

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President, Cass Pook at 6:32 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President Cass Pook, Tom Conley, and Dionne Brady-Howard. Vice-President Jennifer McNichol and Clerk Eric VanCise were absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Ed Conway expressed his frustration to the board regarding the boys baseball team having to share the Moller Field with the girls softball team.

Lauren Havens, Sitka's Against Family Violence Education Specialist, informed the Board that she would be resigning her position and thanked the District for all of the support.

REPORTS

- **REPORT ON
BLATCHLEY MIDDLE
SCHOOL 6TH/7TH
GRADE SOCIAL
STUDIES TEXTBOOKS**

Jody Smothers-Marcello, Sitka High School Social Studies Teacher, Sheldon Turner, Blatchley Middle School 7th grade Social Studies Teacher and Roxann Gagner, 8th grade Social Studies Teacher gave an overview of the process in selecting the new textbooks. There was a lengthy question and answer session.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Conley stated that there was a policy committee meeting and that he enjoyed the maker space presentation in May.

Ms. Brady-Howard stated that she was able to attend the Pacific High School graduation and enjoyed it. She also said that she was debating on whether to run for school board in the Fall.

Ms. Pook was pleased that she was able to attend Blatchley Middle School Rites of Passage and Sitka High School graduation. She apologized for not being able to attend Pacific High School graduation due to being out of town at school. She also expressed her excitement that her youngest son graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner congratulated the Sitka High School Boy's Baseball team and Sitka High School Track and Field for winning regions. She also congratulated both teams for taking first and second at the state meet respectively. She then congratulated the students from Pacific and Sitka High Schools for their success at graduating. She was pleased to announce that the Sitka School District has two National Merit Finalist from Sitka High School. Lastly she congratulated Roby Little Field for being given the Adjunct Instructor Award at University of Alaska Southeast for her instruction at Blatchley Middle and Sitka High School.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that in partnering with the Alaska Arts Education Consortium, Sitka Tribe of Alaska and University of Alaska Southeast there is a 2 week Basic Arts Institute called Unraveling the Layer: Arts, Culture and Technology Integration and about 25 teachers from Sitka, Mt. Edgecumbe High School and around the state have been participating in the event. Superintendent Wegner thanked the people who helped with this opportunity for teachers throughout the state.

Superintendent Wegner thanked Mary Suminski and Rachel Roy for being on the Alaska Education Challenge committee and representing Sitka.

Superintendent Wegner expressed her thanks to the Assembly for their vote on holding the budget the same with only a slight reduction and said that we are now waiting for the state to release 2 ½ positions that we still are waiting to hire. She also informed the board that all offices are closed with the exception of the district office. However there are still many activities happening around the district.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that she would be attending the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) conference in Texas at the end of June. She also told the board that she will again be teaching a class for the UAS Superintendent Endorsement program.

Lastly, she thanked Lauren Havens and wished her well on her new journey.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF MAY 1, 2017 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF TENURE**

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. There was no objection to the motion so the motion carried.

**AND NON-TENURE
CONTRACTS**

- **APPROVAL OF
ADMINISTRATOR
CONTRACTS**
- **APPROVAL OF BP
5145.15 STUDENT AND
FAMILY PRIVACY
RIGHTS –SECOND
READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 6141.2
RECOGNITION OF
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS
AND CUSTOMS –
SECOND READING**
-

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF
BLATCHLEY
MIDDLE SCHOOL
6TH/7TH GRADE
SOCIAL STUDIES
CURRICULUM**

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve purchasing textbooks for Blatchley Middle School for 6th and 7th grade. There was a brief discussion and then the motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF FY 17
FINAL BUDGET
REVISION**

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the FY17 final budget in the amount of \$22,178,621. A question and answer session ensued. A roll call vote was required.

Yes No
Brady-Howard
Conley
Pook

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF
INCREASING
SCHOOL LUNCH
PRICES**

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to approve increase the lunch prices a \$.10 per meal increase in all paid lunch prices including milk for the FY18 school year.

A roll call vote was required.

Yes No
Brady-Howard
Conley

Pook

Motion carried.

- **REVIEW OF AR5000
CONCEPTS AND
ROLES – SOCIAL
EMOTIONAL
LEARNING**
- **SET AUGUST
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING DATE**

The board did not recommend any changes to the administrative regulation.

The board participated in a doodle survey and it was decided that the August board meeting will be on August 21, 2017.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
INFORMATION**

There was no correspondence or additional information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **STAFF WELCOMING –
AUGUST 17, 2017**
- **SCHOOL BOARD GOAL
SETTING – OCTOBER
6-7, 2017**
- **PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER TOUR -
OCTOBER**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Cathleen Pook, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk