

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 26, 2015, 7:00 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 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Lon Garrison, president; Jennifer Robinson, vice-president, Tim Fulton, Clerk; Cass Pook and Tom Conley.

President Garrison requested a moment of silence for the peoples lives that were lost in the land slide the previous week.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

President Garrison requested to add Item h Nomination of Cass Pook for AASB Board of Directors. Mr. Conley moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard

REPORTS

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

Ms. Pook appreciated the AASB summer conference and was excited about the presentation from the Universities regarding credit recovery and closing the achievement gap.

President Garrison also informed the public that AASB Board of Directors recently went through a goal setting and reevaluation similar to Strategic Planning. He reported that one of the major goals is focusing on education of Native students. President Garrison also explained that they had many speakers from around the country.

- **CLERK'S REPORT**

Mr. Fulton has nothing to report at this time.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Fulton apologized for missing opening day. He informed the board that the policy and activities committees will be starting up soon. He also stated that he was looking forward to having the goal setting. Mr. Fulton also requested that cake be served at the next board meeting to welcome new staff. He also wanted to make sure that we schedule a meeting with Sitka Tribe of Alaska sometime this fall.

Ms. Pook also apologized for not being at opening ceremony.

Ms. Robinson said congratulations to the staff that have been

employed with the district for 15-25 years.

President Garrison explained that he is still a member of the Secure Rural Schools Coalition and attended a meeting in Reno to figure out the status of the coalition. It was decided among the members to continue with supporting the coalition. President Garrison invited members of the board to consider being on the board of the coalition.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF JUNE 24, 2015 MINUTES** Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- **APPROVAL OF NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS** A roll call vote is required.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Fulton	
Pook	
Conley	
Robinson	
Garrison	

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED EVALUATION CONTINUOUS GROWTH SYSTEM PLAN(AKA EDUCATOR EVALUATION PLAN) – SECOND READING** Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the educator evaluation plan as presented in second reading.

Motion carried.
- **SUPPORT OF 21ST CENTURY LEARNING GRANT** Mr. Conley moved, Ms. Robinson moved to approve support of the 21st Century Learning Programs and After School Grant. The Board agreed to sign a letter to support the 21st Century Learning grant. Motion carried.
- **REVIEW OF AR3515 SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY** Superintendent Wegner gave an overview of the changes to AR 3515. There was a lengthy discussion about the wording in the regulation.
- **APPROVAL OF 15-16 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND WORK** Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to approve 2015-16 school board work session dates. Motion carried.

SESSION DATES

- **DISCUSSION OF AASB RESOLUTIONS** President Garrison discussed some of the changes to AASB Resolutions. He stated that the board can choose sections of the resolutions at the board goal setting that will be held August 28th and 29th.
- **ACCEPTING BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION** Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to accept board member Lon Garrison resignation from the Sitka School Board. There was discussion regarding postponing the resignation date. Mr. Fulton amended the motion to change the acceptance date to September 1st. Motion carried on both the amendment and the main motion.
- **PROCESS OF SELECTING A NEW BOARD MEMBER/CLOSING DATES/INTERVIEW SCHEDULE** After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Conley moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve the selection and application questions for the new board member. Motion carried.
- **NOMINATION OF CASS POOK FOR AASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve nominating Cass Pook for the AASB Board of Directors. President Garrison recused himself due to a conflict. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **ENROLLMENT – DR. MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner informed the board of the enrollment which is currently at 1301 but was encouraging that the numbers would probably increase.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner expressed her sorrow for the loss of lives that had occurred in Sitka over the previous week due to landslides.

Superintendent Wegner explained to the board that there were no Request for Proposals for Community Schools, however the administration is working on a plan B which includes working with individuals on continuing the mission of Community Schools. Administration will have a recommendation on September 15th with a proposal.

Superintendent Wegner spoke about the opening day for staff. She stated that it was a very positive welcoming with Jennifer and Tom there to welcome staff and honor Herman Davis with an Sitka High School Honorary Diploma. Mr. Davis was honored due to his inability to complete school because he had to take care of his family and join the service. Mr. Davis has been instrumental

in the education of young people through his culture. She also told the board that staff was lucky to hear Kerry Berkowitz speak about Social Emotional Learning and Restorative Justice.

Superintendent Wegner spoke about the many professional development opportunities that were given to the staff the previous week, including piloting the new English Language Arts curriculum.

Superintendent Wegner offered a special thanks to Mark Bautista, Maintenance Director and his staff for setting up a garden behind the SEACC building.

She also explained that Cindy Duncan, 2nd grade teacher created a Tlingit Village in Minecraft, which is a computer based program. She stated that PBS/360 North videotaped her class working on the Minecraft project. She also said that there were a lot of traditional values taught during this project.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that there was a decrease in student numbers at the kindergarten level and an increase in numbers in the 4th grade, so the administration moved a kindergarten teacher up to 4th grade. She stated that the decrease in the students in kindergarten came from students moving out of state. She thanked all of the teachers for being helpful and accommodating.

She informed the board that there had been 29 Woonsocket awards sent out during the 2014-15 school year.

Superintendent Wegner indicated that tomorrow, August 27th was the first day of school for students. She also wanted to make sure that parents were aware to expect delays due to construction happening near Baranof and Keet Gooshee Elementary Schools. She encouraged parents to take a look at the 2015-16 calendar and to plan ahead due to changes to the calendar.

Superintendent Wegner gave a shout out and thank you to Nancy Douglas, and Heather Powell for their work of the past year in integrating culture and language into the school district curriculum.

Superintendent Wegner announced the various dates of open houses occurring throughout the week. She also stated that many activities are starting up at Sitka High School.

She also expressed the honor of having Dr. Chu, Chairman of the National Endowment of the Arts, come to Sitka to view how the arts are utilized in town.

Lastly, Superintendent Wegner presented gifts to Lon Garrison for his departure. She thanked him for his years of service. President Garrison stated that he will miss the community and that becoming a board member was a life changing adventure.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

There was a letter rescinding Tom Conley's resignation from the board.

President Garrison informed the board that he had received correspondence from SESPA regarding them appealing a grievance to the Board. The board was reminded not to speak to anyone regarding this issue until the board acts on this grievance.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

- **BOARD GOAL SETTING – AUGUST 28 AND 29, 2015**
- **AASB FALL BOARDSMANSHIP – SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2015**
- **AASB ANNUAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 5-8, 2015**

The board was reminded that they will be meeting on Friday, August 28th at 4:00 p.m. and on August 29th at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Pook requested to attend the AASB Fall Boardsmanship in September.

The board discussed getting auction items for the June Nelson Scholarship at the AASB Annual Conference.

Prior to the end of the meeting each board member expressed their appreciation to Lon Garrison for his time on the board. They also stated that they were pleased that he would be continuing his passion with AASB.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Lon Garrison, President

Tim Fulton, Clerk