

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Tim Fulton at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Tim Fulton, President; Cass Pook, Vice-President; Eric Van Cise, Clerk; Tom Conley, Jennifer McNichol and Deborah Yearwood, student representative.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Doug Osborne, parent and community member, requested that the board look at renaming Baranof Elementary School due to the pain and anguish that Alexander Baranov brought to the Tlingit's in Sitka. He stated that he had spoken with Lawrence Spottedbird and that he encouraged Mr. Osborne to bring it to the School Board.

Lyle Sparrowgrove and Bobbi Jordan, Alaska Match Science Conference Coordinators, thanked the school board for their support for the conference by having October 23rd as an inservice day so that Sitka School District staff could attend the conference. In addition to the Sitka School District staff there were 200 outside members who attended and 28 vendors in the commons with stuff for sale. They also thanked the community for their support.

Lyle Sparrowgrove, Sitka High School Principal, thanked the art club for their work on an art piece that was completed for the School Board to auction off at the June Nelson Memorial Scholarship program at the AASB Conference. He also thanked the board for taking the time to listen to the students.

REPORTS

- **WOOCHEEN REPORT**

Mr. Van Cise expressed his sincere thanks to the following people who were presented with Wooch.een notes.

Mandy Evans
Sheryl Ross
Coleen Carroll
Lyle Sparrowgrove
Bobbi Jordan
Rebecca Himschoot
Matt Hunter
Janet Clarke

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Yearwood stated that she was proud of student council for the contribution to the joint session early tonight.

Ms. McNichol informed the board that the activities committee met and are going to be very busy during the month of November. She stated that with the deadline of the December board meeting to recommend possible changes to the Sitka High School activities due to the scheduling of activities in January. She requested that the board consider continuing the committee to review funding and the distribution of funds.

Ms. Pook informed the board that after the recent campaign she went to Pacific High School to talk with the students. She stated that she wants to work with the students to make schools more welcoming.

Mr. Conley stated that the activities committee is moving forward. He also informed the board that the review of the bylaws occurred and changes would be brought to the board meetings. He also let the board know that the Strategic Plan 5 year budget planning group met and are discussing new ways to proceed with the budget planning.

Mr. Fulton congratulated Superintendent Wegner for her being selected to the League of Innovative Schools. He also congratulated her for the Sitka School District being ranked third in the State. He thanked Ms. McNichol for taking over the activities committee. He stated that the policy committee is up and running and will be having updates during the next few meetings. Mr. Fulton also stated that there has been little done with the superintendent evaluation. He also informed the board that he attended the Assembly meeting and welcomed the new members. He stated that when the testimony was completed for the ferry system he was able to visit with Senator Micciche to discuss the ferry service. He also wanted to thank Sitka High School student government for being in attendance for the joint session. He thanked Jennifer Robinson for her service on the school board. Lastly, he explained to the new board members that the AASB conference is an enjoyable experience and many different workshops.

CONSENT AGENDA

- APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2015 MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2015 MINUTES

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. There was a minor change to the October 20th minutes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL FOREST COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS COALITION
- APPROVAL OF BB 9110 BOARD MEMBERSHIP- FIRST READING
- APPROVAL OF BB 9123 CLERK – FIRST READING
- APPROVAL OF BB 9200 LIMITS OF BOARD MEMBERS AUTHORITY – FIRST READING
- APPROVAL OF BB 9310 POLICY MANUAL – FIRST READING
- APPROVAL OF BB9313 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS- FIRST READING
- SELECTION OF SCHOOL LIAISONS

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve writing a letter of support to AASB requesting that Lon Garrison remain on the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition. Motion carried.

Mr. Conley moved BB 9110 Board Membership in first reading out of committee. There was a brief explanation of the change. Motion carried.

Mr. Conley moved BB 9123 Clerk in first reading out of committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Conley moved BB 9200 Limits of Board Members Authority in first reading out of committee. Mr. Conley explained that the changes were recommended from AASB. There was a lengthy question and answer session. Motion carried.

Mr. Conley moved BB 9310 Policy Manual in first reading out of committee. Mr. Conley explained that the changes were to match what the district is currently doing in regards to the policy. Motion carried.

Mr. Conley moved BB 9313 Administrative Regulations in first reading out of committee. Motion carried.

President Fulton asked board members to state if they have a particular school that they would like to be a liaisons to. After a brief discussion it was decided who would be liaisons.

Baranof Elementary School – Tom Conley
Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School – Eric Van Cise
Blatchley Middle School – Tim Fulton
Sitka High School – Jennifer McNichol

- **SELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS**
After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the board would possibly be taking 3 members in addition to 1 or 2 students. The 3 board members would be President Fulton, Mr. Conley and Ms. Pook.
- **DISCUSSION OF JOINT TRIBAL COUNCIL SITKA SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE**
President Fulton explained that Sitka Tribe of Alaska has selected two people to be on the committee, so he is looking for another board member who would be willing to join him. After a brief discussion Mr. Conley stated that he would be willing to serve.
- **DISCUSSION OF FY17 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**
The board directed administration to come up with additional new wording for the legislative priorities emphasizing on increasing the BSA and forward funding. They also want to prioritize ferry service. Lastly they agreed that early childhood education should still be a priority.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN**
The budget is on track to where it needs to be at this time.
- **ENROLLMENT – DR. MARY WEGNER**
Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the final count was 1315.2 with 38 intensive students. She also stated that 5 of the intensive students are new claims so are not guaranteed money yet.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. MARY WEGNER**
Superintendent Wegner stated that many things had occurred since the last board meeting. She congratulated the Sitka High School Boys and Girls Swim Teams for their region wins.

Superintendent Wegner updated the board on community schools and Schoology. She stated that with both things are coming together but asked for patience from the community.

Superintendent Wegner recognized that there have been comments from parent with concern of the new calendar and gave an overview of the changes. She stated that next year the calendar will not plan for multiple long weekends.

She reemphasized what President Fulton had stated that the Sitka School District is the first in Alaska to be welcomed into the League of Innovative Schools and also that Teachers.org identified Sitka as #3 school district in Alaska.

Superintendent Wegner welcomed Eric Van Cise to the board and thanked Jennifer Robinson for her years of service.

Superintendent Wegner announced that the Alaska's Measures of Progress test results will be released in early November. She stated that the results were supposed to be released in mid-October but due to errors on the reports they are not being released in November. She also announced that there will not be an early release on Veteran's Day due to there no longer being a parade on that day. Veteran's Day will be celebrated on Saturday, November 7th.

Superintendent Wegner also stated that it is currently National Native Heritage Month and that many activities are happening in our buildings.

Sitka Education Association has asked to open negotiations starting the week of November 16th so she stated that she would be speaking with President Fulton on whether a board member needs to service on the negotiating team.

Lastly, Superintendent Wegner announced that she would be traveling to the AASB conference with the board November 5-8 and would also be attending a new superintendent conference in Anchorage November 13-15.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

There was no additional correspondence and information

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AASB ANNUAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 5-8, 2015**
- **NOVEMBER 17, 2015 – WORK SESSION**

The board announced that they would be attending the AASB Annual Conference November 5-8, 2015 in Anchorage.

President Fulton announced that there will be a work session on November 17th at 6 p.m. in the District Office Board Room to have a review of the Strategic Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. Yearwood seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Tim Fulton, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk