

# SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 1, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

*Superintendent: Steve Bradshaw*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Lon Garrison at 7:10 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present were President, Lon Garrison, Clerk, Tim Fulton, Tonia Rioux, JD Murphy, Student Representative and Cass Pook. Vice-President, Jennifer Robinson was absent and excused.

## **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Rioux seconded to approve the agenda as amended with tabling Boys Basketball and items g-j on new business and also moving item k – Discussion of FY15 Budget to a. in new business.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- **RECOGNIZE SPELLING BEE WINNERS** Mr. Fulton presented plaques to the following students who won during the 2013-14 spelling bees.

Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School

1<sup>st</sup> place – Isabella Jackson – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> place – James Helem – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Aliyah Overturf – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Wesley Urias – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Blachley Middle School

1<sup>st</sup> place – Kyle Vidad – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Abigail FitzGibbon – 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Abigail went to the state spelling bee in Anchorage and won the state spelling bee and will be representing Sitka and the State of Alaska in Washington D.C.

- **RECOGNIZE GEOGRAPHY BEE** Ms. Pook and Mr. Murphy presented plaques to the following students who won the 2013-14 geography bees.

Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School

1<sup>st</sup> place – Cole Lewin – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Akira Handy – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Hayden Hunt – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Blatchley Middle School

1<sup>st</sup> place – Travis McGregor – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Max Johnson – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Zophia Danielson – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- **RECOGNIZE DRAMA, DEBATE AND FORENSICS TEAM**

President Garrison presented a plaque to Stefanie Ask, Drama, Debate, and Forensics coach Ms. Ask announced the different wins that occurred during the State Meet which won the team their 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row 1<sup>st</sup> place win.

- **RECOGNIZE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST – CHAYA PIKE**

Mr. Fulton presented a plaque to Chaya Pike for her selection of the National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Ms. Pike explained how she became selected as a finalist.

- **RECOGNIZE CHAMPION OF THE ARTS – NANCY DOUGLAS**

President Garrison presented a plaque to Nancy Douglas, Cultural Director, for her win as the Champion of the Arts.

### **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Ed Gray, parent read a letter that the Sitka Coalition for Life that states that they object the presence of Planned Parenthood in the District. They also stated that they wanted to help the board select a health curriculum.

Jeanine Brooks, parent and school social worker stated that she encourages the board to adopt a comprehensive health program.

Yvonne Corduan, community member informed the board that she and her husband submitted a letter to the board and she wanted to emphasize that they wished that the curriculum would promote good moral character and self discipline.

Kristin Homer, Nurse Practitioner stated that the curriculum Wyman's Teen Outreach Program<sup>®</sup> (TOP) taught by Planned Parenthood at Blatchley Middle School is a comprehensive health curriculum. She applauds Blatchley Middle School administration for implementing a comprehensive program.

Julie Strommer, parent stated that we do need sex education in the schools. There needs to be a program that helps young people make good decisions. She stated that she believes that students should be given a credit and be taught how to love and respect each other. She also wanted to make sure that abortion is taken out of the equation.

Sarah Ferrency, Health Educator, Board Member of Planned Parenthood and co-principal Pacific High School, state that both the 4<sup>th</sup> R and Wyman TOP programs are abstinence based. She stated that all parties are wanting the same thing which is healthy relationships and that there are many similarities that both sides want for our students.

Michael Boose, student stated that the board and community needed to let the students make their own choices on whether or not they take a health class.

Ann Bills, community member expressed her concern about young people making the decision on the health curriculum due to them being too young to make good decisions. She also state that health and sex education should be offered in the school by teachers and not planned parenthood.

Davey Lubin, parent stated that there does need to be a comprehensive health sex education program. He stated that there needs to be a line between church and state and having faith based organizations decide the curriculum.

## **REPORT**

- **REPORT ON CHESS AT BLATCHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL – ALEXANDER ALLISON** Alexander Allison, English Teacher at Blatchley Middle School, gave a presentation on the chess class that is offered at Blatchley Middle School. He stated that not only is it a class it is also offered as an after school activity. He described the professional development that he and another student attended in Seattle and the amount of information that was learned during that trip.
- **REPORT ON AASB FLY-IN – JENNIFER ROBINSON AND LON GARRISON** President Garrison gave a brief overview of the AASB Fly-In. He stated that although there were many meetings with legislators there was not necessarily good news regarding funding.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Murphy announced that student body elections are happening within the next couple weeks and he will know who will be replacing him on the board at the next meeting.

Ms. Rioux wanted to thank the members of the public who spoke about the sex education course that was offered at Blatchley Middle School. She stated that the TOPS program was an opt in program and that it focused on respectful relationships, healthy tools and believes that it is best for all kids and encouraged members of the public to look at the lessons and curriculum.

Ms. Pook also thanked the members of the public who spoke she stated it was a difficult discussion. She also stated that she enjoyed the awards that were given.

Mr. Fulton stated that it is a lot of work to help kids avoid doing risky behaviors. He also informed the board that he had attended the Assembly meeting and tribal council meeting to talk about the wonderful things that have been happening in the district including the herring camp that occurred over spring break.

Mr. Garrison stated that Dr. Mary Wegner and Heather Powell attended the AASB Fly in to present on the Woch.een Yei Jigxtoonei (Preschool program). He said that everyone was very impressed with the program.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2014 MINUTES** Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP5000 CONCEPTS AND ROLES – FIRST READING** Mr. Fulton explained that the policies that are on the agenda for approval are ones that the policy committee has reviewed and sent to the attorney.  
Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Rioux seconded to approve BP 5000 Concepts and Roles in first reading. Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP5010 STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITES – FIRST READING** Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Rioux seconded to approve BP 5010 Student Rights and Responsibilities in first reading. Motion carried.
- **REVIEW OF AR5010 STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES** The board had no recommended changes to the policy.
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP5011 PARENT/GUARDIAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES – FIRST READING** Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve BP 5011 Parent/Guardian Rights and Responsibilities in first reading. Motion carried.
- **REVIEW OF AR5011 PARENT/GUARDIAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES** The board accepted all the changes that were recommended.
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 5021 NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS – FIRST READING** Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve BP 5021 Noncustodial Parents in first reading. Superintendent Bradshaw explained that the changes to this policy came from the school district attorney. Motion carried.

- **DISCUSSION OF FY15 BUDGET**

The board had a brief discussion on FY15 budget. They discussed a few funding options and how to close the budget gap.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – STEVE BRADSHAW**

Enrollment is staying very steady at this time.

- **BUDGET UPDATE- CASSEE OLIN**

Cassee Olin, business manager explained that all the budget items are on track for the end of the year.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – STEVE BRADSHAW**

Superintendent Bradshaw informed the board that there will be extra money from the Pacific High School building budget to purchase some extra equipment.

He also informed the board that Blatchley Middle School will be painted on the outside and new doors will be replacing the ones that are incorrect.

Superintendent Bradshaw had Dr. Mary Wegner, Assistant Superintendent explain to the board that the Herring Camp that was offered over spring break was a success and the collaboration between Sitka Tribe of Alaska and the National Park Service was amazing.

Superintendent Bradshaw congratulated Chaya Pike for her success at being one of thousands selected as a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship.

He also commended the Sitka High School student council for working with Mt. Edgecumbe High School to have an amazing celebration of recognizing youth of Sitka.

Lastly, he stated that he attended a meeting regarding the concerns of the Planned Parenthood teaching sex education in the schools. He appreciates the compassion that this community has toward the students in Sitka.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

There were no additional correspondence.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES**

- **RAVEN RADIO INTERVIEW**

- **BUDGET HEARINGS**
  - **BUDGET WORK SESSION WITH ASSEMBLY, APRIL 10, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M. HARRIGAN HALL**
  - **FINAL BUDGET HEARING, APRIL 21 AT 7:00 P.M. DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM**
  
- **SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION, APRIL 15 AT 6:00 P.M. DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Rioux moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried.

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Lon Garrison, President

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Tim Fulton, Clerk