

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

December 1, 2015, 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 Tim Fulton at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Fulton requested a moment of silence for Ryan Kauffman a previous employee of the Sitka School District. .

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

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

REGONITIONS

- **SITKA HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING**

Ms. McNichol presented a plaque to the Sitka High School Swimming program for the boys' team winning first in the Region V competition. The girls team won 2nd in Region V. There were also two athletes who won 1st place at the State meet in Anchorage.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Lauren Havens, SAFV informed the board about the boys run program and asked for volunteers to help out for the final boys run.

REPORTS

- **SITKA YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE – JULIA SMITH**

Julia Smith, prevention director for SAFV, introduced Nichole Gordan and Brittany Henry from Mt. Edgecumbe High School who gave a presentation on the Sitka Youth Leadership Committee (SYLC). They explained the activities that they have been working on making Sitka aware of SYLC including a new program called the "I am" project. They also informed the board that the group consists of students from Sitka High School as well.

- **ACTIVITIES REPORT – JENNIFER MCNICHOL**

Ms. McNichol informed the board that the activities committee has been holding weekly meetings during the month of November. During these meetings the committee heard from all of the coaches and advisors for the activities that receive funding from the district. The committee listened to the importance of the activity and various other questions. The committee will be returning in January with a recommendation and also requesting that the mission of the committee be changed to funding of activities.

- **REPORT ON AASB**

Mr. VanCise stated how he enjoyed the conference as a whole

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including the organization of the conference. He also noted that all districts are having the same challenges with curriculum. He stated that at the Saturday table talks students came and sat with various adults talked about different things that they are concerned with and the main topic at Mr. VanCise's table was that students don't feel comfortable in the schools. He commended the schools in the Sitka School District for their welcoming environments and stated that he shared what our schools do to make students feel more comfortable.

Ms. Pook expressed her stated that there were a lot of new items available to learn about. The one thing that stood out was the main speaker Denise Juneau. Ms. Pook expressed her amazement about how Ms. Juneau's State did not apply for the waiver and are still receiving funding and have more local control. She also expressed her condolences to the boarding school that burned in Bethel.

Ms. McNichol new board member and appreciated the new board member training. The session on legal information was well presented and great at reviewing the hot buttons. She also stated that the session on basics of school finance was helpful as was the session on the Alaska Measure of Progress results. She also thanked Senator Murkowski for coming to the meeting and hearing the board members concerns.

Mr. Conley highlights of round table discussions on Saturday. He also spoke about post-secondary education and scholarships that are available. He stated that meeting with other school boards is always a highlight of the trip.

Mr. Fulton key note speaker Jeff Kinneeveauk on Friday expressed the importance for preparing our students for what companies need for their employees. He expressed his excitement for the elders in the schools program. He also explained that the June Nelson Scholarship auction went well with the piece from Ms. Riva's art class being a huge hit. Mr. Fulton expressed his appreciation for the entire conference.

- AMP TEST RESULTS – MARY WEGNER/SARAH FERRENCY

Sarah Ferrency, Co-Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent Wegner presented the Alaska Measures of Progress results. They explained the process of getting the AMP tests and how we got here from there. They also explained the results.

- WOOCH.EEN NOTES

Mr. VanCise read the Wooch.een Notes that were to be presented this month.

Deborah Riva
Patty Dick
Jennifer Oen

Dorrie Farrell
Mike Kernin
Ben White
Robin McNeilly
Andrea DeKoekkoek
Mandy Evans
Casey Demmert

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Conley informed the board regarding the meetings that he had been attending including the activity, policy and teacher evaluation committee meeting. He also explained that he was able to spend a morning with Mrs. Pike at BES and made drums.

Ms. McNichol as SHS liaisons met with the administration lack of electives and the difficulty due to the cuts of personnel. BMS Jamboree fun to watch with current middle school students and alumni. Personally appreciated Ryan Kauffman and stated the tremendous loss and will miss him.

Ms. Pook stated that she and President Fulton went to PHS to visit a class and were able to speak to students and listen to their stories. She is also planning on going to PHS with Mr. VanCise. She informed the board that she will be attending the winter boardsmanship academy in Anchorage. She stated that she always enjoys seeing students at the meeting.

Mr. VanCise met with Mr. Demmert at Keet Gooshi Heen to learn more about the school and what was happening. He also attended the Tlingit Celebration for the 2nd graders with amazing food. Lastly, he stated that he did not know Ryan Kauffman very well but was known with the group of boys who spoke highly of him.

President. Fulton informed the board that he would be out of the country from December 3-20th. He also informed the board that he had attended the Assembly meeting on November 10th to give them information on what is happening in the district. He also stated that he spoke to Norm Wooten, AASB about coming to Sitka to teach students about lobbying to the legislature. He also explained at the last board meeting a person expressed their concern about the need to rename Baranof Elementary School and he stated that at this time there is no plan to rename Baranof Elementary School. President Fulton also informed the board that he would be sending out the superintendent evaluation information soon. He also said he that he has heard some issues regarding the lack of PE teachers teaching PE at Blatchley Middle School. He also thanked Ms. Pook for the Pacific High School visit. He also expressed his thanks to the policy committee members and the Student Success committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BB 9110 BOARD MEMBERSHIP- SECOND READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BB 9123 CLERK – FIRST READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BB 9310 POLICY MANUAL – FIRST READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BB9313 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS- FIRST READING**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to remove BB 9110 Board Membership from the consent agenda to discuss the issue.

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

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve BB 9110 Board Membership second reading. There were comments from the board and audience.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes No
Conley
McNichol
VanCise
Pook
Fulton

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **APPROVAL OF BB 9200 LIMITS OF BOARD MEMBERS AUTHORITY – FIRST READING**

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve BB9200 Limits of Board Members Authority in first reading. There were comments from the board members. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPROVAL OF WRITTEN CHARGE FOR JOINT TRIBAL COUNCIL SITKA SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE (AKA WOOCHEEN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE)**
- **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-01 MARIJUANA USE AMONG YOUTH**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the written charge for the Student Success Committee. President Fulton read the written charge for the committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Conley moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to adopt Resolution No: 2016-01 Marijuana Use Among Youth. Ms. McNichol explained her reasoning by proposing this resolution. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 5147 DROPOUT PREVENTION – FIRST READING – PC**
- **APPROVAL FO BP 5141.41 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION – FIRST READING – PC**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5145.3 NONDISCRIMINATION – FIRST READING – PC**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5145.7 HARASSMENT IN EDUCATION – FIRST READING – PC**
- **APPROVAL OF BB 9012 COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM THE BOARD – FIRST READING – PC**
- **APPROVAL OF BB 9270 CONFLICT OF INTEREST – FIRST READING – PC**
- **APPROVAL OF BB 9320 MEETINGS – FIRST READING – PC**
- **APPROVAL OF BB 9324 BOARD MINUTES**
- **DISCUSSION ON NSBA CONFERENCE**
- **APPROVAL OF LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE**

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve all of the updates that were brought forward by the policy committee. There were minor changes to BP5141.41. There was a lengthy discussion regarding adding gender identity and sexual orientation to BP 5145.3 and BP 5145.7 which ended with all members with the exception of Ms. Pook accepting the changes. Both BP 5145.3 and BP 5145.7 will be brought back in first reading due to the wording changes. BB9012 and BB9270 had no changes. Finally BB 9320 needed to have a minor change to the time of the meeting to 6:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. Motion carried with the recommended changes.

There was a brief discussion on board travel to the NSBA Conference. Mr. Fulton expressed his opinion that traveling in State would be more beneficial to the district.

Ms. McNichol moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve Bobbi Jordan as a long term substitute for Kari Gray through the end of the school year. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS:**

- **BUDGET UPDATE –
CASSEE OLIN**
- **ENROLLMENT – DR.
MARY WEGNER**
- **SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT – DR. MARY
WEGNER**

The budget is where it supposed to be at this time.

Enrollment is dropping and it appears that many of the students are moving out of town.

Superintendent Wegner congratulated Jessica Davis and Will Pate on their state win for swimming. She also congratulated 20 students who went to the Southeast Honor Festival.

Superintendent Wegner thanked the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Staff, Baranof Staff, and families who put on the Super Saturday event, including Norm Campbell who created a mural in response to the event. She also thanked everyone who helped with the 2nd grade celebration of Alaska Native Heritage Month.

She informed the board that the Sitka School District in cooperation with AASB and 5 other schools in Alaska received a I3 Grant to help implement our Social Emotional Learning program.

Superintendent Wegner stated that she mourned the loss of Ryan Kauffman who was an employee of the Sitka School District for several years and an amazing part of the Sitka Community.

She informed the board that SEA and SESPAs negotiations are in process. She also let everyone know that there are several winter concerts happening across the district and encouraged people to attend the events.

Lastly, Superintendent Wegner stated that she was not going on any trips this month.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
INFORMATION**

There were no correspondence

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **LEGISLATIVE FLY-
INS- FEBRUARY 6-9,
2016 (YOUTH FLY-IN)
& MARCH 19-2, 2016**

President Fulton stated that he believed that he, Mr. Conley and Ms. Pook should attend the Legislative Fly-In. He also is hoping that students might be able to attend also

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **SEA NEGOTIATIONS**
- **SESPA NEGOTIATIONS**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded for the board to go into executive session in accordance with and under the provisions of AS 44.62.310 (c)(1) & (4), the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the district. The matters to be discussed are Sitka Education Association and Sitka Support Personnel Association Negotiations. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. VanCise seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Tim Fulton, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk