

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 2, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

President McNichol called the Sitka School Board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. October 2, 2019 in the Sitka High School Library, 1000 Lake St. Sitka, AK 99835

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President Jennifer McNichol, Vice-President Elias Erickson, Clerk Eric Van Cise, and Amy Morrison. Dionne Brady-Howard was absent and excused. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Van Cise moved to amend the proposed board agenda by adding a recognition for the Sitka Tribe of Alaska., Ms. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL 2018-19 BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TEAMS**

President McNichol presented a certificate of achievement to the Sitka High School 2018-19 Boys and Girls Track & Field teams for their Region V Championship wins.

- **RECOGNIZE SITKA TRIBE OF ALASKA**

The Sitka Tribe of Alaska was recognized for there donation of \$2,200 for unpaid school lunch debt.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

REPORTS

- **SPORTS MEDICINE/ATHLETIC TRAINER PARTNERSHIP WITH SEARHC**
- **PROMISING PRACTICES OF OUR CULTURAL PROGRAM**

Activities Director, Rich Krupa, reported to the board that South East Regional Health Consortium will be providing a certified Athletic Trainer to the district at no cost. He also outlined the parameters of the partnership with SEARCH and the benefits to the student athletes.

Cultural Direction, Nancy Douglas, ACT Coordinator, Jessica Christianson, and Sitka Tribe of Alaska Education Director, Lakrisha Johnson reported on the promising practices of the cultural programs in Sitka.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Van Cise reported on his meeting with Principal Ben White. He also thanked President McNichol for her service on the School Board.

Mr. Erickson spoke to his recent meeting with Principal Jill Lecrone and the activities at Baranof Elementary School. He congratulated Paul Rioux, newly elected School Board member; and John Leach, newly hired City of Sitka Administrator. Lastly, he congratulated President McNichol on her hard work, care, and commitment to the students of Sitka.

Ms. Morrison reported on her meeting with Principal Laura Rogers regarding Sitka High School. Ms. Morrison thanked President McNichol for being a mentor.

President McNichol met with Principal Casey Demmert at Keet Gooshi Heen and noted the current happenings at KGH. She said that in a call from the auditors, that no concerns were noted during the data gathering. She also thanked all the candidates in the recent election and those who voted.

AMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN** Cassee Olin, Business Manager gave an overview of the budget update.
- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner informed the board that student enrollment is holding steady at 1,197.75
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT –MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner thanked President McNichol for her years of service on the School Board. She also noted that the results from English Language Arts, Math, and Science assessments were mailed to families and the summative results of these assessments will be shared at the November 4th School Board meeting.
Superintendent Wegner reminded everyone of the early release on October 18th for Alaska Day, and that Parent Teacher Conferences will be held during the week of October 21st.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 MINUTES** Mr. Erickson moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF SHS SPANISH STUDENTS** Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the SHS Spanish Students travel to Guatemala. There was a brief

**TRAVEL TO
GUATEMALA**

discussion with Ariel Starbuck, SHS Spanish teacher about the trip.

• **APPROVAL OF AASB 2020
RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Erickson moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the AASB 2020 Resolutions as presented. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
INFORMATION**

No correspondence was received.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **SPECIAL SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING**

A Special School Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. October 11, 2019 in the District Office Board Room.

• **WORK SESSION ON THE
CRESEL GRANT FINAL
REPORT**

A Work Session on the CRESEL Grant final report will be held at 6:00 p.m. October 22, 2019 in the District Office Board Room.

• **SCHOOL BOARD GOAL
SETTING RETREAT**

The School Board Goal Setting Retreat will be held October 25 and 26, 2019 in the District Office Board Room.

• **NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING**

Regular Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. November 4, 2019 in the Sitka High School Library.

• **AASB ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

AASB Annual Conference November 7-10, 2019 in Anchorage.

• **SCHOOL BOARD
ANNUAL MEETING WITH
THE AUDITOR**

School Board annual meeting with the auditor 5:00 p.m. November 9, 2019 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO
DISCUSS MATTERS INVOLVING
CONFIDENTIAL HIPAA
INFORMATION**

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to go into Executive Session in accordance with and under the provisions of AS 44.62.310 (c)(3) to discuss issues involving confidential HIPAA Information. Motion carried

At 8:45 p.m. Ms. Morrison moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to reconvene as the School Board in regular session. As Ms. Brady-Howard had joined the Executive Session by telephone, a roll call vote was required.

Yes - McNichol, Erickson, Van Cise, Brady-Howard, and Morrison

Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO
DISCUSS THE**

At 8:47 p.m. Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to go into Executive Session in accordance with and under the

**SUPERINTENDENT
EVALUATION**

provisions of AS 44.62.310 (c)(2) so as not to prejudice the reputation and character of the Superintendent. A roll call vote was required.

Yes - McNichol, Erickson, Van Cise, Brady-Howard, and Morrison

Motion carried.

At 9:16 p.m. Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to reconvene as the School Board in regular session. A roll call vote was required.

Yes - McNichol, Erickson, Van Cise, Brady-Howard, and Morrison

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Jennifer McNichol, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk