

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

December 3, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Steve Bradshaw

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, President, Lon Garrison, Vice-President Jennifer Robinson, Clerk, Tim Fulton, Cass Pook, and Tonia Rioux. JD Murphy, Student Representative was absent and unexcused.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

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

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNITION OF SWIM TEAM**

Mr. Fulton presented a plaque to Coach Robby Jarvill for the Sitka High School Boys Swim Team 1st place win for SE Alaska and their 2nd place win for the State meet. Coach Jarvill introduced all of the swimmers that attended the State meet.

- **RECOGNITION OF CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

Ms. Pook presented a plaque to Coach Shasta Smith for the Sitka High School Boys Cross Country Teams 1st place win for the Region V meet. Coach Smith introduced the boys team and the two girls who also made it to the State meet Crystal Widmier and Sydney Riggs.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard at this time.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

- **REPORT ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AUDIT- MANDY EVANS**

Mandy Evans, Special Education Director, gave an overview and explanation of the special education audit. There were comments from the board.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Each of the board members gave a brief overview of their time at the Annual Association of Alaska School Board conference.

Ms. Robinson stated that during the AASB Annual Conference she enjoyed many of the sessions specifically the sessions about parental involvement, early childhood, and legislative priorities. She stated that the conference is beneficial to the board.

Mr. Fulton stated the benefits from attending the conference are beneficial for the entire district. He also encouraged the board members to join the National Caucus of American Indian/Alaska Native of School Board Members.

Ms. Pook enjoyed technology presentation at the AASB conference. She was impressed with the variety of different projects student sare doing around the state with technology.

Tonia Rioux enjoyed the two key note speakers particularly School of One presentation that focuses on individualized instruction for each child. She also said that the presentation on children exposed to trauma and the way that the brain reacts was very intriguing.

President Garrison stated that he and Superintendent Bradshaw gave a presentation along with another board member from Kodiak on the legislative session at the AASB Conference. He also was pleased to announce that the June Nelson Scholarship Auction raised over \$18,000 for scholarships. He also informed the board that he is a member of the Blatchley Middle School math committee and they would be looking at curriculum in the next month. He also state that he along with Bob Whicker made a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce on the 1 to 1 Initiative for computers in the State.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4, 2013 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4161.4 FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE – SECOND READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5125.2 CHALLENGING STUDENT RECORDS – SECOND READING**

Ms. Robinson requested to have the minutes pulled from the consent agenda. Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the November 4, 2013 minutes as amended to replace Tom Conley in attendance at the meeting with Jennifer Robinson. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **HSGQE WAIVER**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Rioux seconded that the board go into executive session in accordance with and under the provisions of AS 44.62.310 (c)(1)&(4), the immediate knowledge of which could prejudice the reputation and character of a person or persons. The matter to be discussed is High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver. Motion carried for the board to go into executive session. Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to return to regular session.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **APPROVAL OF HSGQE WAIVER**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Rioux seconded to approve a HSGQE Waiver for student #237006 based on the passing of the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF PURCHASING FLAT BED TRUCK**

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to approve purchasing a flatbed truck not to exceed \$42,000. Superintendent Bradshaw explained that the current vehicle is in disrepair and not safe at this time.

A roll call vote was required.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Garrison	
Rioux	
Robinson	
Fulton	
Pook	

Motion carried.

- **REVIEW OF FY14 BUDGET REVISION**

Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to approve the FY14 Budget Revision as presented.

A roll call vote was required.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Garrison	
Rioux	
Robinson	
Fulton	
Pook	

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF AUDIT**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Rioux seconded to accept the FY13 Audit. The board expressed their thanks to the business office for the clean audit. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP5131.43 BULLYING – FIRST READING**

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms Pook seconded to approve revision BP 5131.43 Bullying in first reading. Superintendent Bradshaw gave an explanation to the board regarding bullying outside of the school. There were questions and comments from the board. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP5131.6 ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS – FIRST READING**

Ms. Robinson moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve of revision of BP5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs in first reading. Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Pook seconded to move the sentence “The Board recognizes the presence of recovering students in the schools and the necessity to support these students.” to the above paragraph under nonpunitive self-referral. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP4133 TRAVEL EXPENSES – FIRST READING**

Ms. Rioux moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve revision BP 4133 Travel Expenses in first reading. President Garrison requested adding that the board needs to review the per diem increase every 3 years.

A roll call vote was required.

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Garrison	
Rioux	
Robinson	
Fulton	
Pook	

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Ms. Robinson moved, Ms. Rioux seconded to approve FY15 Legislative Priorities. Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Garrison seconded to amend the priorities to add another priority to seek fund to develop an all-weather turf multi-purpose track and field complex at the Kimsham Sports Complex. After a lengthy discussion the board voted to add the new priority to the FY15 list but under the heading “Important City of Sitka funding issues endorsed by the Sitka School Board”. Mr. Fulton moved, President Garrison seconded to amend the legislative priorities to include seek funding to upgrade Blatchley Middle School ball field to a synthetic turf, lighted softball field. After a lengthy discussion the motion failed 3 negative votes to 2 positive votes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **ENROLLMENT
UPDATE – STEVE
BRADSHAW**

Superintendent Bradshaw explained that the final enrollment numbers came in at 1338 and has dropped a bit since count date which is normal.

- **SUPERINTENDENT
UPDATE – STEVE
BRADSHAW**

Superintendent Bradshaw announced that the District received word from the Office of Civil Rights regarding a complaint filed against the district. The Office of Civil Rights has found that the District had not violated any rights. He thanked Tim Fulton for chaperoning the students at the AASB conference. He informed the board that he had accepted a resignation from Johnnie Cotton effective January 1, 2014 and has hired Karen Macklin to be the Assistant Principal at Sitka High School for the remainder of the year. Superintendent Bradshaw thanked President Garrison for his presentation at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon with Bob Whicker on the 1 to 1 computer initiative. He also informed the board that he is having discussions regarding self-funding insurance with the City and Hospital in conjunction with Paula Scott, insurance agent. Superintendent Bradshaw stated that he had an amazing visit with Carl Rose, former AASB executive director during the annual conference. He said that Carl Rose has in his opinion left the biggest imprint on the educational system in Alaska.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

There was no additional correspondence.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Fulton thanked the principals for their service with the students of Sitka and stated that he appreciated their commitment to education.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES:

- **RAVEN RADIO
INTERVIEW**
- **WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 16,
2013 – BUDGET
101/STRATEGIC 5
YEAR BUDGET**

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Pook moved, Ms. Rioux seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Lon Garrison, President

Tim Fulton, Clerk