

# SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

June 21, 2016 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 Cass Pook at 6:05 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

Members present were, President, Tim Fulton (via phone); Vice-President, Cass Pook, Clerk, Eric Van Cise, Tom Conley and Jennifer McNichol.

## APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the proposed agenda.

## PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

## BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. McNichol stated that she attended the commencement and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Rites of Passage and enjoyed it immensely. She also expressed that she was very proud of the SHS Track and Field Team for their showing at the Region and State tournaments and their excellent sportsmanship.

Ms. Pook stated that she enjoyed the Blatchley Middle School Rites of Passage.

The other board members had no reports at this time.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2016 MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF MAY 17, 2016 MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF TENURE AND NON-TENURE CONTRACTS
- APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS
- APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP4030 NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT – SECOND READING – AASB

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was done due to President Fulton being at the meeting via phone.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Conley	
McNichol	
Pook	
Van Cise	
Fulton	

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6174 BILINGUAL – SECOND READING – AASB/PC**
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6146.5 DIFFERENTIAL REQUIREMENTS OFR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS – SECOND READING – AASB/PC**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **APPROVAL OF FY16 FINAL BUDGET REVISION** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the FY16 final budget revision in the amount of \$21,661,324. There was a lengthy question and answer session.

A roll call vote was taken.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Conley	
McNichol	
Pook	
Van Cise	
Fulton	

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF INCREASING SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve a \$.15 per meal increase in all paid lunch prices for the FY17 school year. There was a brief discussion.

A roll call vote was taken.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Conley	
McNichol	
Pook	
Van Cise	
Fulton	

Motion carried.

- **REVIEW OF AR5111 AND E5111 ADMISSION** Concerns were expressed about the early entry date of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Administration explained the reason for the date and the changes to the regulations and exhibits.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 4158 EMPLOYEE SECURITY – FIRST READING – AASB**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve BP 4158 Employee Security in first reading.

A roll call vote was done due to President Fulton being at the meeting via phone.

Yes      No  
Conley  
McNichol  
Pook  
Van Cise  
Fulton

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 5030 SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND SAFETY – FIRST READING – AASB**

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve BP 5030 School Discipline and Safety in first reading.

A roll call vote was done due to President Fulton being at the meeting via phone.

Yes      No  
Conley  
McNichol  
Pook  
Van Cise  
Fulton

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 5131.6 ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS – AASB/PC**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs in first reading.

A roll call vote was done due to President Fulton being at the meeting via phone.

Yes      No  
Conley  
McNichol  
Pook  
Van Cise  
Fulton

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF TYPE M CERTIFICATIONS**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve writing a letter in support for Roby Littlefield to apply for a Type M teaching

certification for Alaska Native language and for Patrick Hughes for his Type M teaching certification for Career and Technical Education. After a lengthy question and answer session, Mr. Van Cise requested that the motion be in two different motions instead of as one. Vice-President Pook recessed the meeting at 7:35 p.m. to research how to change a motion. Vice-President Pook returned to regular session at 7:39 p.m. Ms. McNichol withdrew her original motion with no objection.

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve a letter in support for Roby Littlefield to apply for a Type M teaching certification for Alaska Native Language.

A roll call vote was done due to President Fulton being at the meeting via phone.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Conley	
McNichol	
Pook	
Van Cise	
Fulton	

Motion carried.

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve writing a letter in support for Patrick Hughes for his Type M teaching certification for Career and Technical Education.

A roll call vote was done due to President Fulton being at the meeting via phone.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Conley	
McNichol	
Pook	
	Van Cise
Fulton	

Motion carried.

- **SET AUGUST SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE**

It was decided that August 25<sup>th</sup> would be the next school board meeting date.

- **DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL BOARD SURVEY**

The board made suggestions to the administration regarding survey questions. The administration requested the board send recommended questions to Superintendent Wegner to create a

survey so that the community can help with the board goal setting.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Wegner congratulated the Pacific High and Sitka High School graduates and their families. She also congratulated Abigail FitzGibbon for winning State in *Letters About Literature* writing contest. Superintendent Wegner also congratulated Mandy Evans for being seated on the SESA Board.

Superintendent Wegner stated that the legislature re-introduced and passed the budgeted \$50 increase to the Base Student Allocation during the special session and the final budget is waiting for Governor Walker's approval before it is finalized.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that she attended the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) meeting in Anchorage as a member of the council. She stated that there were significant decisions made regarding Alaska's financial crisis and the arts.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the AmeriCorps program would continue as it has in the previous years. She stated that the Sitka School District has once again been asked to help out Juneau. She also explained that she was able to visit with Wendy Spencer, CEO for the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Superintendent Wegner stated that the 2016-17 school calendar was approved by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. We were in need of a waiver due to the number of days of school because we have added 10 minutes onto each day for the 15-16 school year.

Superintendent Wegner announced that she had started a new internal communication email newsletter called Superintendent's Spotlight which will be sent out weekly to share news about the district. She stated that she would be also starting an external community email newsletter for the community.

It was noted that there is still work to be done on BP 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements and will be brought back to the board in the near future.

She also informed the board that the annual review of Community Schools was completed and encouraged the board to celebrate the accomplishments with the Contractor.

Superintendent Wegner explained the re-organization of the special education department. She explained the Special Education Director, Mandy Evans would be the lead on Learning Support

Department, which will bring together resources such as the gifted program, English as a Second Language and Special Education. This new department will help support teachers in providing interventions to students struggling to master the curriculum through a Learning Support Coordinator position. No new funds were used in the re-organization and no specific student or school support was taken away in the process.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that she would be traveling out of the country June 22-July 6. She also let them know that she has been asked to teach a UAS Digital Leadership class for the new cohort of superintendent candidates. She stated that the University would be making a donation due to the fact that she is not able to have an additional job per her contract.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.

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Tim Fulton, President

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Eric Van Cise, Clerk