

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 2, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Tim Fulton at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President, Tim Fulton; 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. Conley seconded to approve the proposed agenda.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE STATE FISH ART WINNERS**

Mr. Conley presented awards to the winners of the state fish art contest.

Jomar Molina
Krystal Joy Coloma
Emily Hill
Marlene Sarmiento
Nicolo Fernandez
Jefferson Diga
Princess Bautista

- **RECOGNIZE STATE JUNIOR DUCK STAMP WINNERS**

Mr. Van Cise presented awards to the winners of the State Junior Duck Stamp winners.

Junior Hernandez
Yaretzi Macias
Krystal Joy Coloma
Romy Bekeris
Nicolo Fernandez
Glennfrey Parale

- **RECOGNIZE DRAMA DEBATE AND FORENSICS TEAM**

Ms. McNichol presented a plaque to the 2015-16 Drama, Debate and Forensics team for their success at State. She thanked Stefanie Ask and Cassidy Patnoe for their dedication to the program.

- **RECOGNIZE BP TEACHER OF THE YEAR – ROB PARSONS**

Rob Parsons, Sitka High School science teacher, was presented a plaque for being selected as BP Teacher of the Year. Mr. Parsons was nominated by a former student.

- **RECOGNIZE FUTURE PROBLEM SOLERS** The school board recognized the students who participated in the Future Problem Solvers. Students just returned from a competition and were excited to share their experiences. The board thanked the parents and the coordinators of this program.
- **RECOGNIZE JOSIE JOHNSON – IT CERTIFICATIONS** Josie Johnson was recognized for her successful completion of the CompTIA A+, industry standard Information Technology certification.
- **RECOGNIZE CHARLIE SKULTKA** Charlie Skultka was nominated and selected for the Champion of the Arts educator of the year. The school board wanted to recognize and thank him for his many contributions to the Sitka School District.
- **RECOGNIZE DEBBIE YEARWOOD – STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE** The school board presented a plaque to Miss Yearwood for her representation at the board table.

REPORTS

- **REPORT ON TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – AMANDA DUVALL** Amanda Duvall, teacher, gave the board an overview of what the technology committee has been working on over the years. She explained the goals that the district is striving for including activities and lessons to teach students more about purposeful use of technology.
- **REPORT ON SITKA SOUND SCIENCE CENTER – LISA BUSCH AND JANET CLARKE** Lisa Busch, Executive Director and Janet Clarke, Education Manager, gave an overview of the work that the Sitka Sound Science Center does in cooperation with the Sitka School District. Including scientists in the schools and various other activities that supports science in the District.
- **REPORT ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM. – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner and Co-Assistant Superintendent Phil Burdick gave a presentation on the process of the selection of the proposed English Language Arts curriculum National Geographic. There were many questions from the board. There were several members of the staff in the audience that helped answer questions.
- **WOOCHEEN NOTES – ERIC VANCISE** Mr. Van Cise presented Woch.een Yei Jigax̄toonei letters to Mike Kaminsky and Cindy Duncan.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Van Cise expressed his thanks to the staff for their remarkable adaptiveness of situations. He also thanked Lindsey Jorgensen for all her work as the activities director.

Ms. Yearwood announced that Elias Erickson will be the new student school board representative. She also was excited about the participation in the Hands Across the Bridge that was successfully

done in correlation with Mt. Edgecumbe High School and the Student Leadership Committee.

Ms. McNichol stated that Debbie Yearwood is irreplaceable on the board. She also gave a brief overview of the activities committee. She also thanked all of the community that helped with the home track meet.

Ms. Pook also thanked Ms. Yearwood for her time and commitment on the school board, however she expressed her excitement for having Elias Erickson on the board. She thanked the retiring teachers for their time in the District.

Mr. Conley also gave a brief updated on the activities committee, the technology committee and the policy committee. He also thanked Ms. Yearwood for her help in organizing the Hands Across the Bridge. He also informed the board that he participated in the drumming parade at Baranof Elementary School.

President Fulton apologized to the community for leaving tomorrow and missing the upcoming graduation ceremonies due to needing to be with family. He also reminded administration that the board wanted to be members of the National Caucus of American Indian/Native School Board Members. He congratulated Dr. Mary Wegner for completing her superintendent course. Mr. Fulton updated the board on the student success and policy committees. He also informed the board that he would be not available to attend the Assembly meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF APRIL 5, 2016 MINUTES** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF APRIL 22, 2016 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP5127 GRADUATION CEREMONIES – SECOND READING – AASB**
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6146.31 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENTS – SECOND READING – AASB/PC**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPSAL BLATCHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTRICAL WORK FOR GENERATOR**

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve recommending the award to KenCare, Inc. dba/Sitka Electric Company the contract, in the amount of \$124,425 to provide Blatchley Middle School electrical work for generator.

A roll call vote was required.

Yes No
Fulton
Conley
McNichol
Van Cise
Yearwood
Pook

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 4030 NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT – FIRST READING – AASB**

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve the revision of BP 4030 Non-Discrimination in Employment in first reading as presented by AASB. Motion carried.

- **REVIEW OF REVISION OF AR 4030 NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT – AASB**

The board had no recommended changes to AR 4030 Non-Discrimination in Employment.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6174 BILINGUAL – FIRST READING – AASB/PC**

Mr. Conley forwarded BP 6174 Bilingual in first reading from the policy committee. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6146.5 DIFFERENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS – AASB/PC**

Mr. Conley forwarded BP 6146.5 Differential Requirements for Individuals with Exceptional Needs in first reading from the policy committee. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE** Cassee Olin, Business Manager stated that the budget is where it needs to be at this time. There were questions from the board.
- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the enrollment is remaining steady.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner congratulated all of the recipients who were presented awards earlier in the meeting. She also congratulated Rebecca Himschoot for being officially confirmed to a seat on the State School Board.

Superintendent Wegner updated the board on the state budget. Including that there is still the possibility of an increase of \$50 for the Base Student Allocation.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that SESPA had withdrawn their grievance that was brought about due to community schools.

Superintendent Wegner gave a brief overview of the League of Innovative Schools Meeting that she and Nancy Douglas, cultural director, attended in San Diego, including personalized student learning, micro-credentials, and TEDxKids. She also informed the board that Full STEAM Ahead Mobile Makerspace Project is beginning to take shape.

She also informed the board that she and Ms. Douglas also attended the Alaska Stated Council on the Arts meeting in Anchorage.

Superintendent Wegner announced that she had completed her superintendent endorsement.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board of current happenings in the district including that it is teacher appreciation week. She also thanked Debbie Yearwood for her time on the board. She also informed the board that SESPA negotiations is still ongoing.

She announced that Sitka High School and Pacific High School graduations would be held at the end of the month, along with 8th grade Rite of Passage. She also informed the board that she would be traveling in Early June for the Arts Council Annual meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

- **SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION, MAY 17, 2016 – BOARD GOAL SETTING DISCUSSION**
- **SITKA HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY, MAY 9, 2016 – 6:30 P.M. SHS COMMONS**
- **PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, MAY 19, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. SHEETKA KWAWN NAA KAHIDI**
- **SITKA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, MAY 23, 2016 – 7:00 P.M. SITKA HIGH SCHOOL GYM**
- **BOARD GOAL SETTING, AUGUST 26-27, 2016**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol 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 9:33p.m. Motion carried.

Tim Fulton, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk