

# SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

*Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Lon Garrison at 6:02 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present were, Lon Garrison, president; Jennifer Robinson, vice-president, Tim Fulton, Clerk, Cass Pook and Kaya Duguay. Tom Conley was absent and excused.

## **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

## **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Ed Gray, parent, explained to the board that he has elected to have his students opt out of the AMP testing and the common core. He also reminded the board that 18 states have rejected the common core.

Steve Gage, community member, informed the board on a class that he had been taking called EdX. He encouraged each member of the board to take a look at the class.

Elaina Gustafson, SAFV, informed the board that February is Teen Violence Prevention Month.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL STATE WRESTLERS**

Tim Fulton recognized the wrestlers who traveled to the State of Alaska wrestling tournament. Josh Goeden, Curt Bartlett won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the State Tournament, Kyler Sumauang, Josh Young and Caleb Suarez all attended the State tournament.

- **RECOGNIZE KEET GOOSHI HEEN AND BLATCHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS**

Mr. Garrison presented certificates to Taylor McGregor, 4<sup>th</sup> Grader who won 1<sup>st</sup> place at Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School, Ella Lubin, 8<sup>th</sup> Grader who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Blatchley Middle School, and Brayden Massey-Jones won 1<sup>st</sup> place at Blatchley Middle School.

- **RECOGNIZE KEET GOOSHI HEEN AND BLATCHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS**

Ms. Robinson presented certificates to Colin Vislay, 5<sup>th</sup> grader who won 1<sup>st</sup> place at Keet Gooshi Heen. She also presented certificates to Emily Melnick won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Blatchley Middle School and Brayden Massey-Jones won 1<sup>st</sup> place at Blatchley Middle School.

- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL**

Ms. Robinson presented a certificate to the robotics club members Evan McArthur, Tad Nelson, Tristan VanCise, Dylan Monaco and

## **ROBOTICS CLUB**

Spencer Upcraft and their coach Scott McArthur who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Southeast competition. They will be heading to State in February.

## **REPORTS**

- **REPORT ON  
ACTIVITIES WORK  
SESSION – TIM  
FULTON**

Mr. Fulton explained that the work session on the activities was well attended and that the people in attendance agreed that fundraising is needed. Mr. Fulton volunteered to chair the committee.

- **PRESENTATION AMP  
COMPUTER TESTING –  
ROBYN TAYLOR**

Assistant Superintendent Robyn Taylor gave a presentation on the AMP testing and the process. There were a few questions.

- **CLERK’S REPORT**

Mr. Fulton informed the board that he handed out Woon.teen Awards to Keet Gooshi Heen Principal Casey Demmert for their work on the Keet Kids Night where the students from Keet Gooshi Heen attend a basketball game to support the Sitka High School basketball team. An award was also given to Mike Kernin and his husky pack for their compassion to a fellow pack member by cooking dinner for the family after a loss. An award was given to Chuck Miller for his gallant effort filling in for Nancy Douglas when she was out on leave. Lastly, a Woon.teen Award was given to Mandy Summer for her work as the assistant principal at Blatchley Middle School and the director of Community Schools. Mr. Fulton explained that he has seen the notes hanging up in different areas so he believes that they are working to make people feel proud.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Ms. Robinson stated that she was pleased with the table talk cards that were given to the board by the SAFV program. She also informed the board that she is inviting a speaker to present to the board and schools on business week which is offered for free for a week each summer to have students attend business training.

Mr. Fulton asked administration if the staff had responded to the email that was sent by Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins staff regarding art work in the capitol. Superintendent Wegner requested that Mr. Fulton forward on the email and she would get the information to the staff. He also wanted to state that the board had a presentation for the American Bridge Project by Ron Fortunato. He also informed the board the policy committee will be done with the student portion of the policy manual and will be looking at another section soon. Lastly he reminded the board that there will be a meeting with Sitka Tribe of Alaska Tribal Council on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Sheet’ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi.

Miss Duguay explained that everything was covered at the earlier work session.

Ms. Pook informed the board the Raven's Way had SAFV come to their facility and talk about healthy relationships. She also stated that January was a busy month. Lastly she stated that the presentation on the AMP technology was very informative.

President Garrison informed the board that he had just returned from Washington D.C. and spoke with our delegation about secure rural schools funding and also attended a resolutions meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 6, 2015 MINUTES**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **APPROVAL OF BLATCHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL VIDEO IP EQUIPMENT RFP**

Mark Bautista, Maintenance Director gave an overview of the video equipment that would be installed in Blatchley Middle School. Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to award Simens Industry, Inc., the contract, in the amount of \$78,346.00 to provide Blatchley Middle School Video IP equipment. There were comments from the public and the board.

A roll call vote:

Yes No  
Fulton  
Pook  
Robinson  
Pook  
Duguay

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF 2015-16 SCHOOL CALENDAR**
- **DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL FUNDING**

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to approve the 2015-16 school calendar as presented. Motion carried.

More proactive in generating revenue for the district. Have the voters help us. Appropriate to come up a committee

- **REVIEW OF AR0520 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY/ SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

There were questions but no changes to the regulations.

- **REVIEW OF AR5141 HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCY – PC**

Superintendent Wegner explained the changes are due to making it compliant with the state statutes.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 5141.21 ADMINISTERING MEDICATION – FIRST READING- PC**

Mr. Fulton moved BP 5141.21 Administering Medication forward from the policy committee. Motion carried.

- **REVIEW OF AR5141.21 ADMINISTERING MEDICATION – PC**

There were many wording changes to add the use of over the counter medications. The board agreed with the changes.

- **REVIEW OF E5141.21 ADMINISTERING MEDICATION - PC**

The Request for Administration of Medication form was updated also to include over the counter medications. There were no changes recommended by the board.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

The enrollment is holding steady at this time.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner stated that she enjoyed the joint meeting with the student council and was pleased with the information that was shared. She also wanted to thank Brandon Barger and Kurt Bartlett for their outstanding work on creating new name plaques for the school board.

Superintendent Wegner congratulated Sitka Fine Arts Camp for being selected for the Governor’s Award for the Arts and Humanities 2015.

Superintendent Wegner announced that Baranof Elementary School was awarded the Healthy Future Challenge Award.

She thanked the staff and volunteers who helped with the spelling and geography bees, specifically Rob Woolsey and Chris Voron for being the announcers.

Superintendent Wegner also explained to the board that the OCR

Title IX complaint is in its final stages of completion. She also stated that the Woonch.ween Yei Jigaxhtoonei preschool has received its compliance certification and is certified until September 2016. Superintendent Wegner also informed the board that Blatchley Middle School would be holding the Discover Your Potential (aka DYP) in February and that she and Robyn Taylor, Assistant Superintendent would both be teaching a course.

Superintendent Wegner announced that at the district will be holding a professional development key note speaker Yong Zhao, who is an internationally known scholar. He will be at the Performing Arts Center at 2:00 p.m. on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Wegner attended the Sitka Jazz Festival brown bag luncheon that was held at Harrigan Centennial Hall. She expressed her excitement for activities that are held in our town for our kids.

She informed the board that she would be attending the AASB Winter Fly-In with President Garrison and Ms. Robinson. She also stated that she will be attending the ASTE conference at the end of the month.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the preliminary figures are showing that there will be no increase to our insurance premium at this time.

Lastly, she wanted to publically thank the board for their time that they spend helping the students of Sitka.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

There was no additional correspondence.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES**

- **FEBRUARY WORK SESSION STA/BOARD WORK SESSION – FEBRUARY 17, 2015 – SHEET’KA KWAAN NAA KAHIDI**
- **BUDGET HEARINGS**
  - **FEBRUARY 11, 2015 – 6 P.M. – ASSEMBLY/BOARD WORK SESSION – DO BOARD ROOM**

- **FEBRUARY 18, 2015**  
**– 3:45 P.M. – STAFF**  
**BUDGET HEARING**  
**– KGH MPR**
- **MARCH 2, 2015- 7:00**  
**P.M. COMMUNITY**  
**HEARING – TBD**
- **MARCH 12, 2015 –**  
**6:00 P.M. – BUDGET**  
**WORK SESSION –**  
**DO BOARD ROOM**
- **APRIL 7, 2015 – 6:00**  
**P.M. – FINAL**  
**BUDGET HEARING**  
**– SHS LIBRARY**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. Motion carried.

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Lon Garrison, President

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Tim Fulton, Clerk