CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Amy Morrison at 6:02 p.m. in Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Dr., Sitka, AK 99835.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Andrew Hames, Paul Rioux, Eric Van Cise, Blossom Teal-Olsen and Amy Morrison. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Twitchell seconded to approve the board agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Public Comment

None offered

Motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORTS

GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT

Dionne Brady-Howard introduced herself as the new liaison to the Sitka Tribe of Alaska and expressed her appreciation for the government to government relationship with the Sitka School Board.

City Assembly Liaison, Rebecca Himschoot thanked the School Board for their efforts in preparing for the Assembly/School Board meeting on February 4, 2021.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Public Comment

Mike Vieira

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Principals Jill Lecrone, Casey Demmert, Ben White and Sondra Lundvick gave a brief overview of the current and upcoming events at their respective schools.

REPORTS

REPORT ON WWW.SITKAKIDS.COM

Kari Sagel reported that the 10 member Pathways Coalition curates “Sitka Kids” Facebook page and “Sitka Kids” website. Both are current resources for parents and kids K-12 for
everything from mental health to food co-ops.

- **REPORT FROM SITKA’S CITIZENS’ CLIMATE LOBBY GROUP**
  
  Toby Campbell of the Sitka’s Climate Lobby Group and members of Siemens Industry, Inc gave a presentation on ways the School District could reduce its carbon footprint and find cost-effective energy efficiency options.

- **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
  
  Mr. Van Cise noted that it was encouraging to hear the highlights from the principals.

  Ms. Teal-Olsen had nothing to report.

  Mr. Rioux noted that he is honored to be part of the School Board picking the new Superintendent.

  Mr. Hames reported that the recent budget discussions with each school gave a unique view of the different buildings needs. He thanked the staff for their presentations.

  President Morrison reported that there were 20 applicants for the superintendent position. She is honored to be part of the process of choosing the new superintendent. After many hours of reviewing applicants, the final 4 chosen are: Frank Hauser, Dr. Jeffrey Ritchley, Laura Rogers, and Stephen Vigliotti, Sr.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**
  
  - **BUDGET REPORT - CASSEE OLIN**
    

  - **ENROLLMENT REPORT - CASSEE OLIN**
    
    Cassee Olin informed the board that student enrollment is holding steady at 1,141.

  - **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - JOHN HOLST**
    
    Superintendent Holst reported that 84% of the staff has received the COVID-19 immunization. He announced that March 1st is the deadline to sign up for the Early Departure Retirement plan. He informed the Board that there would be more information about the budget at the March 3rd School Board meeting. He noted that February 1st was the 10th anniversary of the Fine Arts Camp. And lastly he announced that February is School Board Appreciation month and thanked the Board for there hard work and being a pleasure to work with.

- **NEW BUSINESS**
  
  - **DISCUSSION/DIRECTION/ APPROVAL TO STA TO**
    
    There was a discussion on whether to remove the January 6th School Board meeting requirement to Sitka Tribe of Alaska that “Baranof Elementary School be named after a significant local
RENAMING BARANOFS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- APPROVAL OF
  EXTENDING COVID
  LEAVE

- APPROVAL OF BP 5146
  MARRIED/PREGNANT/PA
  RENTING STUDENTS IN
  1ST READING

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ASSEMBLY/SCHOOL
  BOARD SPECIAL
  BUDGET MEETING 6:00
  P.M. FEB. 4, 2021
  CENTENNIAL HALL

- COMMUNITY BUDGET
  HEARING MARCH 4, 2021
  6:00 P.M. - CENTENNIAL
  HALL

- BUDGET WORK SESSION
  6:00 P.M. APRIL 14, 2021 -
  CENTENNIAL HALL

- FINAL BUDGET
  HEARING & BUDGET
  APPROVAL 6:00 P.M.
  APRIL 21, 2021 -
  CENTENNIAL HALL

- NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL
  BOARD MEETING
  MARCH 3, 2021 -
  CENTENNIAL HALL

Public Comment
Frederick Olsen, Jr.

Mr. Hames moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve extending COVID leave on a case by case restrictive basis.

Public Comment
Annette Evans

Motion carried.

Mr. Rioux moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve BP 5146 Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students in 1st reading as presented.

Public Comment
None offered

Motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Amy J. Morrison, President

Paul G. Rioux, Clerk