

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President, Cass Pook at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President Cass Pook, Vice-President Jennifer McNichol, Clerk Eric VanCise, Tom Conley, Dionne Brady-Howard and Student Representative Elias Erickson.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. McNichol requested to add Sitka High School Baseball Travel to the agenda. Mr. Erickson moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve the proposed agenda as presented.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

David Lubin, parent spoke on behalf of the Sitka High School music program. He praised Sarah Martinsen, music director for her work with the students.

Roger Schmidt, Sitka Fine Arts Camp Director, presented a check for \$12,000 from Friends of the Performing Arts (FOPA) to help with funding the Performing Arts Center.

REPORTS

- **REPORT ON MAINTENANCE 6 YEAR PLAN**
- **REPORT ON AASB FALL CONFERENCE**
- **CLERK'S REPORT**

Mark Bautista, Maintenance Director, gave a presentation on the 6 year maintenance plan for the Sitka School District. He answered questions from the board and the audience.

Mr. Erickson stated that the Youth Leadership Institute was a good event and he discovered that many places have the same thing in common.

Ms. McNichol expressed that she enjoyed the personalized day of learning session. It explained how personalized learning is something that will be looked at in the future.

Ms. Brady-Howard stated that she learned a lot by watching and listening during the new board member boot camp.

Mr. Conley explained her enjoyed the conference as a whole.

President Pook stated that she enjoyed Gene Tagaban working with the adults and the students. She also enjoyed the role of the president section of the conference.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Erickson thanked the board for the joint meeting with the student council. He stated that the collaboration between the groups is essential.

Mr. Van Cise stated that he attended the Keet Gooshi Heen 2nd grade heritage performance celebration. He enjoyed the story by Chuck Miller and the food.

Mr. Conley stated that he met with Baranof Elementary School staff and discussed discipline and engagement on the playground.

Ms. Pook thanked the drama and debate students for caroling in the downtown stores.

Ms. Pook requested a moment of silence for the death of Teri Rofkar a Raven Tail Weaver.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE** Superintendent Wegner announced that the official enrollment count for the 2016-17 school year is 1275.66, which is below the projected enrollment of 1300.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** Superintendent Wegner congratulated Ms. Pook, Ms. McNichol, Mr. Van Cise for their accomplishments with Association of Alaska School Boards. She also thanked Susan Ross for creating a coaches manual for the Sitka High School coaches.

Superintendent Wegner explained that she was one of two superintendents to testify before the Alaska Legislative Task Force on Civics Education. She also stated that she attended the Future of Learning Symposium hosted by Education Matters to help move the state forward in regards to personalized learning.

Superintendent Wegner notified the Board that Sitka School District employees, Mt. Edgecumbe employees and Police department employees will be attending a 2 day training on ALICE (Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate) on December 12th and 13th, 2017.

She also announced that the Alaska Department of Education has selected a new student assessment vendor so there will be spring assessments for students in grades 3rd – 10th grades in English Language Arts and Math. Additionally there will be a science assessment for students in grades 4, 8, and 10th grades.

Superintendent Wegner encouraged members of the community to

join the Sitka School District on January 14th, 2017 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. to help with Strategic Planning.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8, 2016 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6146.1 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – FIRST READING**
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6144 CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES – FIRST READING**

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

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF SITKA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TRAVEL TO ARIZONA**
- **ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT**
- **APPROVAL OF FY17 BUDGET REVISION**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve Sitka High School Baseball travel to Arizona. President Pook read the letter from Coach Way requesting the travel. Motion carried.

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to accept the audit as presented. Motion carried.

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the FY17 Budget Revision as presented. Superintendent Wegner answered questions from the board members.

Yes No
VanCise
Erickson
McNichol
Conley
Brady-Howard
Pook

Motion carried

- **APPROVAL OF
CHARGE FOR THE
ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE**

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the written charge for the Activities Committee. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AASB Winter
Boardsmanship
December 9-10, 2016 –
Anchorage**
- **Meeting with the
Assembly, January 11,
2017 6:00 p.m. – DO
Board Room**
- **Strategic Planning,
January 14, 2017**

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Cathleen Pook, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk