

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 5, 2020

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Elias Erickson at 6:02 p.m. in the Sitka High School Library. 1000 Lake St, Sitka, AK 99835.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Elias Erickson, Eric Van Cise, Dionne Brady-Howard, Amy Morrison, Paul Rioux and Student Representative Aridiane Lindberg. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. Brady-Howard moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the board agenda as presented. Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE KGH & BMS GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS**

Mr. Rioux congratulated Keet Gooshi Heen (KGH) Geography Bee winners Hawlet Cohen 1st place and Noah Farah 2nd place.

Mr. Van Cise congratulated Blatchley Middle School (BMS) Geography Bee winners, Zoe Trafton 1st place and Landon Kirkness took 2nd place.

- **RECOGNIZE BMS SPELLING BEE WINNERS**

Ms. Morrison congratulated BMS Spelling Bee winners, 1st place went to Zoe Trafton and Gerald Blades took 2nd place.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Sitka High School (SHS) Principal, Laura Rogers, reported that Sitka Counseling and Youth Advocates of Sitka were in the school to promote peer leadership. She noted that the state of Alaska had announced the graduation rates for 2019, SHS's rate is 91%.

Pacific High School (PHS) Principal, Mandy Summer, was happy to announce Math & Science teacher, Bridgette Reynolds had her baby, Oliver Reynolds February 2nd.

Blatchley Middle School (BMS) Principal, Ben White, informed the board that the school is using *Sources of Strength*, a universal suicide prevention program designed to build protective influences and reduce the likelihood that vulnerable youth will become suicidal. The program trains students as peer leaders and connects them with adult advisors at school

and in the community. 30 BMS students have signed up for the program.

Baranof Elementary (BES) Principal, Jill Lecrone, announced that the school hosted the first annual Family Reading Night with over 125 families attending. Now students are learning about Martin Luther King and thinking about ways they can have a better safer world.

REPORTS

- **INTRODUCTION OF THE FY21 BUDGET PROJECTIONS**

Superintendent Wegner and Board Chair, Mr. Eliason gave a presentation on the FY21 initial budget projections.

- **REPORT ON PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL BY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Melissa A. Gibson, Student Representative at PHS, announced Devin Kubik and Leo Tucker have graduated. Multiple students are doing dual enrollment at UAS. She also noted PHS has implemented the same *Sources of Strength* program that BMS is using.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Brady-Howard had nothing to report.

Mr. Van Cise reported was able to visit PHS, spend time with the students and each lunch with them.

Mr. Rioux was please about the response from the public to the *Leave Your Print* challenge. 186 ideas have been submitted so far.

Ms. Morrison attended the BES Family Reading night and enjoyed the activities. She informed the board that she and Mr. Erickson will be attending the AASB Legislative Fly-in February 8-11 in Juneau.

Aridiane Lindberg noted the many exciting events happing at SHS, including basketball, Pep Band, Mock Trial, and the Jazz Festival.

President Eliason had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- **BUDGET REPORT**

Superintendent Wegner gave an overview of the January Budget Report.

- **ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Superintendent Wegner noted that enrollment is holding steady at 1,196.25, above the projected enrollment of 1,187.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Mary Wegner congratulated the Spelling

Bee and Geo Bee winners at BMS and KGH, also complimenting the staff who coach these events.

- Thanked the SHS Student Council for sharing input with the board. Noting that this important annual process has had a significant impact on the district practices over the years.
- Thanked staff, student, families, and the community for sharing ideas in our *Leave Your Print* challenge. She noted that February 10th will start a 2-week Pairwise Voting phase. Go to tinyurl.com/Sitka Print to participate.
- The state has released the \$30 million in statewide one-time funds for FY20. Our share will be \$309,661.
- February is typically School Board Appreciation Month in Alaska. Superintendent thanked the School Board Members for their dedication and commitment to the students and families of Sitka.
- International Society for Technology Committee (ISTE) President Bill Bass will be in Sitka February 21, 2020, he will give a keynote talk entitled *Innovation in the Classroom*. The District Technology Committee has organized a full day of opportunities for staff to engage with Mr. Bass.
- The superintendent's full report is available on the SSD Website to read in its entirety.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 22, 2020 MINUTES**
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Ms. Morrison moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR**
- **APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR**
- **DISCUSSION OF THE**

Ms. Morrison moved; Mr. Rioux seconded to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar as presented. Phil Burdick, Co-Assistant Superintendent, gave an overview of the process in preparing the School Calendars. Motion carried.

Mr. Van Cise moved; Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried.

The board discussed the City of Sitka's letter of intent to fund the

CITY REVENUE INTENT LETTER

School District to the Cap and include 50% of the budgeted Secure Rural Schools funds. There was a short discussion by the Board Members and the Superintendent.

• **APPROVAL OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE CHARGE**

Ms. Brady-Howard moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the written charge for the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF BP 1260 VISITS TO SCHOOLS 1ST READING**

Chair of the Policy Committee, Ms. Morrison, moved to approve BP 1260 Visits to Schools in 1st reading out of committee.

• **APPROVAL OF BP 1312.3 PUBLIC COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION 1ST READING**

Chair of the Policy Committee, Ms. Morrison, moved to approve BP 1312.3 Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination in 1st reading out of committee. There was a short discussion to clarify the purpose of the changes.

• **APPROVAL OF BP 1400 RELATIONS BETWEEN OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND THE SCHOOLS 1ST READING**

Chair of the Policy Committee, Ms. Morrison, moved to approve BP 1400 Relations Between other Governmental Agencies and the Schools in 1st reading out of committee.

• **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

There was no correspondence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. AASB Legislative Fly-In - February 8-11, 2020 - Juneau, AK
- b. Budget Meetings
 - February 13, 2020 – 3:45 p.m. Budget Hearing with Staff -KGH MPR
 - February 19, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. Community Budget Hearing SHS Library
 - March 27, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. Budget Work Session - SHS Library
 - April 6, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Budget Hearing – SHS Library
 - April 9, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. Budget Work Session - SHS Library
 - April 22, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Final Budget Hearing & Budget Approval - SHS Library
- c. Next Regular School Board Meeting March 4, 2020 -

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:28 p.m. Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to go into Executive Session in accordance with and under the provision of AS 44.62.310 (c)(2); so as not to prejudice the reputation and character of any person., Superintendent Wegner and SHS Principal, Laura Rogers, are invited.

At 7:40 p.m. Mr. Rioux moved; Ms. Morrison seconded to reconvene as the School Board in Regular Session. Motion carried.

Ms. Morrison moved; Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to approve student K.B.'s request for reinstatement of Interscholastic Activities Eligibility. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Elias Erickson, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk