

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by Vice - President Cass Pook at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President, Tim Fulton (via telephone); Vice-President, Cass Pook, Clerk, Eric Van Cise, Tom Conley, Jennifer McNichol and Debbie Yearwood, Student Representative.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the proposed agenda.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Ed Gray, homeschool parent, wanted it noted that the Alaska Measures of Progress testing was not a good thing and that he disagrees with the testing.

Kayln Ede, Venture's Coordinator, gave an overview of the Venture's Program and the benefits it has to the community. She encouraged the board not to close Ventures.

Cynthia Thomas, parent of Ventures student, expressed her disappointment in the school board for wanting to close Ventures. She stated that there are no other options for families of older students for after school daycare.

Rodney Campbell, parent of Ventures student, stated that he has had three children attend Ventures and without it he would not have been able to continue to work full time and fully supports Ventures to be continued.

Blossom Twitchell, parent of Ventures students, expressed her hope that the program would continue. She stated that there is excellent care and encourages continued funding.

Manuela Jones, foster mom of Ventures students, stated that she would not be able to continue to have foster students without Ventures due to the lack of facilities that are willing to take older students. She also encouraged the continuation of Ventures.

Lolly Miller, Director of Sheldon Jackson Daycare, spoke to the need to continue the Venture's Program. She stated that there are not enough facilities to house the 60 students that are currently attending Ventures. She encouraged the board to reconsider closing Ventures.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE MOCK TRIAL**
- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**

Ms. McNichol presented a plaque to the Mock Trial participants for the 1st and 4th place wins at the Mock Trial competition in Anchorage.

Ms. Yearwood presented a plaque to the Sitka High School Boys Basketball team for their 1st place win in the Region V 3A tournament. Ms. Yearwood also presented each member of the team an iTunes card for their selfless act in rescuing several families from a burning building while they were in Anchorage.

REPORTS

- **REPORT ON STUDENT TRAVEL TO JUNEAU**
- **REPORT ON UAS DUAL CREDIT AND SITKA START**
- **WOOCHEEN NOTES – ERIC VANCISE**

Howard Wayne, Sitka High School government teacher took a group of students to Juneau to lobby for education. The students talked about what they experienced and thanked the board for their financial support in making this trip happen.

Christopher Washko, UAS representative, gave a presentation to the board regarding the many offerings that UAS has for Sitka students. He explained the dual credit opportunities along with what Sitka Start has to offer.

Mr. Van Cise presented Woch.een notes to Andy Lee, Randy Nutting, Amanda Duvall, and Tom Henshaw for their extraordinary efforts for our students.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Van Cise stated that he attended the Keet Gooshi Heen Project Fair and that there were many amazing projects.

Mr. Conley informed the board that he attended the ANDORE training that was sponsored by Tom Gamble.

Ms. Yearwood stated that she went to Juneau with Mr. Wayne and students to lobby on behalf of education to the legislature.

Ms. McNichol informed the board that the activity committee is still active.

Mr. Fulton thanked the community for engaging the board in difficult decisions. He stated that together we can be successful.

Ms. Pook appreciated the community input with the budget and thanked the students for going to Juneau to lobbying.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2, 2016 MINUTES** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Due to President Fulton being on the phone all votes must be by roll call.
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6000 CONCEPTS AND ROLES – SECOND READING – PC** Yes No
McNichol
Conley
Fulton
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6020 FAMILY INVOLVEMENT – SECOND READING - PC** Van Cise
Yearwood
Pook
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6114 CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN – SECOND READING – PC** Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BB 9320 MEETINGS – SECOND READING - PC**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPROVAL OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE – REBECCA HIMSCHOOT** Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve an extended leave of absence for Rebecca Himschoot. There was a brief question and answer session. Due to President Fulton being on the phone all votes must be by roll call.

Yes No

McNichol
Conley
Fulton
Van Cise
Yearwood
Pook

Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6146.1** Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded approve BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements in first reading. There were

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clarification questions on the requirements regarding Math 2 or equivalent. Also there was a question on if the total credits would be 23 or go up to 24. Due to President Fulton being on the phone all votes must be by roll call.

Yes No

McNichol
Conley
Fulton
Van Cise
Yearwood
Pook

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 5127 GRADUATION CEREMONIES – FIRST READING**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the revision of BP 5127 Graduation Ceremonies in first reading. Due to President Fulton being on the phone all votes must be by roll call.

Yes No

McNichol
Conley
Fulton
Van Cise
Yearwood
Pook

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6146.31 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENTS – FIRST READING**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve BP 6146.31 College and Career Readiness Assessments in first reading. Due to President Fulton being on the phone all votes must be by roll call.

Yes No

McNichol
Conley
Fulton
Van Cise
Yearwood
Pook

Motion carried.

- **REVIEW OF AR 6146.31 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENTS** There were no recommended changes to the administrative regulations.
- **REVIEW OF AR 5145.3 TRANSGENDER STUDENTS** After a brief discussion regarding the new transgender regulations there were no recommended changes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE** Business Manager, Cassee Olin stated that the budget is where it needs to be.
- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Mary Wegner reported that the enrollment is currently at 1,298 students which is just below the budgeted amount.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner once again thanked the Sitka High School boys’ basketball team for their heroism. She also acknowledged the bravery of Tom Henshaw for his quick thinking in stopping a fight between adults on Blatchley Middle School campus. She also gave kudos to the Baranof Elementary Teacher for shaving his head for St. Baldrick Childhood Cancer research. She also thanked Howard Way for taking the students to Juneau.

She informed the board that the Alaska Measures of Progress has been cancelled due to internet and computer problems with the University of Kansas. Interim Commissioner Dr. Susan McCauley cancelled the tests for the entire State.

Superintendent Wegner also informed the board that the State budget has four bills that shift financial responsibility to the schools and municipalities for the funding.

The Citizen Task Force that is a committee created by the Assembly is in their final stages of presenting a report to the city.

She also informed the board that the SESPA community schools grievance arbitration hearing has been set for June 16-17, 2016.

Superintendent Wegner announced things that are currently happening in the district. She stated that SESPA Negotiations are still in process. That the Sitka Tribe of Alaska paddle making workshop has been rescheduled and thanked Mike Vieira in the wood shop for his cooperation in this process. She also stated that the basic and advanced arts institutes will be happening in June.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that she would be traveling to the League of Innovative Schools meeting in San Diego and the Alaska State Council of the Arts meeting in April.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

- **BUDGET HEARINGS**

April 7, 2016 – 6 p.m. Assembly work session – Sealing Cove Business Center

April 13, 2016 – 7 p.m. – 2nd Budget Hearing SHS Library

April 22, 2016 – 7 p.m. – Final Budget Hearing/Approval SHS Library

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded for the board to go into executive session in accordance with and under the provisions of AS 44.62.310 (c) (1) & (4), the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the district. The matter to be discussed is Sitka Support Personnel Association Negotiations. The board is requesting that Business Manager, Cassee Olin and Co-Superintendent Phil Burdick join the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Tim Fulton, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk