



## **Regular Business Meeting**

**Monday, October 5, 2026**

### **Meeting Minutes-Draft**

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District  
148 N. Binkley Street  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

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## **1. Opening Activities**

### **A. Call to Order**

President Tauriainen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### **B. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem/Alaska Flag Song**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **C. District Mission Statement**

Ms. Douthit read the district mission statement.

### **D. Roll Call**

9 Board Members Present:  
Student Representative Mr. Reid Rauch (attended virtually)  
Board Member Cizek  
Board Member Douthit  
Vice President Daugharty  
Board Member MacRae  
Board Member Truesdell  
Board Member Vadla  
Board Member VanBuskirk  
Board Member Waddell  
President Tauriainen

A quorum was established.

Others present were:

Superintendent Holland  
Assistant Superintendent Dendurent  
Finance Director Voivedich

### **E. Approval of Agenda**

The October 5, 2026 Business Meeting agenda was approved as presented.

**MOTION:** Move to approve the October 5, 2026 Regular Business Meeting agenda as presented.

Motion by Kelley Cizek, second by Sarah Douthit.

### **Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Kelley Cizek, Tim Daugharty, Sarah Douthit, Dianne Macrae, Jason Tauriainen, Patricia Truesdell, Penny Vadla, Mica VanBuskirk, Ash-Lee Waddell

## **2. Awards and Presentations**

### **A. Awards and Presentations**

There were none this evening.

### **3. School Reports**

#### **A. School Reports**

There were none this evening.

### **4. Student Board Representative Report**

#### **A. Student Board Representative Report**

Student Representative to the Board, Mr. Reid Rauch provided the Student Board Representative Report.

### **5. Student Presentations/Comments (Any topic)**

#### **A. Student Presentations/Comments (Any topic)**

President Tauriainen called for student presentations and comments on any topic.

Those who offered presentations and comments were:

Hazel Dickenson and Lylah Decastro

Seeing and hearing no further requests for comment from students, President Tauriainen closed student presentations and comments.

### **6. Public Comments (Items not on the agenda)**

#### **A. Public Comments (Items not on the agenda)**

President Tauriainen called for public comments on items not on the agenda.

There were none this evening.

Seeing and hearing no requests for comment, President Tauriainen closed public comments.

### **7. Agency and Association Reports**

#### **A. Agency and Association Reports-3 minutes per report**

President Tauriainen called for reports from agencies and associations.

Those who offered comments were:

Erin Pierce, KPEA Vice President

Erica Atwood, West Homer Site Council

Susanna Litwiniak, KPESA President

Seeing and hearing no further requests to comment from representatives from agencies and associations, President Tauriainen closed Agency and Association reports.

### **8. Superintendent's Report**

#### **A. Superintendent Holland**

Superintendent Holland provided the Superintendent's report this evening.

### **9. Reports**

#### **A. Board Reports**

Ms. Truesdell attended a K-Beach summer reading program recognition of how many books the students read. She also visited the Tulen school, and attended a Mountain View assembly.

Ms. VanBuskirk attended a PTA meeting in Seward and a Seward site council. She wrote an update for the Seward Folly, as well as attended a cross country meet.

Ms. Cizek attended a Skyview site council meeting.

Mr. Daugharty refereed a championship game for homecoming powder puff, attended a House of Representatives candidate discussion/debate at the community college, toured Fireweed Charter school, noted Paul Banks Youth after school programs, attended the agenda planning meeting, a Paul Banks site council meeting, a KPSAA Meeting, a Soccer game with Voznesenka and Homer Middle school and attended the Borough Cross Country Championships in Homer.

Mr. Tauriainen visited Nikiski North Star and Nikiski Middle/High School.

#### **B. Committee Reports**

Vice President Daugharty, Chair of the Charter School Oversight Committee provided the committee report for the meeting held earlier today.

#### **C. Board Work Session Report**

President Tauriainen reported that earlier today the board held work sessions for:

Pool Operations Work Session

Board Policy Review

Reading Proficiency Work Session

Board Discussion

President Tauriainen reported that all Board members at the meeting this evening attended the work sessions.

## **10. Consent Agenda**

President Tauriainen read all items on the consent agenda this evening.

### **A. September 14, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes**

### **B. September 14, 2026 Business Meeting Minutes**

### **C. Budget Transfers over \$50,000 2026-10-05**

### **D. 2026-27 Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contract(s)**

### **E. 2026-27 Temporary Retired Teacher Contract(s)**

### **F. 2026-27 New Teacher Contract(s)**

### **G. Leave of Absence Request/Support**

### **H. Resolution 26-27-2 Gaming Permits - Designating Primary & Alternate Members 2026-10-5**

President Tauriainen called for public comment on the consent agenda items.

There were no comments offered.

President Tauriainen closed public comments on the consent agenda items.

**MOTION:** Move to approve consent agenda items A–H

Motion by Ash-Lee Waddell, second by Penny Vadla.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Kelley Cizek, Tim Daugharty, Sarah Douthit, Dianne Macrae, Jason Tauriainen, Patricia Truesdell, Penny Vadla, Mica VanBuskirk, Ash-Lee Waddell

Yes: Mr. Reid Rauch, Student Advisory Vote

## **11. Action Items**

### **A. Action Items**

There were none this evening.

## **12. Public Comments (Any Topic)**

### **A. Public Comments (Any Topic)**

President Tauriainen called for public comments on any item.

Those who offered comments were:

Jessica Banford

Ahnie Litecky

Susanna Litwiniak

Seeing and hearing no further requests for comment, President Tauriainen closed public comments.

## **13. Board and Administration Comments**

### **A. Board and Administration Comments**

Ms. Douthit appreciated the Board and administration and the meeting this evening.

Ms. Vadla appreciated the meeting this evening. She appreciated the student testimony this evening and how important student voice is. She appreciated that Superintendent Holland is recommending no consolidations this year. She appreciated the facility updates this afternoon. She appreciated her time on the Board.

Ms. Cizek appreciated the meeting this evening. She noted that the Board has not taken anything off of the table as far as consolidations this year. She still appreciated Superintendent Holland's recommendation, but expressed that the Board should still evaluate all the options. She appreciated the student testimony this evening, and that the school consolidation is going smoothly in Seward.

Ms. Waddell echoed Ms. Cizek. She appreciated the meeting this evening and those who attended this evening.

Ms. Truesdell noted that there are going to be new Board members in November. She encouraged people to vote. She noted that she will miss those members who are leaving. She also appreciated the student testimony. She expressed that she would love to substitute in schools in Seward. She appreciated Librarians and Library aides. She appreciated Ms. Litwiniak's comments this evening. She expressed that the Board will need to evaluate and make decisions. She appreciated those who attended the meeting this evening.

Ms. MacRae spoke about extra curricular activities.

Ms. VanBuskirk appreciated the work sessions held earlier today and in particular the Reading Proficiency work session. She appreciated Mr. Rauch's student representative report. She noted that there was a bill that passed this May that now allows school Board members to substitute. She encouraged the public to attend the work session agendas where the Board is able to elaborate on topics and discussion. She expressed that the Board should continue to discuss and work on the staffing formula and alternative education, as well as, CTE programs.

Mr. Daugharty echoed that he would like to substitute in schools if possible. He noted that facilities and the budget need to be evaluated after the previous year of consolidations. He noted that it is election season. He also noted that the

district is successful and encouraged the public to do the research on test scores and assessments. He expressed appreciation to the Seward community.

Mr. Rauch encouraged students listening to reach out to him.

Mr. Holland noted the KPBSD Report to the Assembly is coming up on the 20th. He appreciated the leadership of the staff in the Seward area with the consolidation. He appreciated the testimony this evening. He noted that the district is fully transparent with the district finances and that Administration hopes to have the numbers on how those consolidations and closures effected the district financially. He noted that enrollment decrease is a national trend not just happening here. He appreciated the Board and the decisions that they have made.

Mr. Tauriainen appreciated those that attended the meeting. He appreciated the update regarding the Seward school consolidations and that they are going smooth. He was encouraged by the paraprofessional grow your own grant. He noted that a Board consolidation review should be coming up for discussion in work session in the future, but noted that he supports Superintendent Holland's recommendation regarding consolidations for this year so that the district can review and reflect the impact. He appreciated those who attended the meeting once more.

## **14. Executive Session**

### **A. Executive Session if needed**

There were none this evening.

### **B. Adjourn Executive Session**

## **15. Adjournment**

### **A. Adjourn meeting**

President Tauriainen adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.