

## **SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

August 25, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

*Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Lon Garrison at 6:06 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members present were, Lon Garrison, president; Tim Fulton, Clerk Cass Pook. Tonia Rioux and Jennifer Robinson, Vice-President were absent and unexcused.

### **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

President Garrison requested to add discussion of FY16 Capital Improvement Project and Discussion of Southeast Transportation Plan. Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

### **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

There were no persons to be heard.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Ms. Pook stated that the board goal setting weekend was very exciting. She also requested donations for June Nelson scholarship auction at annual conference.

Mr. Fulton thanked Assistant Superintendent Robyn Taylor, Kaya Duguay and Tom Conley for attending the goal setting along with the school board members. He also informed the board that the policy committee will be up and running soon. Lastly, he has had community members asking what is happening with the SHS gym.

President Garrison also thanked the board and Timi Tullis for their commitment for the weekend of goal setting for the board. He commented on how he appreciates the way that the board communicates and reflects. He also spoke about attending the AASB Board meeting this summer in Homer. He also informed that board that he will be attending a National Forest Counties and School Coalition lobbying trip in September.

### **REPORTS**

- **REPORT ON AASB ACTIVITIES – LON GARRISON AND CASS POOK**

Ms. Pook and President Garrison both attended the AASB Board meeting during the summer and both agreed it was a great conference.

- **REPORT ON BOARD GOAL SETTING**

The School Board met over the weekend on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to come up with board goals. During the weekend retreat they came up with five school board goals and some professional development goals for the board as a whole. The members stated

that they were pleased with the retreat and believe that they came up with comprehensive goals for the year.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **APPROVAL OF JUNE 17, 2014**
- **APPROVAL OF NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. There was a question regarding the teacher contracts and tenure. Administration explained the tenure system.

Yes   No  
Fulton  
Pook  
Garrison

Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **APPROVAL OF 2014-15 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND WORK SESSION DATES**
- **DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC PLANNING**
- **DISCUSSION ON AASB RESOLUTIONS**
- **APPROVAL OF 2014-15 BOARD GOALS**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the 2014-15 Board Meeting Dates as amended. Motion carried.

President Garrison asked Superintendent Wegner to update the board on the Strategic Planning process. There will be another Strategic Planning session in November to reevaluate the Strategic Plan.

Each board member selected a section of the AASB resolutions that they would review. President Garrison will be reviewing the Governance, Mr. Fulton will be reviewing the Funding section, Ms. Pook will be reviewing the Child Advocacy section, personnel and education programs will be delegated to Ms. Robinson and Ms. Rioux. President Garrison stated it might be a good idea to have a work session to review the resolutions.

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the 2014-15 school board goals as presented.

The Sitka School District will:

1. Work towards closing the achievement gap for students who qualify as low income.
2. Develop a 5 year strategic budget plan that will be updated annually.
3. Support all district staff to grow professionally
4. Revise the annual budget process
5. Increase the graduation rate to at least 95%

Motion carried.

- **DISCUSSION ON FY2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES** President Garrison began the discussion on the legislative priorities. The main discussion point was that the board will need to include building a softball field equivalent to the baseball field including lights in their legislative priorities. There was also a question about the request of funding for 1:1 digital learning.
- **DISCUSSION ON FY16 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** Maintenance director, Mark Bautista presented the FY16 Capital Improvement Project which included Keet Gooshi Heen Covered PE Structure. A question and answer session ensued. The board will have a special meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup> to approve the FY16 Capital Improvement Project.
- **DISCUSSION ON SOUTHEAST TRANSPORTATION PLAN** President Garrison explained that the State is in the process of working on a Southeast Transportation Plan and that there has been a request that the board support a road being built to the other side of Baranof Island. President Garrison requested that this item be placed on the September agenda to possibly write a letter of support.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. MARY WEGNER** Dr. Wegner updated the board on Office of Civil Rights complaint. She explained that the district is still waiting to hear if the complainant is interested in Early Complaint Resolution. Early Complaint Resolution is where the two parties get together and try to come up with a resolution without going to the next step. She also informed the board that all of the math instructional materials were in classrooms and that the district was able to hire Lyle Sparrowgrove as the math implementation coach. She also let the board know that there have been some process changes with the high school gymnasium and it is creating some concerns but Karen Macklin, Sitka High School principal is working on the concerns.

Dr. Wegner informed the board that there have been several days of exciting professional development opportunities happening in the district. She also welcomed Tom Conley to the meeting as a board candidate. She then encouraged the board to attend open houses at the schools. She also let the board know that she went to meet with the bus drivers and thanked them for their service to the students in the Sitka School District.

Lastly, Dr. Wegner informed the board that there are continued meetings with the city and hospital regarding insurance and the movement towards possibly self-insurance. She also informed the board that she will be attending a SERRC board meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND  
INFORMATION**

There was no additional correspondence.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS  
AND MEETING DATES**

- **RAVEN RADIO  
INTERVIEW**
- **STAFF WELCOMING –  
AUGUST 26, 2014**
- **FALL  
BOARDSMANSHIP –  
SEPTEMBER 12-13,  
2014**
- **AASB FALL  
CONFERENCE,  
NOVEMBER 6-9, 2014**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried.

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Lon Garrison, President

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Tim Fulton, Clerk