

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 1, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Steve Bradshaw

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, and Jennifer Robinson. Tonia Rioux and JD Murphy, Student Representative were absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded with the removal of item 5.a. Recognition of National Merit Semi-Finalist.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Ed Gray, parent, expressed his concerns regarding the board's vote on common core standards. He explained that he wanted the board to know that all of his concerns have been answered and thanked the board and staff for their open door policy.

Phil Burdick, PHS co-principal, wanted to update the board on the health summit and that there was a decision to work on the methamphetamine use in Sitka. He informed the board that there will be a task force meeting on October 15th at 5:30 p.m. at the Sitka Fire Department.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President Garrison informed the public of the change to the agenda regarding the addition of board member reports when a board member updates the community on activities that they have been involved in.

President Garrison asked the board members who attended the Association Alaska School Board fall boardsmanship academy. Ms. Pook expressed her appreciation of the new beginnings presentation and the racism discussion by the First Alaskans Institute. Ms. Robinson stated that the issues in the legislature were also impressive to hear about. President Garrison stated that the funding task force committee and explained the issues that will be worked on from that committee. President Garrison also explained that he did a presentation on the resolution process.

Mr. Fulton informed the board that he attended the Sitka Tribe of Alaska council meeting and was given a round of applause for singing the working together song. He told the board the various topics that he presented to the council including but not limited to, the basic art institute participation, teachers weaving culture into the curriculum and the new collaboration

of the preschool. He also informed the board that the council will be selecting a date that will work for the council to meet for a work session.

Mr. Fulton also attended the Sitka High School student government meeting and had 3 students volunteer to attend the assembly meetings to report on the things happening at Sitka High School.

President Garrison informed the public that the secure rural schools funding was approved, thanks to Lisa Murkowski and Ron Wyden for their support of the funding.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- **REPORT ON
ALASKA SCHOOL
PERFORMANCE
INDEX (ASPI) –
STEVE
BRADSHAW**

Superintendent Bradshaw presented the Alaska School Performance Index (ASPI) information which is the new accountability and support system to identify schools that need extra support. This new system takes the place of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF
SEPTEMBER 10,
2013 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF
SEPTEMBER 12,
2013 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF
SEPTEMBER 16,
2013 MINUTES**

Ms. Robinson moved and Ms. Pook seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPROVAL OF
BOARD GOALS**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to adopt the following 2013-14 school board goals and plan for improvement.

The Sitka School District will:

1. Work towards closing the achievement gap for students who qualify as low income.
2. Develop a 5 year strategic budget plan that will be updated annually.
3. Support staff in tangible ways to further develop their

skills in the art and science of teaching.

Motion carried.

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve revision of BP 1312.1 Public Complains Concerning School Personnel in first reading. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 1312.1 PUBLIC COMPLAINTS CONCERNING SCHOOL PERSONNEL – FIRST READING**

There was discussion with the board regarding the timelines and complaint process.

- **REVIEW OF AR1312.1 PUBLIC COMPLAINTS CONCERNING SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve revision of BP 3515.2 Visitors on Campus in first reading. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 3515.2 VISITORS ON CAMPUS – FIRST READING**

There were questions from the board members regarding some of the requirements.

- **REVIEW OF AR 3515.2 VISITORS ON CAMPUS**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve revision of BP 3542 Roles and Duties of Employees- School Bus Drivers using option one in first reading. The board requested that the administration speak to Islands Bus Company regarding their requirements. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 3542 ROLES AND DUTIES OF EMPLOYEES – SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS – FIRST READING**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve revision of BP 4117.2 Resignation using option 1 in first reading. Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to use the word may instead of will in the policy wording.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 4117.2 RESIGNATION – FIRST READING**

There were various topics that were discussed to be work session topics.

- **DISCUSSION OF WORK SESSION TOPICS**

- Legislative Priorities - November

- Sitka Tribe of Alaska work session
- Math Instruction - October
- Technical Issues - January
 - 1 to 1 readiness
 - Broadband – E-rate
- Legislative Advocacy
- Budget 101/Strategic Budget - December
- Breakfast Program
- Public Relations
- School Board Improvement Goals
- New Beginnings
- English Language Arts standards
- Presentation from 1st Alaskans on Courageous Conversations – public presentation

- **DISCUSSION OF POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

President Garrison recommended that the committee be made up the following:

- 2 board members
- 1 administrator
- 1 teacher
- 1 parent
- 1 classified

President Garrison stated that the process will be done with the committee including regular meetings. President Garrison selected Mr. Fulton to be in charge of the committee.

- **DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH TIMELINE**

President Garrison informed the Board that he had been in discussions with Timi Tullis at AASB regarding the scheduling of the superintendent search. He also emphasized the importance of all board members being at all meetings. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the time frame and the process. President Garrison will continue to work with Ms. Tullis on the timeline and process.

- **DISCUSSION OF BOARD CALENDAR**

The board discussed starting a Google Calendar that all board events could be placed on and then sent reminder messages. Many members of the board requested that there be training on the program because they do not know how to use it. It was agreed to set up a calendar for the board with all events that the board members need to attend.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – STEVE BRADSHAW**

The enrollment is looking good with little change since the beginning of the year.

- **BUDGET UPDATE
– CASSEE OLIN**
- **SUPERINTENDENT
UPDATE – STEVE
BRADSHAW**

Cassee Olin, Business Manager, gave an explanation of some questions that the board had regarding the budget.

Superintendent Bradshaw informed the board that the district has heard from the Office of Civil Rights regarding the second complaint and the investigation favored the district in the decision.

Superintendent Bradshaw also stated that since the government closure he has asked Ms. Olin, business manager to look into how much money we are relying on from the government and if we needed to begin a line of credit.

Superintendent Bradshaw had attended the Superintendent Conference and Jonathan Kriess Tomkins showed up at the conference to meet with the superintendents.

Lastly, he stated that the special education hearing was quite a process and that the district may not hear for a couple of months on the results of the hearing.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

There was no additional correspondence.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ms. Robinson had no comments to share.

Ms. Pook congratulated President Garrison for his successful win in the school board race that just ended.

Mr. Fulton thanked the community for their support of proposition 1. He also wanted to inform the community that there was a successful cross country meet in Sitka over the weekend which many students came and spent their money in town.

Mr. Garrison stated that he was looking forward to another 3 years on the board. He also informed the board that WhaleFest will be happening in November.

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

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Lon Garrison, President

Cass Pook, Clerk