

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 29, 2018 – 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, Jennifer McNichol at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Jennifer McNichol, President; Cass Pook, Vice-President; Eric Van Cise, Clerk; Dionne Brady-Howard, and Elias Erickson.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Dionne Brady-Howard moved, Eric Van Cise seconded to approve the board agenda as presented. Motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Erickson and Mr. Van Cise did not have anything to report.

Ms. Pook reported that she attended the July AASB Board of Director's meeting in Girdwood. She will be attending the Fall Boardmanship Academy in Fairbanks September 15-16, 2018. Ms. Pook also attended the Assembly meeting August 27th. Ms. Pook also informed the board that Pat Sidmore has accepted a position with AASB.

Ms. Dionne Brady-Howard did not have anything to report.

President McNichol apologized for not being present for the first staff day back in the district August 16th. President McNichol was sad she couldn't participate in the opening in-service activities involving Dr. Chamberlain and Pat Sidmore on the topic of adverse childhood experience and the effect it has on education, as well as the historical trauma conference.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner thanked all the community partners and Mt Edgecumbe High School for partnering with us to bring Dr. Linda Chamberlain to Sitka for the start of school year district-wide in-service.

Superintendent Wegner reported that while it is still too soon to tell for sure, the projected enrollment of 1,244 seems to be in the ballpark, and we will know more in the next few weeks.

Superintendent Wegner congratulated teachers Cindy Duncan and Heidi Lihou for being featured in Dr. Lynn Schrum's new book called *Learning Supercharges: Digital Age Strategies and Insights for the Edtech Frontier!* Additionally, Cindy was featured in Ted Dintersmith's book titled *What School Could Be!*

Superintendent Wegner reported that the Sitka School District is one of six New Visions districts in the state, and a new report was published looking at the impact of the New Visions work on arts education. New Visions is a grant supported by the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

Superintendent Wegner thanked the many community partners who are working to figure out afterschool support for students now that the district no longer has the 21st Century Afterschool Learning Center grant.

Superintendent Wegner reported that the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission came to do a Rapid Visual Screening of 3 of our schools that were built before current seismic standards were put into place. The screening identified that further analysis is needed to make any determination about the schools that were surveyed. The district is in discussions with the City to determine how further studies can happen. The buildings are Baranof Elementary, Keet Gooshi Heen, and Blatchley Middle School.

Superintendent Wegner was excited to announce that to help us further our 2 strategies (culturally responsive teaching practices and multi-tiered instruction) we have identified to help us achieve our School Board Goals of closing the achievement gap and making our schools more welcoming, safe, and honoring parent and student voice, we have trainings coming up with a group of staff from each school and some district-wide positions. The training will happen over the course of 3-years and will involve systemic work each of the years. Diana Browing Wright is the consultant who will facilitate this training; she is a noted author and specialist in these areas.

Dr. Wegner announced that the 3 year Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies grant was renewed. The grant supports the Arts, Culture, and Technology work in the district.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF JUNE 20, 2018 MINUTES**

Eric Van Cise moved, Cass Pook seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF NON-TENURED TEACHER CONTRACTS**
- **APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS**

A roll call vote was required.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
McNichol	
Pook	
Van Cise	
Brady-Howard	
Erickson	

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF PAM STAHLA-KERNIN'S LONG TERM LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST**

Elias Erickson moved, Eric Van Cise seconded to approve Pam Stahla-Kernin's long term leave of absence request for the 2018-19 school year, retroactive to the first day of the teacher's contract.

A roll call vote was required.

<u>Yes</u>
McNichol
Pook
Van Cise
Brady-Howard
Erickson

Motion carried.

- **REVIEW OF AR 6153 SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS**

There was a short discussion about the amendment to the Administrative Regulation

- **DISCUSSION OF THE 2019 AASB RESOLUTIONS**

The School Board divided the AASB resolutions so each member can review a section.

Governance – Mr. Erickson
 Funding – Mr. Van Cise
 Child Advocacy – Ms. McNichol
 Personnel – Ms. Brady-Howard
 Education Programs – Ms. Pook

- **APPROVAL OF FY 2020-2025 SIX YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

There was a lengthy discussion by the board regarding the order of the 10 priorities on the six year capital improvement plan.

Dionne Brady-Howard moved, Cass Pook seconded to amend the Capital Improvement Plan to reflect the changes, including the two (2) playground refurbishments to be placed above the boiler replacements.

President McNichol asked for a roll call vote.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
McNichol	Erickson
Pook	
Van Cise	
Brady-Howard	

Amendment passes.

President McNichol asked for a roll call vote on the original motion as amended.

<u>Yes</u>
McNichol
Pook
Van Cise
Brady-Howard
Erickson

Amendment passes.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

A New Vision: New Horizon progress Report on Arts Education presented to the Board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**
- **WORK SESSION WITH THE STATE SCHOOL BOARD SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**
- **AASB FALL BOARDMANSHIP ACADEMY SEPTEMBER 15-16 – FAIRBANKS**
- **SCHOOL BOARD GOAL SETTING OCTOBER 5-6, 2018**

- **AASB ANNUAL MEETING**
- NOVEMBER 8-11, 2018 -
ANCHORAGE

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer McNichol, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk