CALL TO ORDER
President Amy Morrison called the Sitka School Board meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Dr. Sitka, AK 99835

ROLL CALL
Members present were Blossom Teal-Olsen, Andrew Hames, Paul Rioux, Eric Van Cise, Amy Morrison, and student representative, Emily Fenno. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA
Mr. Hames moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.
The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

SPECIAL REPORTS

• GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT
City Assembly Liaison, Rebecca Himschoot reported that there is a Budget Special Meeting with the Assembly, School Funding Discussion on January 21, 2021.

Lakrisha Johnson and Tristan Guevin from the Sitka Tribe of Alaska reported that SNEP will begin January 11 entirely virtually. Charlie Skultka is offering 2 classes at SHS and Mark Sixby is teaching 1 class at PHS. All three classes qualify for dual enrollment at UAS.

• PERSONS TO BE HEARD
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Principals Jill Lecrone, Casey Demmert, Ben White, Sondra Lundvick and Mandy Summer gave a brief overview of the current and upcoming events at their respective schools.

Mr. Van Cise reported that he continues to hear from the public that they are satisfied with Blatchley Middle School.

Emily Fenno, Student Representative, noted that the Christmas break was good, she is eager to return to school next week, and seniors are starting to submit college application.

Ms. Teal-Olsen thanked the staff at Keet Gooshi Heen for the recent parent outreach program.

Mr. Rioux thanked all the staff for all the hard work they did in 2020, and thanked parents for their willingness to be flexible.

President Morrison reported that she had touched base with Lon Garrison at AASB and 2 applications are complete for the superintendent job opening and 2 are in the process.

Business Manager, Cassee Olin informed the board that student enrollment is holding steady at 1143.75.

Interim Superintendent, John Holst noted students will return to in-building learning on January 11th. He reported that over Christmas break the Maintenance staff installed touchless paper towel holders across the district. He also thanked Dr. Bruhl at SEARHC for including over 80 school personnel in the COVID vaccinations.

Mr. Hames moved; Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve the FY21 Budget Revision in the amount of $21,960,397.

Business Manager, Cassee Olin, read her Budget Revision memo to the School Board. There was a short question and answer period.

The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.
• DISCUSSION/DIRECTION FOR RENAMING BARANOF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

There was a discussion about renaming Baranof Elementary School (BES).

Public Comment
Chuck Miller, Muriel Reid, Laurie, Nalani James, Doug Osborne, Lakrisha Johnson, Dionne Brady-Howard, Paulette Moreno and Louise Brady spoke in favor of changing the name of BES.

Mr. Rioux moved; Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to formally request the Sitka Tribe of Alaska to help the Sitka School Board choose a name of a significant local cultural educator to replace the current name of BES.

Public Comment
Doug Osborne, Dionne Brady Howard, Laurie, Paulette Moreno, Chuck Miller spoke in favor of the motion.

The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

• DISCUSSION/AUTHORIZATION OF TEACHER EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Teal-Olsen moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to authorize the superintendent to negotiate an early incentive program with the Sitka Education Association.

Public Comment
Mike Viera spoke in favor of the motion.

Motion passed.

• APPROVAL OF PUPIL TEACHER RATIO IN CLASSES

Ms. Teal-Olsen moved; Mr. Hames seconded to approve the pupil teacher ratio in classes as follows: Kindergarten 20, 1st grade 22, 3rd grade 23, 4th & 5th grade 25, 6th - 8th grade 22, and 9-12th grade 18.

Public Comment
Mike Viera, Joe Montagna, and Tyler McCarty

Yes - Ms. Teal-Olsen, Mr. Hames
No - Ms. Morrison, Mr. Van Cise, Mr. Rioux

The motion FAILED.

Ms. Morrison moved; Mr. Rioux seconded to approve the pupil teacher ration to match the FY21 PTR’s.

Public Comment
Kelly Buxton
The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 4111.2 LEGAL STATUS REQUIREMENT 1ST READING**
  Ms. Teal-Olsen moved; Mr. Rioux seconded to approve BP 4111.2 Legal Status Requirement in 1st reading as presented.

- **REVIEW OF AR 4111.2 LEGAL STATUS REQUIREMENT**
  AR 4111.2 was reviewed due to an updated that reflected the legal requirement that a current I-9 must be used.

- **DISCUSSION/DIRECTION FOR 2021 BUDGET MEETING DATES**
  After a brief discussion it was decided that the 2021 Budget Meeting dates would be:
  - March 24th - Community Budget Hearing
  - April 14th - Budget Hearing
  - April 21st - Final Budget Hearing & Budget Approval

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 3, 2021 CENTENNIAL HALL**
- **BUDGET SPECIAL MEETING W/ASSEMBLY, SCHOOL FUNDING DISCUSSION 6:00 P.M. JAN. 21, 2021 CENTENNIAL HALL**
- **ASSEMBLY/SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING 6:00 P.M. FEB. 4, 2021 CENTENNIAL HALL**

**ADJOURNMENT**
Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.