

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President, Cass Pook at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President Cass Pook, Vice-President Jennifer McNichol, Clerk Eric VanCise, Dionne Brady-Howard and Student Representative Elias Erickson. Tom Conley was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

- **SHAPE ALASKA HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Ms. McNichol presented a gold pan to Shasta Smith, Sitka High School teacher for her being selected as SHAPE Alaska High School Health Education Teacher of the Year. SHAPE Alaska sent the award to the Sitka School Board to present to Ms. Smith.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

No persons to be heard.

REPORTS

- **REPORT ON FY18 BUDGET**

Superintendent Wegner and Cassee Olin, business manager presented the new budget to the board. It was explained that the board had requested that the budget process be changed to be more understanding to community members. Superintendent Wegner stated that the new process is based on Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) program criteria, established by the Association of School Business Officials International. There were a few questions from the board.

- **REPORT ON AASB WINTER ACADEMY**

President Pook stated that she attended the AASB Winter Academy in December. She encouraged the board to look at the Association of Alaska School Boards site to see the handouts that were given at the academy. She stated that the main discussion was eliminating barriers.

- **CLERK'S REPORT**

Mr. Van Cise presented Woch.een Yei Jigaxtoonei to Ernie UY for his work as the janitor at Keet Gooshi Heen, Lance Ewers for bringing ALICE training to Sitka, and Susan Ross for implementing a coach's manual.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. McNichol stated that she attended the Sitka High School and Blatchley Middle School concert in December. She enjoyed the two schools collaborating during the event. She also attended the Holland America Tournament that was held in December. She commended that Sitka High School administration for this annual basketball tournament. Ms. McNichol also stated that she was looking forward to working with Susan Ross, Assistant Principal for Co-Curricular Activities for the activities committee mission. Lastly she was eager to meet with the Sitka High School administration and student government to work on items that were brought up during the work session with the Sitka High School student government.

Mr. Van Cise is looking forward to working with Casey Demmert, Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary principal for the remainder of the year. He also expressed his appreciation for the work from Sitka High School during the Holland America Tournament. He also requested to see more of the MakerSpace cart. Lastly he volunteered to attend Strategic Planning if his presence was needed.

Mr. Erickson thanked Mr. Sparrowgrove for his support of the needs of the students.

Ms. Brady-Howard informed the administration that she has heard concerns regarding lack of communication across the district. Administration thanked her for the information and stated that they would try to improve.

President Pook stated that she enjoyed her trip to the conference that she attended on equity. She also thanked Owen Kindig for coming to her house and interviewing her for an upcoming media spot on the district. She also thanked all staff and administration for the tough decisions that they all make on a daily basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE** Superintendent Wegner explained that enrollment is staying the same and that it has been fairly stable.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** Superintendent Wegner informed the board that we had 15 staff members attend the ALICE Train the Trainers. She stated that student and staff safety are the primary concern. Trainers will be gathering to meet to figure out a plan from here.

Superintendent Wegner stated that Strategic Planning will be held on January 14th from 9-2 in the SHS Library.

Lastly, she announced that Pacific High School is in their J session right now and that Blatchley Middle School will be hosting their Discover Your Potential week in February. Both of these activities focus on non-traditional learning opportunities.

She also requested that the board review her Superintendent Report in full.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF
DECEMBER 5, 2016
MINUTES**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **DISCUSSION OF FY18
LEGISLATIVE
PRIORITIES** After a lengthy discussion the board decided that they would continue to advocate for the same items as last year but with a few minor changes.
- **DISCUSSION OF
BUDGET CALENDAR
DATES** The school board agreed on various dates below for budget hearings and work sessions.
 - Staff Budget Hearing - January 30, 2017 -3:45 –KGH MPR
 - Community Budget Hearing - February 9, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – SHS Library
 - Raven Radio Call In – February 21, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Raven Radio
 - Budget Work Session – February 28, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – DO Board Room
 - Joint Budget Work Session w/Assembly – March 2, 2017 – Time TBA – Place TBA
 - Budget Work Session – March 28, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – DO Board Room
 - Final Budget Hearing and Budget Approval – April 18, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – DO Board Room
- **DISCUSSION OF
SUPERINTENDENT
EVALUATION** The school board agreed to have Superintendent Wegner’s evaluation on January 31st at 6 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. The board will be receiving an evaluation via survey monkey to have their scores compiled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Meeting with the Assembly, January 11, 2017 6:00 p.m. – DO Board Room**
- **Strategic Planning, January 14, 2017**
- **AASB Fly-In – February 11-14, 2017**

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Cathleen Pook, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk