

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 25, 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 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Tim Pike, SEA President introduced himself and announced the SEA officers, Vice-President Pam Stahla-Kernin, Treasurer Janine Jorgensen, and Secretary Stacy Golden.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Conley informed the board that he attended the SNEP opening backpack give away. He gave an explanation of the evening event. He also stated that he attended the Assembly meetings over the summer and reported the board regarding the 2 mil increase that is being placed on the October 4th ballot for approval by the electoral. He explained that there will be an issue with funding if the increase is not voted on.

Mr. VanCise stated that he is excited for the new school year and to get back involved in activities at Keet Gooshi Heen.

Ms. McNichol encouraged people to apply for the Activities Director and Drama, Debate, Forensics Coach positions that are still open at Sitka High School.

Ms. Pook informed the board that she attended the AASB Board of Directors meeting in Sand Point. She gave an overview of the meeting and also stated that AASB is looking for performers for the fall conference. The AASB Board also renewed Norm Wooten for another 3 year contract. She also stated that she was excited for the new school year to begin.

Mr. Fulton stated that he did not have any new information to report. He stated that he was having various feelings regarding resigning from the school board to go be with his parents in Idaho.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF JUNE 21,** Ms. McNichol moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the consent

- 2016 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4158**
EMPLOYEE SECURITY
– SECOND READING –
AASB agenda as presented.
 A roll call vote was taken
 Yes No
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5030**
SCHOOL DISCIPLINE
AND SAFETY – SECOND
READING – AASB Conley
 McNichol
 Pook
 Van Cise
 Fulton
- **APPROVAL OF**
REVISION OF BP 5131.6
ALCOHOL AND OTHER
DRUGS – SECOND
READING – AASB/PC Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF NEW**
TEACHER CONTRACTS

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NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF 2016-17 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND WORK** After a discussion the board decided on the 2016-17 Board Meeting Dates which required a few changes due to conflicts.
- **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2017-01 SUPPORT OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve Resolution 2017-01 Support of Property Tax Increase. Mr. Conley explained the purpose of the resolution. Motion carried.
- **ACCEPTING BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION** Mr. VanCise moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve accepting board member Tim Fulton’s resignation effective September 1, 2016. Motion carried after all members thanked Mr. Fulton for his dedication to the school district and students.
- **PROCESS OF SELECTING ANEW BOARD MEMBER/CLOSING DATES/INTERVIEW SCHEDULE** There was a discussion on when the letter of interest needs to be submitted. The board agreed to have the letters of interest submitted on September 23, 2016 and holding a special meeting on September 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to hold interviews.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF 5141.3 HEALTH EXAMINATION – FIRST READING – AASB** Ms. McNichol moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve BP 5141.3 Health Examination in first reading. The board expressed concerns over the new wording and asked administration to check on the reasoning for the wording on “board may offer physical exams to students”. The motion carried and the board requested that it be brought back in old business.
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 5127 GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES – FIRST READING – AASB** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve BP 5127 Graduation Ceremonies and Activities in first reading. There was some discussion on the wording of the policy. Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to strike the wording “and earned the right to receive a diploma or a certificate of completion”, and adding in the last sentence “or certificate of completion.” Motion carried on the amendment and the main motion with Ms. Pook voting no on both.
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 5144 DISCIPLINE – FIRST READING – AASB** Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve BP 5144 Discipline in first reading. There was a lengthy discussion with comments from the audience regarding definitions of restraint and seclusion for consistency. Motion carried with recommendation to add definitions to the note in the policy.
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 5146 MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING STUDENTS – FIRST READING – AASB** Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve BP 5146 Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students in first reading. There was discussion and agreement to add the optional portion of the policy. There was also a request to change physician to health care provider. Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6141 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT – FIRST READING – PC** Mr. Conley moved BP 6141 Curriculum out of committee for approval. Motion carried.
- **DISCUSSION ON AASB RESOLUTIONS** The board divided the AASB resolutions so that each member can review a section.

Governance – Mr. VanCise
 Funding – Mr. Conley
 Child Advocacy – Ms. McNichol
 Personnel – Mr. VanCise
 Education Programs – Ms. Pook

BUDGET UPDATE

Cassee Olin, business manager, gave an overview of the consequence of Governor Walker’s veto of the education budget. She answered questions from the board.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Wegner stated that she was excited for the new school year.

She announced that the Sitka High School boys' basketball team helped out with a car fire while they were at camp this summer.

Superintendent Wegner congratulated Cindy Duncan, KGH Teacher for being selected to receive makerspace resources for her classroom, which came from the district being part of the League of Innovative Schools.

She informed the board that we have received our survey results for the School Climate and Connectedness survey back and that the board will have a work session later in the fall to review the data further.

She also informed the board that maintenance director, Mark Bautista created a 6 year Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) plan. We currently only have 1 project on the CIP state funding request list for the State. The 6 year plan that Ms. Bautista created is a plan that outlines the needs of the district with or without funding from the State.

Superintendent Wegner announced that there is a new Sitka School District facebook page.

She also told the board that the district had applied for 3 grants and received all of the grants and that they are all fully funded. She informed that board that each of the grants will support the vision and work in the district.

Things that are currently happening in the district is that we are still hiring an activities director. She also thanked Tim Fulton for his dedicated service to the students and staff in Sitka.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that she would be traveling to the SERRC board of director meeting in addition to attending the Alaska Arts Council meeting in Anchorage.

Lastly, she explained that the Sitka Winter Fellow will start work on September 6th and will oversee the new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) projects with the new mobile makerspace and StarLab.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Conley moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Tim Fulton, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk