

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 4, 2019 – 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 Elias Erickson at 6:05 p.m. in the Sitka High School Library, 1000 Lake St., Sitka, AK 99835

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Elias Erickson, Eric Van Cise, Dionne Brady-Howard, Amy Morrison, and Paul Rioux. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the board agenda as presented. Motion passed.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

REPORTS

- **SCIENCE WITH MATH GRANT**

Janet Clarke the Education Director at the Sitka Sound Science Center and coordinator of the Scientist in the Schools Program presented an overview of the Science with Math (SWiM) grant work in Sitka Schools.

- **REPORT ON PEAKS AND ASA RESULTS**

Sarah Ferrency Co-Assistant Superintendent presented the results of Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools (PEAKS) and Alaska Science Assessment (ASA) for the Sitka School District.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- **CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING WORK SESSION**

All of the board members gave comments on the recent work sessions on the Culturally Responsive Social Emotional Learning (CRESEL) Grant and the School Climate and Connectedness Survey (SCCS) results.

- **SCHOOL CLIMATE AND CONNECTEDNESS SURVEY WORK SESSION**

Ms. Morrison attended a recent Strategic Plan Meeting and noted progress is being made, and she is looking forward to seeing where that is going to go.

Mr. Van Cise met with Principal Laura Rogers and said there are many exciting activities happening at Sitka High School. He was particularly happy about the Math for Business class that Ms. Grey and Mr. Strong teach.

Mr. Rioux noted that as the liaison to Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary he had met with Principle Casey Demmert. He also said he would be attending the “Ready, Set Govern” session for new board members at the AASB Annual Conference November 7, 2019.

Ms. Brady-Howard commented on recent data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). She stated it was profound to hear that the number one predictor for students not engaging in risky behavior is a strong relationship with their teachers.

Mr. Erickson met with Principal Mandy Summer at Pacific High School. He noted that all 8th grade students now have the opportunity to tour Pacific High School and Sitka High School before entering 9th grade.

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 1,184.25. The projected enrollment was 1,187.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT –MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner congratulated SHS Boys & Girls Cross Country teams for winning Region V. She also extended congratulations to all the band and choir musicians who were invited to participate in Southeast Honorfest. And she thanked all the teachers and families in supporting the recent Parent Teacher Conferences.

Superintendent Wegner announced that November is Native American Heritage Month, and there will be many events happening throughout the month.

Lastly, Superintendent Wegner noted that her full report is available on the SSD Website to read in its entirety.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 MINUTES**

Ms. Morrison moved, Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed.

- **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2019 MINUTES**

- **APPROVAL OF NON-TENURE TEACHER CONTRACT**

A roll call vote was required
Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF THE 2019-**

20 SCHOOL BOARD GOALS

- **REVIEW OF AR 6182 REACH HANDBOOK UPDATE**

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the 2019-20 School Board Goals as presented. Motion passed.

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to approve AR 6182 REACH Handbook update. There was a brief explanation describing the purpose of the revision to make it a more user-friendly handbook. Motion passed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AASB ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 7-10, 2019 ANCHORAGE**
- **SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE AUDITORS NOVEMBER 9, 2019 ANCHORAGE HILTON**
- **SCHOOL BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION NOVEMBER 21, 2019**
- **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 4TH, SHS LIBRARY**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:22 p.m. Ms. Morrison moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to go into Executive Session with and under the provision of AS 44.62.310(c)(2)(4) so as not to prejudice the reputation of the student. Superintendent Wegner, Principal Laura Rogers and the family are invited. Motion Passed.

At 9:10 p.m. Mr. Rioux moved, and Ms. Morrison seconded to reconvene as the School Board in regular session. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Elias Erickson, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk