

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 6, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Lon Garrison at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Conley moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to approve the proposed agenda as presented.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Nels Lawson ANB member expressed his happiness that the board meeting is being held at the ANB Hall again. He also wanted to thank Superintendent Wegner for participating in the planning of the Gathering of Canoes that will be held in Sitka June 4, 5, and 6, 2015.

Paulette Moreno, ANS President encouraged the board to support several bills that are in front of the legislature. She encouraged the board to support HB44 Erin's Law for students to encourage students to learn the language to ask for help. She also asked the board to support the Native Language Immersion bill that was introduced by Jonathan Kreiss-Tompkins. Lastly, she was also hoping for support for HB179 Traditional Foods bill.

Melissa Marconi Wentzel, Sitka Health Summit Executive Director, encouraged community to attend the visioning session on April 16th from 5:30-7:30 at the Kettleton Memorial Library. She explained that the members of Sitka Health Summit want to have healthy Sitka in 5 years.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- **REPORT ON SITKA NATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM- NANCY DOUGLAS**
Nancy Douglas, Cultural Director and Heather Powell, Sitka Tribe of Alaska Education Director gave a presentation on all of the activities that is being done with the Sitka. There was a brief question and answer period.
- **REPORT ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE- PHIL**
Phil Burdick, Pacific High School principal gave an update on restorative justice training that was held at the beginning of March. He explained that the trainers were brought to Sitka by using the

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School Improvement Grant that was funded for Pacific High School. The training was free and open to the public and included staff from each school except for Baranof Elementary, Sitka Police Department, Sitkans Against Family Violence, Sitka Native Education Program, Tribal court, students and many others making the attendance over 30 people. The training explained what restorative justice is and how to implement it in Sitka.

- **REPORT ON NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD CONFERENCE – JENNIFER ROBINSON & LON GARRISON**
- **REPORT ON AASB FLY-IN – JENNIFER ROBINSON & LON GARRISON**

President Garrison gave an overview of the NSBA conference that was held in Nashville Tennessee. He also explained that he attended the resolutions committee meeting. President Garrison attended five sessions a day with a variety of topics.

President Garrison thanked Tom Conley for setting up appointments to have President Garrison and Jennifer Robinson visit legislators. President Garrison expressed his frustration with the lack of funding for the school districts.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Tom Conley announced that Kaya Duguay was one of the winners of the June Nelson Scholarship for \$1,200. He also gave an overview of the teacher evaluation process and where that process currently stands.

Cass Pook thanked Melissa Marconi Wentzel for her support with the community health summit. She also is hoping that the staff learns the red flags when students are younger to help them.

Tim Fulton thanked the ANB/ANS for the warm welcome and food. He also congratulated the Sitka Lady Wolves for the State Championship win. He also congratulated the boys basketball team for winning the 3A title. He also thanked President Garrison and Ms. Robinson for their time at the NSBA and at the AASB fly in. He also thanked the teachers and staff for their work on the AMP Tests.

President Garrison explained that he and Ms. Robinson spoke to Commissioner Hanley regarding many things including evaluation. He also announced that Commissioner Hanley will be at the Chamber Luncheon. He also spoke about the status of Secure Rural Schools for the next two years including this year which includes the possibility of more funding.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF MARCH** Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the consent

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agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- TITLE VIII- PL 81-874
IMPACT AID PUBLIC
HEARING

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to move that the Board go into Public Hearing concerning the Native American Policies and Procedures.

Spike Arnold, grandpa of students in Sitka School District, expressed his appreciation to Nancy Douglas and Heather Powell for their work with the students. He also asked the board to take big chunks of the budget but to leave little things where they are.

President Garrison moved the meeting back into regular session.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- ENROLLMENT
UPDATE – MARY
WEGNER
- BUDGET UPDATE –
CASSEE OLIN
- SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT – MARY
WEGNER

Superintendent Wegner stated that the enrollment is holding steady which is a good sign.

Cassee Olin, business manager gave an overview of the budget as of the end of February. Everything in the budget is on track where it is supposed to be.

Superintendent Wegner thanked Nancy Douglas and Heather Powell for their presentation on the Sitka Native Education Program. She also congratulated the girls and boys basketball teams for their success at the State Basketball Tournament. She also congratulated Cass Pook for her success at her completion of college.

Superintendent Wegner also informed the board about herring camp and that a group went to FEMA training. She also informed the board that the baseball and softball season has begun and the practice times are working.

She thanked Sitka High School and Mt. Edgecumbe High School for the joint venture of honoring our students at the RISK celebration held at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Superintendent Wegner announced that there will be a grand opening for the Sitka High School Technical Center on May 8th at 4 p.m.

Superintendent Wegner explained to the board that she had spoken with the Department of Transportation regarding the possibility of putting in a cross walk crossing Halibut Point Road at Kashevaroff. She was told that due to the poor line of site that there is no

possible way to put a cross walk.

There was no additional information or correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

- **BUDGET HEARINGS**
 - **APRIL 7, 2015- 7 P.M. SHS LIBRARY**
 - **APRIL 9, 2015-6 P.M. – ASSEMBLY WORK SESSION – HARRIGAN HALL**
 - **APRIL 15, 2015 – 7 P.M. SPECIAL MEETING**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Lon Garrison, President

Tim Fulton, Clerk