

# **SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

November 4, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

*Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Lon Garrison at 6:02 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present were, Lon Garrison, president; Jennifer Robinson, vice-president, Tim Fulton, Clerk, and Kaya Duguay. Tonia Rioux was absent and excused. Cass Pook informed the president she would be late to the meeting. Ms. Pook arrived at 6:19 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

## **SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Tim Fulton and Tom Conley were sworn in by city attorney, Robin Koutchak. There were many positive comments regarding Tonia Rioux's service on the board.

## **ELECTION OF NEW BOARD OFFICERS**

Superintendent Wegner stated that nomination ballots would be distributed and if one person received three or more votes that person would be eligible for nomination to the elected office.

President Garrison relinquished the gavel to Superintendent Wegner.

For the office of president, the majority of the Board members voted to nominate Lon Garrison. Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the selection of Lon Garrison as President. Motion carried.

Nominations were taken for the office of vice-president the board voted to nominate Ms. Robinson. Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Garrison seconded to approve the selection of Jennifer Robinson as Vice-President.

Lastly, nominations were taken for the office of clerk and the board voted to nominate Mr. Fulton. Mr. Garrison moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve the selection of Tim Fulton as Clerk. Motion carried.

Superintendent Wegner presented the gavel to President Garrison.

## RECOGNITIONS

- DDF TEAM AWARD PRESENTATION

Stefanie Ask and Cassidy Patnoe read the Citation from the State Legislature for their honor of winning 3 years in row.

- RECOGNIZE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The Boy's Cross Country Team was recognized for their 3A Region V Southeast win. The board also recognized Whitney McArthur for her Southeast win.

- RECOGNIZE SEMI-FINALIST NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR – KAYA DUGUAY

President Garrison presented a plaque to Kaya Duguay for her semi-finalist nomination for the national merit scholar.

## PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Karen Macklin, SHS Principal, read a letter from Carleton College recognizing Ariel Coleman (Starbuck) contribution in student, Emma Bruhl's, success throughout her high school career.

Michael Kimber, parent, expressed extreme concern that there are employees who have not have background checks. He is concerned that we are entrusting our students with someone without having a background check done. He requested that the board not allow that this to happen in the Sitka School District.

Chris Brewton, City of Sitka Electrical Department, is requesting a partnership with the Sitka School District to help create a time capsule that students can auction off space for the dedication of the Blue Lake Dam dedication May 2015.

Tristan Guevin introduced himself as the new assembly liaisons to the Sitka School Board. He stated that he would continue to support the district as he stated in his campaign.

Ed Gray, parent, thanked the board and superintendent for taking their time to respond to his concerns and ideas. He also asked the board if they had a response from the letter that the Board received around August 25, 2015.

## REPORTS

- REPORT ON NEW VISIONS - ANNIE CALKINS

Nancy Douglas, Cultural Director and Jessica Christianson, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher gave an overview of what has been happening in the district with the ACT Standards and implementation. They also explained that there will be continual education opportunities throughout the year. Annie Calkins, facilitator of the New Visions Grant explained to the board the New Visions Grant and what will

be offered with the grant. She also informed the board of how Sitka is perceived throughout the State of Alaska. There were questions from the board.

- **REPORT ON GIRLS ON THE RUN – ELENA GUSTAFSON**

Elena Gustafson, Sitkan’s Against Family Violence (SAFV) gave a presentation on the Girls on the Run program. She explained that the program is a national program that encourages girls to be confident and strong. Girls on the Run has been in Sitka for 6 years. She also informed the board that SAFV has also started a Boy’s Run program that encourages boys to be healthy. There were questions and comments from the board.

- **CLERK’S REPORT**

Mr. Fulton informed the board that he had sent out Woch.teen Yei Jigxtoonei notes to the following people: Ben White and the Blatchley Middle School Staff, Kim the cook at Blatchley Middle School, Jeanine Brooks, Roxanne Gagner, and Karen Macklin.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Ms. Duguay informed the board that at the student council meeting the students that returned from the AASG meeting had the resolution approved that the students brought forward from Sitka that is requesting a mandatory health curriculum state wide. She also explained that they discussed the 1 to 1 initiative and that the student government as a whole would prefer Macintosh computers but would take a stance against tablets as a 1 to 1 option.

Mr. Fulton stated that the policy committee met on October 30<sup>th</sup> and that they reviewed BP 5131.61 Student Athlete Random Drug Testing. He stated that the committee would be gathering more information with the possibility of eliminating the policy. He also informed the board that he attended the assembly meeting and welcomed the new members and congratulated the returning members and mayor.

Ms. Pook thanked Tonia Rioux for her time on the board and expressed her enjoyment of spending time with her. She also expressed her concern that all employees have not had background checks done and requested that President Garrison and Superintendent Wegner check into the allegations.

Mr. Conley thanked the board for the welcome back on the board. He also gave an overview of the Marzano evaluation process. He had questions for administration regarding approval of the selection of the process. Superintendent Wegner explained that there was a committee that was appointed by the board and they have selected the Marzano evaluation.

Ms. Robinson stated that she is excited that it is election day. Thank you to Tristan Guevin for coming to meeting. Welcomed Tim back and Tom to the board. Thanked and will miss Tonia.

Gave an overview of the Fall Boardmanship.

President Garrison informed the board that he attended the SHS PAC meeting which was emphasizing in Math. Each board member partner up with a math teacher. He informed the board that he attended a conference and that the main goal for one of the school was College and Career Readiness. Phoenix School District. Owen Kindig – Specializes in Marketing and Communications. Developing a communication program for the school district. Draft proposal Upcoming for Lon – Nov 17<sup>th</sup> NFCSC in Pdx decisions on press forward for secure rural schools.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2014 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 6174.1 EDUCATION OF NATIVE/INDIAN CHILDREN – SECOND READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP5131.41 THREATENING, VIOLENT AND AGGRESSIVE CONDUCT – SECOND READING**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **APPROVAL BP 5136 GANGS – FIRST READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5137 POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE – FIRST READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5138 PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES, INCLUDING CELLULAR PHONES –**

Mr. Fulton moved the policy BP 5136 Gangs from committee for approval. Motion carried.

Mr. Fulton moved the policy BP 5137 Positive School Climate from committee for approval. Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve adding Sexual Orientation to the list. Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to add gender identity to the list. Motion carried for the amendment and the original motion.

Mr. Fulton moved the policy BP 5138 Portable Electronic Devices, Including Cellular Phones from committee for approval. Motion carried.

## **FIRST READING**

- **SELECTION OF SCHOOL LIAISONS**

The liaisons for the 2014-15 school year will be as follows:

Cass Pook – BES  
Tom Conley –KGH  
Lon Garrison – BMS  
Tim Fulton – SHS  
Jennifer Robinson – PHS

- **SELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS**

Lon and Jennifer will be the legislative liaisons.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

Superintendent Wegner announced that the final enrollment for this year is 1314 with 37 intensive students.

- **BUDGET UPDATE**

Cassee Olin, business manager stated that the budget is looking good at this point. She also informed the board that there will be a budget revision in December or January once we get the final paperwork in the enrollment.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner congratulated the Boy's Cross Country team, Drama, Debate and Forensics and also Kaya Duguay for their awards.

She welcomed Tom Conley back onto the board and congratulated Tim Fulton for his reelection. She also thanked Tonia Rioux for her time on the board.

She expressed her excitement with the district's continual partnerships with Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV), the City and the New Visions Grant implementation.

Superintendent Wegner was pleased to announce that the OCR Complaint had been settled.

Superintendent Wegner explained that for her entry plan into the district she is spending a day at each of the schools. She wanted to thank the principals, staff and students for welcoming her into the schools. She emphasized that there is meaningful and engaged learning in all of the schools. She also wanted to give a shout out to the Sitka High School Teachers for their continual support of students who are gone on activity trips. Each staff member goes above and beyond to help the students and support them. She also

announced that Mayor Mim McConnell proclaimed Blatchley Middle School Appreciation day and that Mr. Conley and Mr. Garrison were both present at the celebration.

Superintendent Wegner wanted to thank Tim Pike, Mike Vieira and Chris Balovich for taking their time to show the board around the new vocational building. She also thanked the students for their time to show the board how the fabrication lab works.

Superintendent Wegner also informed the board that there will be a Strategic Planning Session on November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Sitka High School Library. She also announced that there is a survey on the Sitka School District web site and encouraged people to complete the survey.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES**

- **NOVEMBER WORK SESSION – NOVEMBER 18, 2014 – LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**
- **AASB FALL CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 6-9, 2014**
- **DECEMBER WORK SESSION – DECEMBER 15, 2014 -PERFORMING ARTS CENTER WALK THRU**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried.

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Lon Garrison, President

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Tim Fulton, Clerk