

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2017 - 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, Jennifer McNichol at 6:03 p.m. at the Sitka High School Library.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President Jennifer McNichol, Vice-President Cass Pook, Clerk Eric Van Cise, Dionne Brady-Howard, Elias Erickson and Student Representative, Quinlyn Holder.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. President McNichol requested adding Approval of Letter of Support for Secure Rural Schools, Ms. Pook seconded. Both motions were approved.

RECOGNITIONS

President McNichol presented a plaque to the Boy's Cross Country team for their win at the Region V meet. She also congratulated the girls for their individual success.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Ben White, Blatchley Middle School principal, explained that there was a suspected shooter at Blatchley Middle School on Saturday night. He thanked the Sitka Police Department and their response.

REPORTS

- **REPORT ON CO-CREATION DISCUSSIONS**

Mandy Evans, Nancy Douglas, Phil Burdick and Lillian Young shared the presentation on co-creation discussion. There was a brief discussion followed by a question and answer session. Ms. Evans presented a copy of the November calendar celebrating Native American Heritage Month.

- **REPORT ON ALASKA EDUCATION CHALLENGE**

Mary Suminski, Rachel Roy and Rebecca Himschoot gave a presentation on the Alaska Education Challenge that was created by Governor Walker's Office to address the achievement gap in all students. Each of the presenters gave an overview of the five priorities that are the focus of the Alaska Education Challenge.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Brady-Howard stated that she attended parent teacher conferences at Blatchley Middle School. She stated that she spoke with the administration regarding the format of ???

Mr. Van Cise thanked Laura Rogers, Sitka High School principal for her emails informing the parents of activities and things happening in the school. He also thanked Sitka High School staff for the successful parent teacher conferences.

Mr. Erickson, Ms. Holder and Ms. Pook had nothing to report.

President McNichol also thanked the Sitka High School staff for their work during parent teacher conferences.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN** Cassee Olin, Business Manager, informed the board that the budget is where it needs to be at this time of the year.
- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner was pleased to announce that the enrollment is where it needs to be for the approved budget.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner congratulated the volleyball team for winning regions, the girls swim team for winning regions and the boys swim team for coming in second at the region tournament. She also congratulated the girls who placed at the state tournament.

Superintendent Wegner also congratulated Learning Support Director Mandy Evans who was recently adopted into the Coho Clan.

Superintendent Wegner was excited to announce that the new Alaska Arts Standards have been recently published. She stated that the work was sponsored by the Alaska Arts Education Consortium.

Superintendent Wegner thanked the staff and Sitka Police Department for their quick thinking during the active shooter incident in Sitka on Saturday, November 4th, 2017.

Superintendent Wegner announced that November is National Native American Heritage Month and encouraged the community to attend the events. She also announced that there will be another evening of conversation with the Native community around co-creating our schools. That will be held on November 13th, 2017.

She explained to the board that there have been facilitated conversations with the PK-2 teachers around Baranof possibly becoming a K-2 primary school.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2017 MINUTES** Mr. Erickson moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2017**

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

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF
SCHOOL BOARD
GOALS** Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to approve the board goals as presented. President McNichol requested that one of the ands be dropped from the first goal. After a brief discussion the motion carried with the minor change.
- **APPROVAL OF BP
6146.2 EARLY
GRADUATION –
FIRST READING – PC** Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve BP 6146.2 Early Graduation in first reading. After a lengthy discussion the board agreed to table BP 6146.2 Early Graduation.
- **APPROVAL OF BP
6165 VIDEOTAPE
AND PHOTOGRAPHY** Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve BP 6165.1 Videotape and Photography in first reading. There was a brief discussion.
- **APPROVAL OF
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL
LEARNING
STANDARDS** Ms. Pook moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to approve the PK-Adult Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Standards as presented. Ms. Evans, Learning Support Director, gave an overview of the SEL Standards and their purpose.
- **APPROVAL OF
SUPPORT FOR
SECURE RURAL
SCHOOLS** Ms. Pook moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve supporting secure rural schools. There was a brief discussion and then the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

There was no correspondence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AASB ANNUAL
MEETING –
NOVEMBER 9-12, 2017 –
ANCHORAGE** The board announce that they will be attending the AASB Annual meeting along with meeting with the auditors on November 9th to discuss the district audit.
- **BUDGET MEETING
WITH ASSEMBLY –
JANUARY 17, 2018** The board agreed to meet with the assembly on January 17, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Pook moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer McNichol, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk