

School Board to Vote on Support Staff Contract

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Members of the Kodiak Island Borough School District's support staff will be in for a pay raise over the next three years if their new contract is approved by the School Board next week.

The 2009 to 2012 negotiated agreement is a document outlining changes to the current three-year contract for support staff including teachers' aids, custodians, maintenance workers, technicians, school nurses and others, which is set to expire. Included among the list of changes are minor issues, such as clarified wordings, as well as major ones, such as the salary increase.

Superintendent Stewart McDonald highlighted several other significant items on the list.

-- (Contract
1 50 sec. "We maintained their benefits ... grandparents
these days.")

McDonald said the 3-percent salary increase for staff over the next three years was fair and warranted, given the important work support staff members do.

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2 46 sec. "They adopted a pay scale ... this
is a valued group.")

The 2009 to 2012 negotiated employment agreement has already been ratified by Kodiak Island Educational Support Association members. The next step is school board ratification, which McDonald foresees happening without resistance.

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3 11 sec. "So far in all of the ... they will
Monday night.")

The Kodiak School Board will vote on whether to ratify the negotiated agreement at its next regular meeting, which takes place Monday at 7 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers. The meeting will be broadcast on KMXT.

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