

# SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 3, 2019 – 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 McNichol at 6:04 p.m. in the Sitka High School Library.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present were, Jennifer McNichol, President, Elias Erickson, Vice-President, Eric Van Cise, Clerk, Dionne Brady-Howard, and Amy Morrison. The meeting was quorate.

## **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

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

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- **SITKA HIGH SCHOOL BEST BUDDIES**

Mr. Van Cise presented a certificate of achievement to the Sitka High School Best Buddies for being recognized by Best Buddies International as an Outstanding Chapter for the 2018-19 academic year.

- **SITKA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM**

Ms. Morrison presented a certificate of achievement to the Sitka High School Girls Softball Team for their 2019 D11 State Softball Championship win.

## **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

There were no persons to be heard.

## **REPORTS**

- **BACK TO SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

Principals Casey Demmert, Ben White, and Laura Rogers gave 2019-20 Back to School Highlights of their respective schools. Superintendent Wegner reported the Woonoosheen Preschool, Baranof Elementary, and Pacific High School highlights.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Ms. Morrison thanked all the people and businesses who contributed to the Back to School Supply Drive, including Alaska Commercial, SeaMart, Ben Franklin, Alaska Computer Center, and True Value.

Mr. Van Cise reported having a number of enjoyable conversations with SSD alumni over the summer.

Mr. Erickson did not have anything to report.

Ms. Brady-Howard welcomed all the staff back and commended them on the great start to the school year.

President McNichol welcomed back the teachers and staff. She reported that Allen Marine scheduled a special boat service to Juneau to provide a way for the Volleyball and Cross-Country teams to travel economically to their meets. President McNichol noted it was fun to be at the meets.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN**

Ms. Olin gave an overview of the budget update and took questions from the Board.

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner informed the Board that at the start of school student enrollment was 1197.75.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner thanked all the staff, student, and families who helped to make the opening of the schools successful.

Superintendent Wegner reported that Youth Advocates of Sitka (YAS) did not secure the grant that was needed for them to operate the afterschool program for Blatchley students.

Superintendent Wegner noted that Sitka's Cloud Teen Center opened at 329 Harbor Dr. This is a Sitka Health Summit project and was designed by a self-selected group of PHS and SHS students.

Superintendent Wegner announced that Woonoosheen Preschool started its 7<sup>th</sup> year of operation today!

Superintendent Wegner reported that statewide student assessments for English and Math called Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS), and the Science assessment called Alaska Science Assessment (ASA) will be made public on September 5<sup>th</sup>. PEAKS and ASA data are critical components of a school's accountability rating and is scheduled to be released September 30<sup>th</sup>. The results will be shared at the November 4<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting.

Lastly, Superintendent Wegner noted that her full report is available on the SSD web site to read in its entirety.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 07, 2019 MINUTES**

Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 13, 2019 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS**

A roll call vote was required

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Morrison	
Erickson	
McNichol	
Brady-Howard	
Van Cise	
Motion carried.	

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF THE 2019-20 SCHOOL BOARD CALENDAR**

Ms. Morrison moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to approve the 2019-20 School Board Calendar as presented. After a brief discussion, the consensus was to keep the School Board Calendar that was approved at the August 7, 2019 School Board meeting. Ms. Morrison moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to withdraw the previous motion. Motion carried.

- **DISCUSSION REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC INPUT FORUM FOR THE SCHOL BOARD**

The School Board discussed developing a public input forum for the Board. It was suggested a 2-member sub-committee be formed to identify the layout and avenue of the forum. The sub-committee will be selected at the October 11, 2019 School Board meeting.

- **DISCUSSION OF THE 2020 AASB RESOLUTIONS**

The School Board discussed how to divide the extensive 2020 AASB Resolutions so each member can review a section.

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2019**
- **SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2019**

The next regular School Board Meeting is October 2, 2019 in the SHS Library.

There will be a Special School Board Meeting Friday October 11, 2019 in the District Office Board Room.

- **SCHOOL BOARD GOAL  
SETTING RETREAT  
OCTOBER 25 & 26, 2019**

The School Board Goal Setting Retreat will be October 25 & 26, 2019 in the District Office Board Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Jennifer McNichol, President

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Eric Van Cise, Clerk