

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2017 - 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, Jennifer McNichol at 6:05 p.m. at the Sitka High School Library.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Vice-President Jennifer McNichol, Clerk Eric VanCise, Tom Conley, Dionne Brady-Howard and Elias Erickson. President Cass Pook arrived at the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Conley moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of the recognizing mock trial. Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Mr. Van Cise presented a plaque to the Sitka High School girls' basketball team for their Region V win and their 2nd place win at the State tournament.
- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL**

Mr. Van Cise also presented a plaque to the Sitka High School boys' basketball team for their Region V win.
- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA AND DEBATE**

Ms. McNichol presented a plaque to the Sitka High School Drama, Debate and Forensics team for their many wins at the State tournament. Ms. McNichol explained the different events that were won by the students including many first place wins.
- **RECOGNIZE STUDENTS HELPING BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK**

Ms. McNichol presented plaques to Coral Papoi and Emma Falvey for being an integral part of the success of Blessings in a Backpack this year. Each girl has helped out weekly to distribute food to students who need a snack over the weekend.
- **RECOGNIZE KEET GOOSHI HEEN SPELLING BEE WINNERS**

Ms. McNichol presented a plaques to students from Keet Gooshi Heen for their wins in the Spelling Bee. She presented a plaque to Virginia Pearson, 5th grade, for her third place win. She also presented a plaque to Cameron Castro, 4th grade, for his second place win and lastly she presented a plaque to Landon Kirkness, 3rd grade for his first place win in the Keet Gooshi Heen spelling bee.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Lyle Sparrowgrove, Sitka High School Principal, thanked the community, staff, parents, Mark Bautista, Susan Ross and Sarah Martinson for making music festival a fantastic event. He stated that there were over 530 students housed and even community members who did not have students in school provided housing.

REPORTS

- **UPDATE ON REACH – TOBY CAMPBELL**

Toby Campbell, REACH teacher, gave an overview of the REACH program including enrollment in different grade levels and classes. There was a brief question and answer session.

- **PRESENTATION ON NEW LOGO – JENNIFER ROBINSON**

Jennifer Robinson, owner of Ji Design and Marketing, presented the new Sitka School District logo. She gave an explanation of the purpose of the logo and answered questions from the board.

- **REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN – CASS POOK AND JENNIFER MCNICHOL**

President Pook and Vice-President McNichol attended the AASB legislative fly in April 8-11th. They gave an overview of the state of the budget for schools. They stated that they focused on speaking to the Senate to encourage them to not cut education. They also explained that face to face contact with the legislators is a good use of time and money.

- **CLERK'S REPORT**

Mr. Van Cise presented a Wooncheen award to Tony Conforti for his help in the kitchen at Keet Gooshi Heen when they were short on kitchen staff.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Van Cise stated that he had not been to Keet Gooshi Heen for a while but was keeping an eye on things. He also told the board that spring sports were in full swing and that it has been difficult with the snow.

Ms. Brady-Howard expressed her appreciation to the group of students who have been working on relations between Sitka High School and Mt. Edgecumbe High School, especially the Sitka Youth Academy. She also stated that the student governments have also been trying to figure out some group activities to help with relations.

Mr. Conley spoke about going to the assembly meeting and encouraging the assembly to give the district the \$239,000 that the assembly is proposing to cut.

Ms. McNichol also spoke about going to the assembly meeting and talking with them about the district budget. She also commended the members of the community, staff and parents for making the Region V Music Festival a success.

Mr. Erickson explained that he attended the Association of Alaska Student Government conference in Juneau and he stated that the students drafted a resolution to restructure the PFD and implement a state income tax. He also said that there was a speaker there that talked about Sandy Hook Elementary school shooting and how to make a difference in people's lives. Lastly he also thanked everyone for a successful music festival.

Ms. Pook stated that Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins was encouraged by the students that presented a resolution. She also thanked everyone for their help with music festival.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN**

Cassee Olin, Business Manager, presented the budget. Ms. Olin answered questions from the board on why line items were not where they should be.

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE- MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner stated that the enrollment was down but felt that the enrollment will be where it needs to be in the fall.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner congratulated all of the students for their successes. She also congratulated Sitka High School English teacher Kersten Christianson for her 1st, 3rd and honorable mention in the 23rd Annual Alaska Statewide Poetry Contest in the adult category.

Superintendent Wegner also wanted to thank the staff, students, parents and community of Sitka for their support during the music festival.

Superintendent Wegner showed the board the article that appeared in a science magazine for science teachers that featured Rebecca Himschoot's, Sitka School District Teacher, article on Bio Blitz.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that she would be traveling to Cleveland, Ohio for a League of Innovative Schools meeting with Nancy Douglas the week of April 24th. She also let them know that she will be teaching the Digital Leadership class this summer for students in the UAS superintendent endorsement program.

Lastly, she reminded the board that the remainder of her report is on the web site for everyone to see.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF MARCH 6, 2017** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve hiring Heather Lockwood as the long term substitute for Jeremy Peterson. A roll call vote was required.

Yes No
Brady-Howard
Pook
Van Cise
Erickson
Conley
McNichol

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF JOINING NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE CAUCUS OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve joining the National School Board American Indian/Alaska Native Caucus of School Board. After a brief discussion President Pook requested that this item be tabled until the May meeting so she could find out more information. Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to table this item until the May meeting.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 5141.52 SUICIDE PREVENTION – FIRST READING - PC** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention in first reading. Ms. McNichol clarified with Mr. Erickson if the added information was what he was hoping for. Mr. Erickson agreed. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 5141.41 SEX ABUSE AND DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION – FIRST READING –PC** Ms. McNichol moved BP 5141.41 Sex Abuse and Dating Violence Awareness and prevention out of committee. There was a discussion on why culturally appropriate was removed from the policy and Ms. Brady-Howard moved to add it back into the policy and Ms. McNichol seconded. Motion carried on the amended motion and the original motion.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 5145.15 STUDENT AND FAMILY PRIVACY RIGHTS – FIRST READING –PC** Ms. McNichol moved BP 5145.15 Student and Family Privacy Rights out of committee. There was some discussion on the validity of the proposed changes due to changes in the laws, specifically with the wording on surveys. The board requested that administration review the law changes and bring the policy back.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6020 FAMILY INVOLVEMENT – FIRST READING – PC**

Ms. McNichol moved BP 6020 Family Involvement out of committee. There was a brief explanation of the policy and then the motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6114 CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN – FIRST READING -PC**

Ms. McNichol moved BP 6114 Crisis Response Plan out of committee. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

There was no correspondence or additional information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BUDGET HEARING/WORK SESSIONS**

There will be a budget hearing on the following days:

April 18, 2017 – 6 p.m. – Final budget hearing/budget approval DO Board room

- **PERFORMING ART CENTER TOUR –TBA**
- **PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION – MAY 18, 2017**
- **SITKA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION – MAY 22, 2017**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Cathleen Pook, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk