

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by Clerk, Eric VanCise at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Clerk Eric VanCise, Tom Conley and Jennifer McNichol. Vice-President Cass Pook was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve the proposed agenda.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Lauren Havens, Sitka's Against Family Violence School Program Coordinator, invited members of the board and community to join free training on interpersonal violence and abuse.

Tiffany Shaquanie, parent expressed her concerns regarding the Sitka School District staff and the Sitka Police Department.

SWEAR IN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – ELIAS ERICKSON

Superintendent Wegner swore in the new student representative Elias Erickson.

REPORTS

- **CLERK'S REPORT**

Acting President Eric VanCise read the Woch.een Yei Jigaxtoonei For Shellie Dunn for her excellent work at the Blatchley Pool and her willingness to do the cold water survival for the district.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 25, 2016 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6141 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT – SECOND READING – PC**
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 5146 MARRIED/PREGNANT/PARENTING – SECOND READING – AASB**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5144**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

DISCIPLINE –SECOND
READING - AASB

OLD BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF**
REVISION OF BP 5141.3
HEALTH
EXAMINATION – FIRST
READING – AASB
- **APPROVAL OF**
REVISION OF BP 5127
GRADUATION
CEREMONIES AND
ACTIVITIES – FIRST
READING – AASB

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve the revision of BP 5141.3 Health Examination first reading. There was a brief discussion. Motion carried.

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve the revision of BP 5127 Graduation Ceremonies and Activities. There were comments from the board. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF**
COSTA RICA
SPANISH CLASS
TRAVEL
- **APPROVAL OF**
SEATTLE MUSIC
CLASS TRAVEL
- **APPROVAL OF**
VENTURE’S FEE
INCREASE

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the Spanish class trip to Costa Rica for the 2016-17 spring break. There were comments from the board. Ariel Starbuck, Spanish Teacher, gave an overview of the trip to Costa Rica. Motion carried.

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the SHS Symphonic Band class trip to Bellevue, WA this school year for the Northwest National Association for Music Education Conference in Bellevue Washington. Sarah Martinson, Music Teacher, gave an overview of the trip. There were questions from the board. Motion carried.

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve an increase to the Venture’s fees. Cassee Olin, Business Manager gave an overview of the changes that are recommended. There were comments from the board.

A roll call vote was required

Yes No
Conley
McNichol
Erickson
VanCise

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6141.3 MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION – FIRST READING - PC**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve BP 6141.3 Multicultural Education in first reading. There was a need clarification from the administration. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6142.2 HIV/AIDS INSTRUCTION - PC**

Mr. Conley moved BP 6142.2 HIV/AIDS Instruction out of policy committee. There was a comment from the audience and board members regarding adding other Sexual Transmitted Infections to the board policy. The board requested that the policy committee review the policy to add additional wording.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6142.6 VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS – FIRST READING – PC**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve BP 6142.6 Visual and Performing Arts in first reading. Motion carried.

- **DELECT BP 6143 COURSE OF STUDY – PC**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to delete BP 6143 Courses of Study. There was a brief discussion. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF AASB RESOLUTIONS**

The board requested that this be postponed until September 20th work session and a special meeting.

BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Olin, business manager, gave an overview of the budget. The board expressed their appreciation for Ms. Olin’s work on the budget.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Superintendent Wegner explained that enrollment is low currently but there is no need for extreme concern at this time. She stated that she believes that the enrollment will even out in the next month.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Wegner thanked and welcomed the new staff. She also welcomed Elias Erickson to the board as the student representative of the board. She congratulated SHS symphonic band for their invite to the National Association for Music Educators in Bellevue Washington. In addition, Superintendent Wegner thanked Lyle Sparrowgrove, Sitka High School principal and Sondra Lundvick, Sitka High School assistant principal for their extra work in serving as the activities director while the district is searching for a director.

Superintendent Wegner explained that there had been some concern expressed regarding the heavy rain and high wind warnings regarding the possibility of a land slide at Keet Gooshi

Heen Elementary. She assured the board that the safety of our students and staff is taken very seriously and that the situation was being monitored.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that she recently attended the SouthEast Regional Resource Center (SERRC) Board of Directors meeting in Juneau. She announced that at that meeting she was also elected to serve on the executive committee of the SERRC Board. Following that meeting she went directly to the Alaska State Council on the Arts meeting as a council member in Anchorage. She stated that these trips were funded by the above organizations.

Superintendent Wegner stated that we currently do not have any applicants for the vacant seat on the board. She also informed the board that the school district website is in the process of being updated due to the changeover to Schoology.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that she will be attending a one day meeting on the preschool planning grant in Fairbanks and also attending the Fall Superintendent Conference in Palmer later this month.

Lastly, she informed the board that the district is in the process of hiring a curriculum specialist for the Margaret A. Carghill Foundation Grant which will support Arts, Culture and Technology.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AASB Fall Boardsmanship, September 17-18, 2016 – Fairbanks**
- **Board Work Session, September 20, 2016**
- **Special School Board Meeting, September 27, 2016 – New School Board Member Selection**
- **AASB Fall Annual Conference, November 10-13, 2016 - Anchorage**

The board discussed the upcoming meetings and conferences.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to adjourn the

meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Cathleen Pook, Vice - President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk