

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

December 4, 2017 - 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. at the Sitka High School Library.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

- RECOGNIZE SHS SWIM TEAM President McNichol presented a plaque to the SHS Girls Swim Team for their first place win at the Region V Southeast Tournament. This was the first time the SHS girls swim team has won Southeast. Ben Adams, coach, recognized several of the boys and girls for their success at the Region V tournament and at the State tournament.
- RECOGNIZE SHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM Mr. Erickson presented a plaque to the SHS Girls Volleyball Team. He congratulated them for placing 1st at the Region V tournament. It was the first time in over 20 years that Sitka has had a team go to State for volleyball. Karen Krupa, coach, expressed her appreciation for the girls season.
- RECOGNIZE SHS MUSIC STUDENTS Mr. Van Cise presented plaques to the students who were selected to perform at the Southeast Honor Festival in Klawock and All Alaska Honor Festival in Anchorage. There were 14 students who attended the Southeast Honor Festival and 4 students who were selected for the All Alaska Honor Festival. Mike Kernin, music director, stated that he was proud of the students that attended these events.
- RECOGNIZE BOARD MEMBERS FOR BOARDSMANSHIP

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

REPORTS

- REPORT FROM COUNSELORS Each counselor from each building gave an overview of what they do on a daily basis to help the students of the Sitka School District. Jeanine Brooks, Pk-1st grade counselor, Ramon Quevedo, 2nd-5th

grade counselor, Jael McCarty, 6th-8th grade counselor, Ben Cordero and Cori Schjuneda SHS counselor and Maggie Gallin PHS counselor all explained that they all work with individual students, troubleshoot problems throughout the day and help students with their everyday needs.

- **REPORT ON AASB CONFERENCE**

Each of the board members spoke on the highlights of the annual Association of Alaska School Board conference. Ms. Pook announced that she was reelected to the AASB board of directors. Mr. Van Cise stated that he enjoyed networking with the other board members and also was glad to have the auditors review the audit with the board. Mr. Erickson also expressed his appreciation to get to know the other board members and also that he enjoyed the new board member boot camp. Lastly, President McNichol stated that she was on the nomination committee for the AASB board of directors and was pleased to be a part of that process. She also was able to speak with other boards on how they do superintendent evaluations.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Holder announced that Drama, Debate and Forensics is holding its Sitka meet and there is a need for judges.

Ms. Pook stated that since she is on the AASB board of directors that Mr. Erickson should attend the Fly-Ins in the spring.

Mr. Van Cise reminded the board and community that the winter concerts are starting and encouraged everyone to attend. He also stated that he was pleased to be able to go to watch the volleyball girls at the state meet.

Mr. Erickson shared that he was able to go to Baranof Elementary School and meet with Jill LeCrone, principal, to hear about the school and activities that are happening there.

President McNichol also stated that she did a tour of every school with Assembly member Richard Wein and Superintendent Wegner. She also informed the board that she and Dr. Wegner met with Ms. Rogers, SHS Principal about the math program. Lastly she thanked Dionne Brady-Howard for the session that was organized on Introduction to Tlingit Culture.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN**

The budget update was not available at the board meeting.

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the official enrollment is going to be 1256 students.

- **SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT – MARY
WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner thanked Mr. Erickson and student council for their time and feedback. She also thanked the staff and volunteers who helped with the 2nd grade Potlatch another amazing success.

She went on to congratulate the music students and their success at the honor festivals. She also congratulated Charlie Skultka Jr. for earning the Margaret Nick Cooke Award for Alaska Native Arts and Languages in the 2018 Governor’s Awards for the Arts and Humanities. Superintendent Wegner congratulated Ms. Pook for her being selected to the AASB board of directors again. She also congratulated Cassee Olin, business manager and her employees for a clean audit. Lastly, she thanked the counselors for their presentation.

Superintendent Wegner reminded the board and community to look at the winter concert schedule.

She also announced that the school offices and schools will be closed over winter break and that the district office will be open many days but will also be closed over the holiday.

Lastly, Superintendent Wegner thanked the Mt. Edgecumbe High School national honor society for their support for the district breakfast program. The national honor society raised \$750 for the program.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF
NOVEMBER 7, 2017
MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 6165
VIDEO AND
PHOTOGRAPHY –
SECOND READING**

Mr. Erickson moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

• **ACCEPTANCE OF
AUDIT**

Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to accept the audit as presented. There was a brief discussion on the outcome of the audit and members thanked Ms. Olin and her staff for their excellent work.

• **APPROVAL OF BB
9012
COMMUNICATIONS
TO AND FROM THE
BOARD – FIRST
READING**

Mr. Erickson moved, Ms. Holder seconded to approve BB 9012 Communications To and From the Board in first reading. President McNichol requested to add “on board related business” to the fifth paragraph in the bylaw. There were a few questions from the board. Motion carried with the proposed additional wording.

• **APPROVAL OF LONG
TERM SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER**

Mr. Erickson moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve Connie McCarty as a long term substitute. A roll call vote was required.

Yes No
Erickson
Pook
Holder
Van Cise
McNichol

Motion carried.

• **DISCUSSION OF
BUDGET PROCESS
AND SCHEDULING**

President McNichol requested that board members inform staff when they will be out of town February – April so that board hearing dates can be scheduled.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
INFORMATION**

There was no correspondence.

**FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **BUDGET MEETING
WITH ASSEMBLY –
JANUARY 17, 2018**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer McNichol, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk