

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

May 1, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board special meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McNichol at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President Jennifer McNichol; Eric Van Cise, Clerk; Dionne Brady-Howard, Elias Erickson and Student Representative, Quinlyn Holder. Cass Pook, Vice-President was absent and excused

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Elias Erickson moved, Eric Van Cise seconded to approve the board agenda as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE THE FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS TEAMS**
Elias Erickson presented a certificate to the Sitka High School Future Problem Solvers teams for their second and fourth place finished at the state competition.
- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA AND DEBATE TEAM**
Eric Van Cise presented a certificate to the Sitka High School Drama Debate and Forensics team for their participation in the state competition in Anchorage. The team took the Division 2 Academic team award and a number of the team members placed in their events.
- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL**
Dionne Brady-Howard presented a certificate to the Sitka High School Mock Trial Teams for their first and third place finishes at the state competition.
- **RECOGNIZE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**
President McNichol presented a certificate of appreciation to student representative Quinlyn Holder.
- **RECOGNIZE LAURIE SEEHAFFER**
President McNichol recognized Laurie Seehafer for her 21 years of service to the Sitka School District.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

No Persons to be heard.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Quinlyn Holder reported that 5 students went to Art Fest April 26th and 27th. She reminded everyone that the seniors last day is May 15th. The Sitka High School play is the Mousetrap by Agatha Christie and there will be showings May 18-20th; Quinlyn

Holder is the lead.

Eric Van Cise stated that the in-depth work with the budget was very enlightening. He commended all the board members, city assembly and staff for their hard work. Mr. Van Cise also expressed his appreciation for the way Sitka High School prepared and set up the field for the Track & Field event April 27th.

Elias Erickson thanked all those who had shared their input during the budget process. He reminded everyone about the Baranof Elementary Family BBQ. Parents, siblings, and grandparents are all welcome to attend Friday the 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Dionne Brady-Howard expressed her appreciation to Blatchley Middle School for their Day of Caring. She also reminded everyone about the upcoming end-of-year activities, including the 8th grade picnic, Pops concert, and Rites of Passage.

President McNichol stated that she appreciated the collaborative nature of the budget process as well as all the community members who came forward to voice their support for schools. President McNichol recognized and publicly thanked Cassee Olin, Business Manager for SSD, for the yeoman's work she puts into the budget process every year. President McNichol also attended the April 27th track meet and commended the large amount of staff volunteering to run these big events. President McNichol commended Laura Rogers, SHS Principal, for continuing to have Saturday school and in-service sessions for students who need extra time and contact with staff.

At 37:35 minutes of this meeting President McNichol invited all present to observe a moment of silence for Dr. Tom Conley.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN** Cassee Olin, business manager, gave an update on the current budget. There was a brief question and answer session.
- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE- MARY WEGNER** Dr. Wegner informed the board that the enrollment is stable. The official count for the 2017-18 school year was 1,256.97.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER** Dr. Wegner was able to attend the Day of Caring and go around town to see some of the students doing their work which was very positive. Dr. Wegner congratulated the Mock Trial students for their 1st & 3rd place finishes at the state competition. She also congratulated Dionne Brady-Howard for being named Woman

of the Year at the SAFV Honoring Women gala.

Dr. Wegner expressed deep appreciation for the 3 retiring teachers, Michele Friedman, Kent Bovee and Toby Campbell, who have a combined 85 years of service to the students and community of Sitka. Dr. Wegner thanked Laurie Seehafer for her 21 years of service to the community. She also thanked Quinlyn Holder for her dedication in serving as student representative to the School Board.

Dr. Wegner honored Dr. Tom Conley who passed since the last meeting. He was on the board for 18 years, plus he had other service in Ketchikan and Wyoming. His whole life and career was about service. He will be missed.

Dr. Wegner honored students in Jennifer Tulloh's 5th grade class who raised \$1,109 dollars for the Red Nose challenge to help students who are experiencing poverty around the world.

Dr. Wegner thanked Keith Brady and his staff at the City of Sitka for working collaboratively with SSD on various emergency response plans.

Lastly, Dr. Wegner congratulated all the graduates of the 2018 class.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF APRIL 3, 2018 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2018 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4111.2 LEGAL STATUS REQUIREMENT- SECOND READING**

Elias Erickson moved, Eric Van Cise seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF THE SELECTION OF AUDITOR RFP**

Elias Erickson moved, Dionne Brady-Howard seconded to accept the request for proposal from Altman, Rogers, & Co. for three years in the amount of \$29,250 for FY18, \$30,375 for FY19, and \$30,550 for TY20. There was a brief discussion and questions from the board.

A roll call vote was required.

Yes No
McNichol
Van Cise
Brady-Howard
Erickson

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT**

Dionne Brady-Howard moved, Eric Van Cise seconded to approve hiring Annette Blankenship as the long term substitute for Pam Stahla-Kernin.

A roll call vote was required.

Yes No
McNichol
Van Cise
Brady-Howard
Erickson

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT**

Elias Erickson moved, Eric Van Cise seconded to approve hiring Margie Esquiro as the long term substitute for Terry Pike. There was a brief discussion and questions from the board and the audience.

A roll call vote was required.

Yes No
McNichol
Van Cise
Brady-Howard
Erickson

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONTRACT**

Eric Van Cise moves, Elias Erickson seconded to approve hiring Alex Dailey as the long term substitute for Kristen Karsunky. There was a brief discussion and questions from the board.

A roll call vote was required.

Yes No
Van Cise
Brady-Howard
Erickson

McNichol

Motion carried

- **REVIEW OF AR 5125 STUDENT RECORDS** Eric Van Cise moves, Quinlyn Holder seconded to approve AR 5125 Student Records. Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4115 EVALUATION/SUPERVISION-FIRST READING** Quinlyn Holder moves, Eric Van Cise seconded to approve BP 4115 Evaluation/Supervision first reading. Motion carried.
- **DISCUSSION ON CHANGING BOARD MEETING DAY** Elias Erickson moved, Eric Van Cise seconded to change Board Bylaw 93.20 from Tuesday to Wednesday first reading. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SITKA TRIBE OF ALASKA WORK SESSION** Sitka Tribe of Alaska Work Session, May16, 2018 – 5:30 p.m. Sheet Ka’Kwaan Na Kahidi.
- **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** Regular Board Meeting, June 20, 2018.
- **WORK SESSION ON COMMUNICATION PLAN** Work session on the communication plan, to be determined date August, 2018, DO Boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Jennifer McNichol, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk