CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Amy Morrison at 6:07 p.m. in 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. Van Cise moved, Mr. Rioux seconded to approve the board agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Public Comment

None offered

Motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Lakrisha Johnson thanked Superintendent Holst for including members of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) in the Strategic Planning process. She noted that the Cultural Resources committee had met to discuss the renaming of Baranof Elementary School, they also have 3 choices for the Land Acknowledgment ready.

Rebecca Himschoot, City & Borough Assembly member, said the Strategic Planning workshop was well done and it was nice to have the mayor and city administrator included.
PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Mary Stephens proposed a plan for the Community Schools program.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Fenno reminded the Board that graduation is May 24th. She said that she had led a 4-H photography group. Currently softball, baseball, track, and wrestling are in full swing.

Mr. Van Cise expressed his appreciation to the principals for their monthly school highlights.

Ms. Teal-Olsen was excited to hear about STA’s progress on the land acknowledgement and the naming of Baranof Elementary. She also noted it was Teacher Appreciation week and commended the teachers.

Mr. Rioux thanked all the teachers and administrators. He also thank the 5 retiring teachers for their years of service to Sitka School District.

Mr. Hames stated that the Strategic Planning workshop wrapped up well and thanked all the community members involved. He noted that he was able to participate in Tlingit potato planting at Pacific High School recently.

Ms. Morrison thanked all the principals for taking her and Mr. Hauser on a tour of the schools. She reported that she had recently been given a tour of the Sitka Sound Science Center and noted what a great community partner they are.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET REPORT - JOHN HOLST**
  
  Mr. Holst gave an overview of the March 2021 Budget report.

- **ENROLLMENT REPORT - JOHN HOLST**
  
  Mr. Holst reported that enrollment is holding steady at 1142.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - JOHN HOLST**
  
  Mr. Holst noted it was Teacher Appreciation week and expressed his appreciation and admiration to the teachers and principals. Mr. Holst reviewed the Strategic plan and informed the board about the next steps in the plan.
NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF PHS SOCIAL WORKER & DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COACH (CARES ACT)**
  
  Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve using $200,000 in CARES funds to hire a Social Worker for Pacific High School and a District Technology Coach.

  **Public Comment**
  None offered

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

- **APPROVAL OF ELEMENTARY LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR (CARES ACT)**
  
  Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve using $100,000 in CARES funds to hire an Elementary Learning Support Coordinator for the 2021-22 school year.

  **Public Comment**
  None offered

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

- **APPROVAL OF HIRING 10 ADDITIONAL AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS (CARES ACT)**
  
  Mr. Hames moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve using $100,000 in CARES funds to hire 10 additional AmeriCorps volunteers for the 2021-22 school year.

  **Public Comment**
  None offered

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

- **APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL INTERVENTION PROGRAM (CARES ACT)**
  
  Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve using $75,000 in CARES funds for the Summer School Intervention program.

  **Public Comment**
  None offered

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

- **APPROVAL OF UPGRADING DISTRICT PHONE SYSTEM (CARES ACT)**
  
  Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve using $220,000 in CARES funds to upgrade the district phone system.

  **Public Comment**
  None offered

  The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.
• **APPROVAL OF PURCHASING NEW COPIERS (CARES ACT)**
  
  Mr. Hames moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve using $50,000 in CARES funds to purchase new copiers.

  Public Comment
  None offered

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

• **APPROVAL OF THE EARLY PURCHASE OF DISTRICT NETWORK EQUIPMENT**
  
  Mr. Hames moved, Mr. Rioux seconded to approve using $95,000 in CARES funds to purchase district network equipment.

  Public Comment
  None offered

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

• **APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF $100,000 FROM THE RESERVE ACCOUNT OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE POOL FUND**
  
  Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve the transfer of $100,000 from the reserve account of Community Schools to the operating budget of the Pool Fund.

  Public Comment
  None offered

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

• **APPROVAL OF BP 3515.5 RESTRICTIONS ON SEX OFFENDERS ON CAMPUS - 1ST READING**
  
  Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve BP 3515.5 Restrictions on Sex Offenders in 1st reading out of committee.

  Public Comment
  None offered

  Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF BP 6115 CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES - 1ST READING**
  
  Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Rioux seconded to approve BP 6115 Ceremonies and Observances in 1st reading out of committee.

  Public Comment
  None offered

  Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF BP 6146.3 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS**
  
  Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve BP 6146.3 College and Career Readiness Assessment as presented in 1st reading.
• **APPROVAL OF BP 1340 ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS - 1st READING**
  
  Mr. Hames moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve BP 1340 Access to District Records as presented in 1st reading.

  Public Comment
  None offered

  Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022 ADJUSTED SCHOOL CALENDAR**
  
  Mr. Hames moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the 2021-2022 adjusted school calendar as presented.

  Public Comment
  None offered

  Motion carried.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

• **SITKA HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY**
  6:30 p.m. May 10, 2021 - PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

• **PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**
  2:00 p.m. May 15, 2021 - HCH

• **SITKA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**
  7:00 p.m. May 24, 2021 - SHS GYM

• **BLATCHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL RIGHTS OF PASSAGE**
  11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. May 25, 2021

• **NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**
  6/30/21

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Amy J. Morrison, President

Paul G. Rioux, Clerk