CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Amy Morrison at 6:01 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, Amy Morrison and student representative, Emily Fenno. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Van Cise 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 expressed appreciation for the Sitka Tribe of Alaska’s inclusion in the Superintendent search. She reported that the Cultural Resource committee had discussed the Land Acknowledgement and the renaming of Baranof Elementary School at is February meeting. She also announced that STA’s annual meeting is March 11th from 5 to 7 p.m. via Zoom.

City Assembly Liaison, Rebecca Himschoot conveyed her appreciation for the work between the assembly and the board. She also congratulated the board on hiring the new superintendent.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Hames recognized Learning Support Director, Chris Voron, for all his hard work in the past year, going above and beyond his duties.

Mr. Van Cise recognized Business Manager, Cassee Olin, for
her 8 years with the district and all the outstanding work and resources she has brought to the job.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Mike Vieira, President of the Sitka Education Association expressed his appreciation to Ms. Olin and wished her luck in her new job. He also thanked the board for the thorough and transparent hiring process of the new superintendent.

**SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

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

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Hames noted the great community involvement in the superintendent search and was thankful to be a part of it.

Ms. Teal-Olsen was able to tour the Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC) and get a run down on all the programs offered and appreciates the great partnership between the School District and the SSSC. She thank the board and the community for their efforts in the superintendent search.

Mr. Van Cise found the superintendent search very educational. He noted there was a great response from the district and the community. AASB was a great help in the process and the search went well.

Mr. Rioux echoed Mr. Van Cise and noted that there were a lot of very qualified candidates. He is proud of the synergy in Sitka.

Ms. Fenno, student representative, is excited for basketball, cheer and the prom. She is staying busy with homework and applying for scholarships.

President Morrison noted that the superintendent search went well. She gave a big thank you to Alaska Association of School Boards (AASB) for facilitating the search. She thanked the community for all their input on the candidates. And she thanked the assembly for the relationship building in the past weeks.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- **BUDGET REPORT - CASSEE OLIN**
  Business Manager, Cassee Olin, gave an overview of the January 2021 Budget update.

- **ENROLLMENT REPORT - CASSEE OLIN**
  Ms. Olin inform the board that student enrollment had dropped slightly to 1133.25 students.
**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - JOHN HOLST**

Superintendent Holst reported that a committee headed by Laura Rogers has crafted a new certified employee evaluation tool. The final draft will be on the April Board agenda. He noted that 66% of Sitka has had at least 1 Covid vaccine. Superintendent Holst congratulated the board on their careful selection and fine job in selecting the new superintendent. He announced the Strategic plan is going forward and the meetings for it will be March 1st, April 2nd & 3rd. Lastly the new superintendent, Frank Hauser, introduced himself to the Sitka School District and the city of Sitka.

**SMART START UPDATE**

Superintendent Holst gave an update on the CDC changes to travel guidelines. He noted that if you are not vaccinated nothing has changed. If you are within 90 days of being fully vaccinated there is no quarantine after travelling out of state. For all of the changes please see the main page of the SSD webpage under announcements.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **UPDATE ON FY22 BUDGET PROCESS**
  
  Superintendent Holst gave an update on the FY22 budget process to date.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6015 PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**
  
  Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve BP 6015 Parent and Family Engagement in first reading as presented.

  Public Comment
  None offered

  Motion carried.

- **REVIEW OF AR 6015 SCHOOL, PARENT, FAMILY ENGAGEMENT FOR BES, KGH, BMS, SHS, & PHS**
  
  Review of the Administrative Regulations for BP 6015 for each individual school to implement engaging parents and families in educating their children.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING MARCH 25, 2021 6:00 p.m. - CENTENNIAL HALL**

- **BUDGET WORK SESSION APRIL 14, 2021 6:00 p.m. -**
CENTENNIAL HALL

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

- NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING APRIL 7, 2021 - CENTENNIAL HALL

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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Amy J. Morrison, President                        Paul G. Rioux, Clerk