

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Steve Bradshaw

Assistant Superintendent: Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Lon Garrison at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President, Lon Garrison, Vice-President Tim Fulton, Tonia Rioux, and Jennifer Robinson. Clerk, Cass Pook was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

There was a brief discussion regarding the lack of the monetary figures with the new teacher contracts. It was decided to leave the agenda as presented. Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Rioux seconded to approve the agenda as proposed.

SWEAR IN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE **- JD MURPHY**

Assistant Superintendent Mary Wegner swore in John (JD) Murphy Student Representative.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNITION OF KRISTIN HOMER AND ELANA GUSTAFSON**

Last year, Kristen Homer and Elana Gustafson stepped up for the 8th grade students of Blatchley Middle School. They helped develop and implement a sexual education curriculum for the 8th grade. Mr. White, BMS Principal, also thanked them for their help.

- **RECOGNITION OF STATE FISH ART CONTEST WINNERS**

The following students were awarded the following awards for their State Fish Art entries.

Grades K-3

1st place in Alaska: Carl Coloma
(then a 3rd grader)

2nd place in Alaska: Krystal Joy
Coloma (then a 3rd grader)

3rd place in Alaska: Jedidiah Llenado
(then a 1st grader)

Grades 4-6

1st place in Alaska: Adrian Aviles
(then a 4th grader)

3rd place in Alaska: Mark Sarmiento
(then a 4th grader)

Grades 7-9

1st place in Alaska: Gian Carlo

Coloma (then a 9th grader)

- **INTRODUCTION
OF NEW
TEACHERS**

The new teachers for the 2013-14 school year are:

Alison Gilbert – Speech Pathologist
Kathleen Yanamura – Principal - BES
Judith Young – Special Education – BES
Brandy Peer – Special Education – BES
Jaquette Carroll – ½ Reading – BES
Jill LeCrone – 1st Grade – BES
Megan Bahrt – 5th Grade – KGH
Robyn Taylor – Vice-Principal – BMS
Mike Kaminsky – Special Education – BMS
Amanda Duvall – Technology Teacher – BMS
Aimee Smith – Special Education – BMS
Bridgette Whitcomb – Science – BMS
Josef Ploetzner – Math – BMS
Lindsay Jorgensen – Math – BMS
Mark Insteness – Special Education – BMS
Johnnie Cotton- Vice-Principal – SHS
Ben Clark – English /Social Studies – SHS

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- **REPORT ON GOAL
SETTING**

President Garrison gave an overview of the board goal setting weekend. He informed the public that the board met on September 6th and 7th in the district office board room. He explained the board goals, which will be approved at the October meeting.

- **REPORT ON
PRESCHOOL**

Assistant Superintendent Wegner, Tristan Guevin and Kathi Yanamura presented to the board the new preschool program Woch.een Yei Jigaxhtoonei that will be offered within the Sitka School District. It will be a collaboration between Head Start, Sitka Native Education Program (SNEP), Sitka School District (SSD) and Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) to work with students from low income for ages 3-5 years in a preschool setting, including the Sitka School District preschool special education students.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF
AUGUST 15, 2013
MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF
NEW TEACHER
CONTRACTS**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was required.

Yes No

Fulton
Rioux
Robinson
Garrison

Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

• **HSGQE WAIVERS**

Ms. Robinson moved, Ms. Rioux seconded for the board to go into executive session in accordance with and under the provisions of AS 44.62.310 (c) (1) & (4), the immediate knowledge of which could prejudice the reputation and character of a person or persons. The matter to be discussed is a High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver. President Garrison requested to have Dr. PJ Ford Slack be invited into the executive session since the matter to be discussed was HSGQE Waiver. Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **APPROVAL OF HSGQE WAIVERS**

Ms. Robinson, Ms. Rioux seconded to approve a HSGQE Waiver for student number 17609 based on passing the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests. Motion carried.

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to approve a HSGQE Waiver for student number 132659 based on passing the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards Test. Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF GUATEMALA TRAVEL**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve travel to Guatemala in June 2014. Ariel Coleman, Spanish Teacher, gave an overview of the trip. Motion carried.

• **ACCEPTANCE OF SUPERINTENDENT BRADSHAW'S RESIGNATION**

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to accept Superintendent's Bradshaw's resignation effective June 20, 2014. There were comments from the board. Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF 2014 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

President Garrison requested to have the priorities be for the October 15th work session with a special meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER**

Ms. Wegner stated that enrollment is still holding steady.

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN**

There was no major change to the budget.

- **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER**

Assistant Superintendent Wegner apologized for Superintendent Bradshaw being absent from the meeting since he was attending a special education appeal with the Alaska Department of Education.

Ms. Wegner welcomed the new teachers and administrators and stated that it was an amazing start to the school year. She stated that the professional development that occurred at the beginning of school was very useful and thanked Carol Comeau for being the speaker at opening ceremonies.

Ms. Wegner thanked the partners that have worked together to implement the new preschool program.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

There was no additional correspondence.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Fulton stated his appreciation to fellow board members for their honesty during the goal setting. He also welcomed the new teachers and administrators. He welcomed JD Murphy, new student representative. He also was excited about the new preschool program. Lastly he expressed his appreciation to the teachers for their work on their websites.

Ms. Robinson welcomed JD Murphy to the board. She also thanked the board for the short meeting and little repetition.

Mr. Murphy was happy to be on the board and stated he was impressed with the meeting.

Mr. Garrison thanked the board for a successful board goal setting. He also informed the board that he would be attending the AASB Conferences.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES:

- **RAVEN RADIO INTERVIEW**

- **SCHOOL BOARD**

**WORK
SESSION/BOARD
MEETING,
SEPTEMBER 12,
2013 – AASB
RESOLUTIONS**

- **SCHOOL BOARD
WORK
SESSION/BOARD
MEETING,
SEPTEMBER 16,
2013 –
SUPERINTENDENT
HIRING PROCESS**
- **FALL
BOARDSMANSHIP
ACADEMY,
SEPTEMBER 21
AND 22, 2013**
- **AASB FALL
CONFERENCE,
NOVEMBER 7-10,
2013**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Lon Garrison, President

Cass Pook, Clerk