

# **SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

October 3, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

Sitka School District

*Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President, Cass Pook at 6:41 p.m. at the Sitka High School Library.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present were, President Cass Pook, Vice-President Jennifer McNichol, Clerk Eric Van Cise, Dionne Brady-Howard and Tom Conley.

## **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the agenda.

## **SWEAR IN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – QUINLYN HOLDER**

Superintendent Wegner swore in the new student representative, Quinlyn Holder.

## **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Julia Smith, Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) introduced the new school program coordinator Alaire Hughey. Ms. Hughey then went on to give an update on the Boys Run program.

## **REPORTS**

- **CLERK'S REPORT**

Mr. Van Cise did not have anything to report.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Ms. Brady-Howard stated that her work with 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders with Sitka Native Education Program (SNEP) has given her an appreciation for middle school teachers. She also said that it helps her have a bridge to her liaisons role with Blatchley Middle School.

Mr. Conley explained that he attended a webinar for the AASB resolutions. He stated that a member of the school board needs to be in attendance at the resolutions meeting in Anchorage during the conference held in November.

Mr. Van Cise thanked Mr. Conley for his time on the board and that he will be missed at the board table. He also stated that he had been working with Mr. Demmert, KGH principal on his liaisons role. Mr. Van Cise thanked Pacific High School staff for the open house invitation. He also thanked Toby Campbell, home school teacher and Jill Lecrone, BES principal, for their help into understanding and reviewing the math requirements for home school math classes. Mr. Van Cise also congratulated the cross country team.

President Pook requested a moment of silence in memory of Herbie Didrickson who was an elder and a well-known basketball player throughout Alaska. She also welcomed Mt. Edgecumbe High School students to the meeting.

Ms. McNichol informed the board that the activities committee would be meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m. There will be many topics discussed at the meeting, including fundraising and financing of activities. She also stated that she will be on the nomination committee for the AASB Board of Directors.

Ms. Holder shared that the senior class was working on the homecoming dance.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN** There was a brief question and answer period with Cassee Olin, business manager, regarding the budget.
- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner explained that enrollment was still down but she stated that she was hopeful that the numbers will increase a little more.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner thanked Mr. Conley for his many years of service on the board along with his support of the students in Sitka. She also congratulated the Boys and Girls Cross Region V win and their representation at the State meet.

Superintendent Wegner announced that October is Principal and Assistant Principal Appreciation month with a proclamation from the governor.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the next evening conversation with the Native community will be on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> as part of our Culturally Responsive Embedded Social Emotional Learning (CRESEL) initiative.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 MINUTES** Ms. McNichol moved, Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF BP 0510 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT CARD – SECOND READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5112.6 EDUCATION FOR**

**HOMELESS/FOSTER  
CHILDREN – SECOND  
READING**

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6164.4  
CHILD FIND – SECOND  
READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4030  
NONDISCRIMINATION  
IN EMPLOYMENT –  
SECOND READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 6142.1  
FAMILY LIFE/SEX  
EDUCATION – SECOND  
READING**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6172  
SPECIAL EDUCATION-  
FIRST READING**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve BP 6172 Special Education in first reading. There was a brief discussion. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **APPROVAL OF AASB  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTOR  
NOMINATION – CASS  
POOK**

Mr. Conley moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the nomination of Cathleen Pook for the AASB Board of Directors. Motion carried.

- **DISCUSSION OF  
ADVOCACY  
APPROACH TO  
LEGISLATURE**

Superintendent Wegner explained the idea of how to advocate to the legislature for school funding and support. She informed the board that there is a Sitka Winter Fellow who will be helping the board be knowledgeable about the issues in Alaska and how to help move forward with advocacy. There were comments and questions from the board regarding getting people without children in the district to want to advocate and help with school funding.

- **DISCUSSION ON FY19  
LEGISLATIVE  
PRIORITIES**

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the legislative priorities would remain the same for FY19.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND  
INFORMATION**

The only correspondence was the year books from Blatchley Middle School.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **AASB FALL  
BOARDSMANSHIP**

**ACADEMY –  
SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2017  
- ANCHORAGE**

- **SCHOOL BOARD GOAL  
SETTING – OCTOBER  
6-7, 2017**
- **SCHOOL BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING –  
OCTOBER 17, 2017**
- **AASB ANNUAL  
MEETING –  
NOVEMBER 9-12, 2017 -  
ANCHORAGE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Conley moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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Cathleen Pook, President

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Eric Van Cise, Clerk