

**SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

April 22, 2015

Sitka School District  
Keet Gooshi Heen Multi-Purpose Room

7:00 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting  
*Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner*

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Lon Garrison at 7:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present were, President, Lon Garrison, Vice-President Jennifer Robinson, Clerk Tim Fulton, Tom Conley, Cass Pook and Student Representative, Kaya Duguay.

President Garrison requested a moment of silence for the passing of Carl Rose, past AASB President.

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **APPROVAL OF FY2016 BUDGET**

Mr Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve the FY2016 budget as amended at our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for \$19,840,890 which includes the elimination of the Community Schools program, the reinstatement of Cold Water Survival Program and a fund balance of \$826,000.

A roll call vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Fulton	
Conley	
Pook	
	Robinson
Duguay	
Garrison	

Motion carried.

Superintendent Wegner explained that the budget includes the secure rural schools and the one million from the assembly. She also explained that there has been discussion on the long term solution for community schools and that there will be meetings with city staff to figure out the best way to continue offering community schools.

Cassee Olin, Business Manager gave a presentation on community schools funding.

Mr. Fulton moved to amend adding \$60,000 from fund balance to fund community schools until September 30, 2015 with the remainder to go into fund balance. Motion died with lack of a second.

Mr Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to amend the motion to add \$200,000 in state revenue to the budget. There were comments and discussion among the board members.

A roll call vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Fulton	
Conley	
Pook	
	Robinson
Duguay	
Garrison	

Motion carried.

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to amend the motion to add \$60,000 to fund community schools until September 30, 2015.

A roll call vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Fulton	
Conley	
Pook	
	Robinson
Duguay	
Garrison	

Motion carried.

Mr. Fulton moved to amend the motion to add \$100,000 to add an additional teaching position back into the budget. The motion died with lack of a second.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Ms. Duguay expressed her disappointment with the decision not to add another teacher into the budget.

Mr. Conley stated that cuts are tough and not without drawbacks.

Ms. Pook said she appreciated the teachers and believes that there needs to be a conversation about PTR's in classrooms.

Ms. Robinson stated that she is thankful that the board can agree to disagree.

Mr. Fulton thanked everyone for the community process and hopes that we can work together to continue to have low PTR's.

President Garrison thanked the board for their input and debate. He also thanked the city. In addition he stated that we need to remember what is best for Sitka kids not other communities. He also requested the community come forward with their wants and needs and urged everyone to be part of the process and advocate for the school system.

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Conley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Lon Garrison, President

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Tim Fulton, Clerk