the progress. He is looking forward to another great year.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Dusek summarized the Project GRAD Cultural Exchange Institute at KPC and expressed appreciation for the program presentations. He reported on work being done to allow district teachers to deliver college credit in classrooms and provide students with dual credit through the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and KPC. He discussed the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Resolutions that were part of the Legislative Committee agenda and asked the Board to review them. He stated that the Department of Education has put the statewide assessment RFP on hold, but will have an assessment in place for the Spring.

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

(Continued)

He reported that during the Alaska Superintendents Association summer meeting in Juneau, Legislative Finance Division Director David Teal discussed Alaska's grave financial situation. He discussed the District's new background check provider "Pre-Employ". He expressed excitement over the start of the school year and that his son, Brian, will be a senior.

**QUARTERLY BUDGET  
TRANSFER REPORT:**

Mr. Jones presented the budget transfer report for various schools and departments within the District during the fourth quarter of FY16.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Castimore reported that the Board Policy Committee met earlier in the day and discussed the agenda items.

Mrs. Vadla reported that the Communications Committee met earlier in the day and discussed the agenda items.

Mr. Holt reported that the Legislative Committee met earlier in the day and discussed the agenda items.

**BOARD WORK SESSION  
REPORT:**

Mr. Arness reported that the Board held work sessions entitled Board Policy, Nondiscrimination Policy Review and Timeline, and E-governance Service.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were Approval of 2016-2017 New Teacher Contracts, 2016-17 Tentative Non-Tenure Contracts, Resignations, and Leave of Absence Request/Support.

**2016-2017 NEW TEACHER  
CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve new teacher contracts for Jacob Brand, Physical Education Teacher; Jared Copeland, Migrant/Title 1 Teacher; Gregory Carroll, Special Education Resource Teacher; Susan Cooksey, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Sandra Johnson, Special Education Emotional Disabilities Teacher; Sarah Knobloch, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Lindsey Martin, Science/Math Teacher; Kevin Moos, Primary Grade Teacher; Michelle Mueller, Primary Grade Teacher; Jacob Newton, Intermediate Grade Teacher; and Sara Raschein, Intermediate Grade Teacher.

**2016-17 TENTATIVE NON-  
TENURE CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve 2016-17 Tentative Non-Tenure Contracts for Heather Lindquist, Teacher/Regular and Samantha Rogers, Teacher/Sped.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations from David Hebert, Special Education Resource Teacher, Seward Middle School and Dawn Wagoner, Language Arts Teacher, Kenai Central High School, both effective end of the 2015-16 school year.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST/SUPPORT:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a leave of absence for Jason Tauriainen, Custodian I, Nikiski Middle/High School, effective September 19, 2016 to October 31, 2016.

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### CONSENT AGENDA: (Continued)

**MOTION:** Mr. Holt moved the Board approve Consent Agenda Items Numbers 1 through 4. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

### TRANSFER OF KENAI PENINSULA BUILDING AUTHORITY PARCELS:

Mr. Jones recommended the Board convey the titles of nine lots, purchased by The Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc., in Deepwood Park subdivision in 1981, to the Kenai Peninsula Borough to hold title for the KPBSD with the understanding that the proceeds from the disposal of any of the properties will be allocated to the District Career and Technical Education (CTE) program.

**MOTION:** Mr. Kelly moved the Board convey the titles of nine lots, purchased by The Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc., in Deepwood Park subdivision in 1981, to the Kenai Peninsula Borough to hold title for the KPBSD with the understanding that the proceeds from the disposal of any of the properties will be allocated to the District Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

**MOTION:** Ms. Hohl moved the Board approve an amendment to remove from the motion "with the understanding that the proceeds from the disposal of any of the properties will be allocated to the District Career and Technical Education (CTE) program." Mr. Holt seconded.

VOTE ON Hohl Amendment:

YES – Anderson, Castimore, Hohl, Vadla

NO – Holt, Kelly, Navarre, Arness

Amendment failed.

**MOTION:** Ms. Hohl moved the Board amend the motion to read that the Board convey the titles of nine lots, purchased by The Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc., in Deepwood Park subdivision in 1981, to the Kenai Peninsula Borough to hold title for the KPBSD with the understanding that if the School Board authorizes disposal of any of the lots, proceeds will be allocated to the District Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Mr. Castimore seconded.

**MOTION:** Mr. Navarre moved the Board amend the amendment to change the word "if" to "when." Mr. Kelly seconded.

VOTE ON Navarre Amendment:

YES – Anderson, Hohl, Holt, Kelly, Navarre, Arness

NO – Castimore, Vadla

Amendment carried.



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**TRANSFER OF KENAI  
PENINSULA BUILDING  
AUTHORITY PARCELS:**  
(Continued)

VOTE ON Hohl Amendment as amended:

YES – Anderson, Hohl, Holt, Kelly, Navarre, Arness  
NO – Castimore, Vadla

Amendment carried.

VOTE ON Motion:

YES – Anderson, Hohl, Holt, Kelly, Navarre, Arness  
NO – Castimore, Vadla

Motion carried.

**BOARD E-GOVERNANCE  
SERVICE:**

Mr. Dusek recommended the Board approve the purchase of BoardDocs Pro E-governance service.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Castimore moved the Board approve the purchase of BoardDocs Pro E-governance service. Mrs. Vadla seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY  
REVISIONS:**

The Board heard a first reading of AR 1330 Use of School Facilities and Properties.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/  
COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brighton commented on the Ninilchik Fair, to be held August 19-21, 2016. He commented on the transfer of Kenai Peninsula Building Authority parcels.

Mr. Tyler Schneider, Soldotna High School student, asked for the status of the District's transgender bathroom use policy.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Ms. Hohl reported on a conversation she had with a Providence Seward Medical Center employee regarding Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training for high school students. She thanked the Board for their patient work on the parcel transfer motion and stated that she supports development of the lots.

Mr. Kelly commented on the information attached to the nondiscrimination policy item on the agenda and encouraged the public to read it in order to better understand both the state and national status and why the Board is waiting to take action.

Mr. Castimore requested that voice votes be called randomly instead of alphabetically.

Mr. Arness stated that, with the upcoming conversion to BoardDocs Pro, he will leave the current process in place.

Mrs. Vadla thanked Mr. Clayton Holland and the Pupil Services staff for the welcome back BBQ and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet the department's new employees. She discussed her participation in the Ninilchik Salmonfest.

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**BOARD COMMENTS:**  
(Continued)

Mr. Navarre recommended that the administration consult Mr. Marcus Mueller, Borough employee, regarding the parcel transfers in order to receive timely direction to the Board if necessary. He announced that he has a kindergartener starting school and is looking forward to a great year.

Mr. Holt announced he has a new granddaughter and is expecting another one any day. He thanked Mr. Kelly for clarifying the Board's work on the nondiscrimination policy.

Mr. Arness apologized to Mr. Castimore regarding Mr. Castimore's request for random voice voting and offered to talk to him after the meeting about changing the process. He stated that the Board's August 9 work session will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Soldotna Elementary and announced that the school's front entrance is under construction; entry will be through a side entrance.

On behalf of Mrs. Downing, Mr. Arness read Mrs. Downing's letter of resignation as a board member effective September 30, 2016.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:11 p.m., Mrs. Vadla moved the Board go into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough. The executive session was held to discuss contract negotiations. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 8:17 p.m., Mr. Holt moved the Board adjourn the executive session. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

At 8:17 p.m., Mr. Arness adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Joe Arness, President

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Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

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Submitted by Mrs. Debbie Tressler  
Administrative Secretary to the Board of Education