

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2014, 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 Lon Garrison at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

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

SWEAR IN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Superintendent Wegner swore in the new student representative Kaya Duguay.

RECOGNITION

Ms. Rioux presented a plaque to Ilene Fernandez for her 2014 Subsistence Student Art Contest that will be published on 15,000 books.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Fulton informed the board that he attended the City and Borough Assembly meeting. He stated that he enjoyed the new teacher introductions prior to the meeting.

Ms. Robinson stated that she attended the orientation and dinner at Pacific High School. She also expressed her excitement about attending the Fall Boardsmanship.

Ms. Rioux stated that she appreciated the board goal setting and the collaborative nature of the weekend.

Ms. Duguay stated that the student government had their first student council meeting. She informed the board that there will be a committee of students that will review the School Climate and Connectedness Survey results.

President Garrison explained to Ms. Duguay that the board would like to hold the joint meeting with the student government sooner in the year than previous years. He also informed the board that there will be a webinar on the AASB resolutions on September 11, 2014 at noon. President Garrison also informed the board that he would be traveling to Washington D.C. for the Secure Rural Schools funding.

REPORTS

- CLERK'S REPORT

Mr. Fulton, Clerk, informed the board that there have been Woocheen cards have been created to recognize staff that have done outstanding activities. He also explained to the board that he had contacted Heather Powell about helping the board make traditional wear for the AASB Conference. Mr. Fulton requested that board members contact him if there is an interest. He also announced that that the board would like to nominate Lon Garrison for the Carl Rose Governance Award.

CONSENT AGENDA

- APPROVAL OF
AUGUST 25, 2014

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- APPROVAL OF BP 0520
SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY/
SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT –
FIRST READING

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve BP 0520 School Accountability/School Improvement in first reading. After some discussion, Ms. Robinson moved and Mr. Fulton seconded to table the policy and referring it to the policy committee.

- DELETE BP 4112.10
EMPLOYMENT OF
RETIRED TEACHERS

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Rioux seconded to delete BP 4112.10 Employment of Retired Teachers. Motion carried.

- APPROVAL OF BP
4117.6 NON –
RETENTION – FIRST
READING

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve BP 4117.6 Non-Retention in first reading. Motion carried.

- APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION 2015-01
SE TRANSPORTATION
PLAN SUPPORT

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to approve Resolution 2015-01 South East Transportation Plan Support. Mr. Fulton amended the resolution to eliminate the wording “be it further resolved, be it finally resolved and certification”. President Garrison relinquished the gavel to Vice-President Robinson. President Garrison moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to amend the resolution with changes recommended by President Garrison which included some wording changes and deletions. Vice-President Robinson asked for a vote on the motion from President Garrison’s changes. Motion carried. She then returned the gavel to President Garrison who then requested a vote on Mr. Fulton’s amended resolution. Motion carried. Finally the motion carried on the original motion.

- APPROVAL OF AASB

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve the AASB

RESOLUTIONS

resolutions as presented with addition of Resolution 2.43 Cost of acquiring, implementing and aligning the new state standards for ELA and Math and eventually Social Studies and Science when these are developed and Resolution 2.44 Development of mastery student content course without class participation. Motion carried for the AASB resolutions and additional resolutions.

- **DISCUSSION ON FY2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES** The board discussed several items that they would like to have on the priorities for the FY16 year including adding road access to the eastern side of Baranof Island. They also wanted to combine the Keet Gooshi Heen playground and covered area requests. The board requested that this be on the agenda for approval at the October board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE**
- **BUDGET UPDATE**
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Dr. Wegner informed the board that the enrollment was staying above the target enrollment of 1300 students.

Cassee Olin, business manager, informed the board that the budget is where it is supposed to be for the month of July.

Superintendent Dr. Wegner welcomed new and old staff to the district. She also thanked Sitka Sound Science Center for giving Pacific High School opportunity to work with a NOAA scientist on Biorka Island.

Superintendent Dr. Wegner explained to the board that the theme this year will be telling our stories by using twitter. She also informed them that the staff voted on the motto for the Sitka School District is “Sitka Students are valued.”

She also stated that she had attended the SERRC board of directors meeting and they discussed the resolutions, so she stated that she was pleased that the school board had worked so hard on the AASB resolutions.

Dr. Wegner also told the board to take notice that the shop building is up and that there will be a tour of the facility during the October board meeting.

She informed the Board that the new math curriculum is being implemented in the K-8 grades and 9-12 grades are still working on figuring out the curriculum that will be chosen.

Dr. Wegner also informed the Board that the results from the NCLB audit came in and there are a few areas that need some clarification and then the final results will be available.

Superintendent Dr. Wegner informed the Board that the State just released the ASPI scores and there will be a presentation at the October board meeting.

Dr. Wegner also wanted to advise the Board and community that it is a transition year for report cards due to the change in the standards and that the report cards will have a different look this year. She also stated that the English Language Arts curriculum materials are going to begin being reviewed shortly and each building will be creating committees to review the different curriculums.

Lastly, Dr. Wegner announced that the Drama, Debate and Forensics Team will be holding an event over the weekend and are in need of judges.

President Garrison reported that included in the packet was an email from Ed Gray regarding Planned Parenthood in the schools along with a letter from Attorney Kevin G. Clarkson from Brena, Bell & Clarkson, P.C. regarding the proposed policy requested by parent Ed Gray.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

- **RAVEN RADIO INTERVIEW**
- **FALL BOARDSMANSHIP – SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2014**
- **AASB FALL CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 6-9, 2014**

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Lon Garrison, President

Tim Fulton, Clerk