

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McNichol at 6:30p.m. at the Sitka High School Library.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President Jennifer McNichol, Vice-President Cass Pook, Clerk Eric Van Cise, Dionne Brady-Howard, Elias Erickson and Student Representative, Quinlyn Holder..

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of item 6.a. Recognize Sitka High School Wrestlers. Motion carried

PRESENTATIONS

Connie Kreiss and Sue Litman, Friends of the Performing Arts presented a \$10,000 check to the Sitka School District to help with funding of the Performing Arts Center.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

REPORTS

- **REPORT FROM RAND COPORATION LANDSLIDE RESEARCH GRANT**

Ryan Brown, Katy Whipkey, and Rob Lempert, members of the Rand Corporation attended the board meeting to give an overview of the grant proposal that they are writing in conjunction with the National Science Foundation. Each member spoke on the various aspects of the project and the opportunities to work with people from Sitka to accomplish the project. There was a brief question and answer session.

- **REPORT FROM THE LIBRARIANS**

Each of the librarians introduced themselves beginning with Beau Hedrick, SHS Librarian. He gave an overview of the online database that is available on the SHS website along with announcing that he will have a credit recovery class that he will be taking over. Kari Sagel, BMS Librarian explained the Libby application to use on your computer or other electronic devices. She stated that there are many free books available. She also announced that Blatchley Middle School will be holding a Day of Caring on April 20, 2018 to give back to the community for Discover Your Potential (DYP). Anita Simic, KGH Librarian explained the daily activities that occur in the library along with explaining about Battle of the Books. Lastly, Andrea Leach, BES Paraprofessional Librarian introduced herself and stated that her goal for the Baranof Library is to instill the love of reading and

library manners. Members of the board thanked the librarians for their time and energy spent with the students.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Holder and Mr. Erickson had nothing to report.

Mr. Van Cise stated that he attended a meeting on December 8th that was a discussion about moving the 2nd grade to Baranof Elementary. He stated that he was impressed with the format of using the promethean boards and was pleased with the way the meeting was facilitated.

Ms. Brady-Howard informed the board that she attended the Blatchley Middle School barbeque lunch. She was impressed at the efficiency of the process. She also stated that there has been discussions in the community regarding changing the name of Baranof Elementary. Lastly, she requested that administrators and board members be present at activities sponsored by the native community since it will help bridge the communication between entities.

Ms. Pook expressed her appreciation to be able to work with Pacific High School students in making drums.

President McNichol

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN**
- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER**
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the official enrollment is going to be 1256 students.

Superintendent Wegner thanked Mr. Erickson and student council for their time and feedback. She also thanked the staff and volunteers who helped with the 2nd grade Potlatch another amazing success.

She went on to congratulate the music students and their success at the honor festivals. She also congratulated Charlie Skultka Jr. for earning the Margaret Nick Cooke Award for Alaska Native Arts and Languages in the 2018 Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities. Superintendent Wegner congratulated Ms. Pook for her being selected to the AASB board of directors again. She also congratulated Cassee Olin, business manager and her employees for a clean audit. Lastly, she thanked the counselors for their presentation.

Superintendent Wegner reminded the board and community to look at the winter concert schedule.

She also announced that the school offices and schools will be closed over winter break and that the district office will be open many days but will also be closed over the holiday.

Lastly, Superintendent Wegner thanked the Mt. Edgecumbe High School national honor society for their support for the district breakfast program. The national honor society raised \$750 for the program.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 7, 2017 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 6165 VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY – SECOND READING**

Mr. Erickson moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT**
- **APPROVAL OF BB 9012 COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM THE BOARD – FIRST READING**
- **APPROVAL OF LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to accept the audit as presented. There was a brief discussion on the outcome of the audit and members thanked Ms. Olin and her staff for their excellent work.

Mr. Erickson moved, Ms. Holder seconded to approve BB 9012 Communications To and From the Board in first reading. President McNichol requested to add “on board related business” to the fifth paragraph in the bylaw. There were a few questions from the board. Motion carried with the proposed additional wording.

Mr. Erickson moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve Connie McCarty as a long term substitute. A roll call vote was required.

Yes No
Erickson
Pook
Holder
Van Cise
McNichol

Motion carried.

- **DISCUSSION OF**

President McNichol requested that board members inform staff

**BUDGET PROCESS
AND SCHEDULING**

when they will be out of town February – April so that board hearing dates can be scheduled.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
INFORMATION**

There was no correspondence.

**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **BUDGET MEETING
WITH ASSEMBLY –
JANUARY 17, 2018**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer McNichol, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk