

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 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 6:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Lon Garrison, president; Jennifer Robinson, vice-president, Tim Fulton, Clerk, and Cass Pook. Kaya Duguay and Tom Conley arrived late to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

REPORTS

- **REPORT ON AASB FLY-IN – LON GARRISON AND JENNIFER ROBINSON** President Garrison informed the board that he and Ms. Robinson were at the AASB Fly-In February 9-10th. He explained the agenda which dealt with acquiring data from the Department of Education website and creating a message to present to the legislature. Ms. Robinson explained that they visited with approximately 25 different legislators. She stated that they asked each one to keep their promise and discussed unfunded mandates and how they affect the education of students.
- **CLERK'S REPORT-TIM FULTON** Mr. Fulton announced that he gave out 14 Wooh.een Yei Jigxtoonei cards to staff for their outstanding support of students in the district.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Pook thanked President Garrison and Ms. Robinson for taking their time to attend the AASB Fly-In and meeting with the legislators. She also thanked Mr. Fulton for being an outstanding clerk and Mr. Conley for his work in setting up meetings in Juneau for the fly in. She also encouraged adults to be kind and positive to students.

Mr. Conley stated that he has been attending the education, evaluation and policy committee. He thanked Sarah Ferency for keeping track of the policy committee notes. He also would like to have the home to school liaisons be included in the budget discussion. Lastly he explained to the board that he was at his mother's 100th birthday at the last meeting.

Ms. Robinson announced to the board that she would be attending

the FEMA training with Dr. Wegner and 4 other people at the end of March. She also stated that she did a walk-through of the new vocational education building and was very impressed.

Mr. Fulton thanked Sitka Tribe of Alaska council for the productive meeting that was held in February. He announced that the 11 people attended the activities meeting and that they are breaking it into two smaller groups; number of activities and allocation of funds. Lastly he explained to the board that the policy committee has completed the 5000 level in the policy manual.

President Garrison announced that he attended the National Forest Counties and School Coalition Board meeting in San Diego. He informed the board that there is a possibility of a single reauthorization done but no bill has been presented yet. He expressed his frustration with the lack of support. He stated that there will probably be a large scale grass roots fly in to Washington D.C. in the Summer that will include school board members, students and community members to encourage the passing of a secure rural schools funding.

President Garrison also stated that the meeting with Sitka Tribe of Alaska was very productive and that we need to make sure that we meet at least twice a year.

Lastly President Garrison thanked Mr. Fulton for his work on the policy and activities committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF
FEBRUARY 3, 2015
MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF
FEBRUARY 16, 2015
MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF
BP5141.21
ADMINISTERING
MEDICATION –
SECOND READING**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson to approve the consent agenda consisting of February 3, 2015 minutes, February 16, 2015 minutes and BP 541.21 Administering Medication in second reading. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION 2015-02**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve Resolution 2015-02 Secure Rural Schools Support. There were no

**SECURE RURAL
SCHOOLS SUPPORT**

recommended changes from the public or the board. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF 2015-03
SUPPORT KEEP
PROMISE FOR
STUDENT STATE
FUNDING FOR
EDUCATION** Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve Resolution 2015-03 Education Funding is a State Priority. There were no comments from the public. Board members had some recommendations. Motion carried with the proposed changes.
- **REVIEW OF AR5142
SAFETY – PC** The board did not have any recommended changes to the administrative regulation.
- **REVIEW OF AR 5141.22
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
– PC** The board did not have any recommended changes to the administrative regulation.
- **REVIEW OF AR 5141.23
INFECTIOUS DISEASE
PREVENTION –PC** The board did not have any recommended changes to the administrative regulation.
- **DELETE E 5141.23
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
PREVENTION – PC** The board agreed to delete this policy.
- **DELETE E 5141.4 CHILD
ABUSE REPORTING –
PC** The board agreed to delete this policy.
- **REVIEW AR 5142.2
SCHOOL SAFETY
PATROLS-PC** The board did not have any recommended changes to the administrative regulation.
- **DISCUSSION OF FY16
BUDGET** President Garrison began the discussion by asking the board to give their ideas regarding how much the board would be willing to take out of reserves to help the administration to come up with different scenarios for the budget projections. Ms. Robinson believe that the district need to save our reserves and cut more now and then keep the status quo rather than going into the reserves and continue to cut programs for years to come which she believes would be best for students now and into the future. She also expressed her concerns regarding increasing taxes in the community. She wants the board to focus more on getting additional funding from the city since the city has the ability to make money and district doesn't. Ms. Robinson also stated that the community supports education. Mr. Fulton also agreed with Ms.

Robinson that it is a good idea to save for the future however getting programs back is always tough. He also stated that we need to continue to have programs that will attract students and families to our schools. He again encourages the board to remember to work with what is best for kids. Ms. Pook also agreed with Ms. Robinson to ask the city to fund the district to the cap. She also stated expressed the need to keep the activities but to also cut the funding to them. Lastly, Ms. Pook stated that she believed that the district needed to increase the pupil teacher ratio in all classrooms due to studies showing that it does not help in the education of students including younger students. There was a discussion on the meaning of increasing pupil teacher ratio.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS:**

• **ENROLLMENT
UPDATE**

There was a brief discussion on the steady numbers in enrollment.

• **BUDGET UPDATE**

The board had some questions for Superintendent Wegner on the budget and some items.

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

Superintendent Wegner congratulated Keet Gooshi Heen on being awarded the 2015 Inclusive Practice Award from the governor. She also congratulated Woody Widmark and Nancy Douglas for their awards.

She also expressed her excitement with Blatchley Middle School Discover Your Potential week that had a large community involvement approximately 100 different sessions taught by teachers and community members.

Superintendent Wegner also informed the board that the Future Education Panel that presented at the inservice at the Performing Arts Center with the entire staff.

Superintendent Wegner also told the board that she will be involved with the planning of the gathering of the canoes in June.

She also stated that there is professional development occurring for restorative justice. This training will benefit many entities in Sitka. It will help with many of the goals of the district including the goal of the administrative team for social emotional learning and also the positive behavioral support that the district supports.

Superintendent Wegner also informed the board that the OCR complaint is in its final stages of completion.

She also updated the board that there will be a collaboration to

celebrate helpful k-12 students in the community. The collaboration will be with both Sitka High School and Mt. Edgecumbe High School Students.

Superintendent Wegner explained to the board that the advocacy email campaign has begun with sending emails to the legislature.

Lastly, Superintendent Wegner informed the board that she would be traveling out of town for the Superintendent Fly-In in Juneau and the FEMA training later in the month.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

There was no additional correspondence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

- **BUDGET HEARINGS**
 - **MARCH 12, 2015 – 6:00 P.M. – BUDGET WORK SESSION – DO BOARD ROOM**
 - **APRIL 7, 2015 – 7:00 P.M. – FINAL BUDGET HEARING – SHS LIBRARY**

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Lon Garrison, President

Tim Fulton, Clerk