

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 7, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President, Cass Pook at 6:30 p.m. at the Sitka High School Library.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President Cass Pook, Vice-President Jennifer McNichol, Clerk Eric VanCise, Dionne Brady-Howard and Tom Conley was on the phone.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve the agenda with removal of the swearing in of student representative.

A roll call vote was required due to Mr. Conley being present telephonically.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
McNichol	
VanCise	
Brady-Howard	
Pook	
Conley	

Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASEBALL TEAM**

Mr. VanCise presented a plaque to the Sitka High School Boys Baseball Team for their 1st place win at the region and state levels.

- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM**

Mr. VanCise presented a plaque to the Sitka High School Girls and Boys Track and Field Teams for their 1st place win at the region level and the girls for their 2nd place win at the state level.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Ed Gray, parent, stated that he disagreed with the approval of the family life sex education policy and wanted to help write the policy. He also spoke about his belief against the district for “throwing kids out of school”. He stated that he has been spoken to regarding Sitka students being pressured to unenroll in the Sitka School District. Mr. Gray also expressed his concern that his son was not receiving credit for a class and that he was going to have his attorney contact the district’s attorney.

Julie Stroemer, parent, expressed her concern regarding grades that her daughters received in a homeschool math class because she refused to have them learn common core. She stated that she wanted to petition the board to reinstate the higher grade due to her ability to reject curriculum based on HB 156.

REPORTS

- **REPORT ON ALICE TRAINING**

Ben White, Blatchley Middle School Principal and Stacy Golden, Blatchley Middle School teacher gave a presentation on the ALiCE active intruder training, which the entire staff viewed on the opening of school. The timeline and the process was explained to the board. They were also told that there are 14 staff members who were trained to be trainers for this program. There were questions.

- **REPORT ON THE ALASKA CHALLENGE – REBECCA HIMSCHOOT**

Rebecca Himschoot gave a report on the Alaska Challenge that is proposed by the Governor. She thanked the board for them approving her leave to work in Washington D.C. for the year. There was a short question and answer period.

- **CLERK’S REPORT**

There were no Woonsocket awards at this time.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. VanCise expressed his excitement for the upcoming year and being at Keet Gooshee more often.

Ms. McNichol apologized for missing the June meeting, but stated that she enjoyed attending the Rites of Passage and graduations. She also stated that she met with administration and other members of the community about the new funding options for Sitka High School activities.

Mr. Conley informed the board that there will be a policy committee meeting on September 25th.

Ms. Brady-Howard thanked the evaluation committee for being flexible on dates and times for the meetings due to her work schedule.

Ms. Pook announced the seniority awards that were presented at the opening day of school. She also stated that her house was quiet due to everyone away at school.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN**

Cassee Olin, Business Manager updated the board on the budget.

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

Superintendent Wegner explained that the enrollment is showing

- MARY WEGNER

• **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER**

higher than was budgeted for this year however it is still early to know what the count will be.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the first day for staff began with “Inspiration from the Field”, where other teachers spoke to the staff about their experiences. She also stated that the Performance Evaluation for Alaska Schools (PEAKS) data has been released and that parent reports will be mailed end of September. She also announced and showed the board the new Baranof Elementary School bear that was created and given to the district by Charlie Skultka.

Superintendent Wegner informed the community and board is that the state budget with the funding for education flat was approved after the June meeting, which means that the district was held harmless.

Superintendent Wegner lastly announced that the Clan Conference will be held in Sitka October 13-17, 2017 and that several of our staff will be presenting *Wooch.een-ing: Working to Heal Historical Trauma in Sitka’s Education System*.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF JUNE 20, 2017 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF CO-SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACTS**
- **APPROVAL OF NEW TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was required.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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OLD BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6142.1 FAMILY LIFE/SEX EDUCATION- FIRST READING**

Motion carried.

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve BP 6142.1 Family Life/Sex Education in first reading. There was a brief question and answer period.

A roll call vote was required due to Mr. Conley being present telephonically.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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VanCise	

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Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF SITKA HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH GUATEMALA TRIP**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve the Sitka High School Spanish classes to travel to Guatemala in June 2018. There were a few questions.

A roll call vote was required due to Mr. Conley being present telephonically.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
McNichol	
VanCise	
Brady-Howard	
Pook	
Conley	

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 0510 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT CARD – FIRST READING – PC**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve BP 0510 School District Report Card in first reading.

A roll call vote was required due to Mr. Conley being present telephonically.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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Conley	

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 5112.6 EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS/FOSTER CHILDREN – FIRST READING – PC**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve BP 5112.6 Educaiton for Homeless/Foster Children in first reading.

A roll call vote was required due to Mr. Conley being present telephonically.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6164.4 CHILD FIND – FIRST READING – PC**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve BP 6164.4 Child Find in first reading.

A roll call vote was required due to Mr. Conley being present telephonically.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6172 SPECIAL EDUCATION – FIRST READING – PC**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to approve BP 6172 Special Education in first reading. After discussion the board voted to table BP 6172 Special Education with recommended to reword the recommended changes to be a more complete list of nondiscrimination for equity.

A roll call vote was required for tabling the motion due to Mr. Conley being present telephonically.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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Conley	

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 4030 NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT – FIRST READING**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconde to approve BP 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment in first reading.

A roll call vote was required due to Mr. Conley being present telephonically.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF 2017-18 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES** After a brief discussion the board agreed to the school board meeting dates and times as presented.
- **APPROVAL OF AASB RESOLUTIONS** Ms. McNichol moved, Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to approve AASB Resolutions as presented. Each of the board members gave an overview of the changes in the resolutions as follows:

Governance – Mr. VanCise
Funding – Mr. Conley
Child Advocacy – Ms. McNichol
Personnel – Ms. Brady-Howard
Education Programs. – President Pook

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Brady-Howard	
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Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AASB FALL BOARDSMANSHIP ACADEMY – SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2017 - ANCHORAGE**
- **SCHOOL BOARD GOAL SETTING – OCTOBER 6-7, 2017**
- **PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TOUR – TBA**
- **AASB ANNUAL**

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ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Cathleen Pook, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk