

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 15, 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 Jennifer Robinson at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Jennifer Robinson, President, Tim Fulton, Clerk; and Tom Conley. Cass Pook was present via telephone.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the agenda with removal of the SESPAs Grievance Appeal. Jason Eisenbeisz requested that the school board postpone the community schools proposal. Motion carried to remove the SESPAs Grievance Appeal after a roll call vote. President Robinson stated that all votes will be roll call due to Ms. Pook being on the phone.

SWEAR IN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE – DEBORAH YEARWOOD

Phil Burdick, Assistant Superintendent swore in student representative Deborah Yearwood.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL GIRLS**
- **RECOGNIZE STATE FISH ART CONTEST WINNERS**

President Robinson presented a plaque and congratulated the girls for their Region V and State of Alaska win.

Mr. Fulton presented plaques to the state fish art contest winners.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Julia Smith, SAFV shelter, introduced the new education director, Lauren Havens. Ms. Havens explained that Boys on the Run is in full swing and that SAFV is looking forward to another great year.

REPORTS

- **REPORT ON AFS STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM – CONNIE KREISS-TOMKINS**
- **REPORT ON BOARD GOAL SETTING –**

Connie Kreiss-Tomkins gave an overview of the AFS exchange program. She introduced the 4 new students who are attending the Sitka School District. She also presented a plaque from the State Department to Sitka High School principal, Lyle Sparrowgrove.

President Robinson gave a brief overview of the board goal setting session that was held in August. She explained that the board had

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created goals for the board. She also explained that the board reviewed the board bylaws. Lastly, she read the board goals and explained that they would be approved later in the meeting.

• **CLERK’S REPORT**

Mr. Fulton read the 3 Woonoosen notes to Ann Dagnillo, Tim Pike, and Tyler Eddy for their support of the Sitka School District. He also informed the board that he had attend the Sitka Tribe of Alaska board meeting and they all agreed that having a committee with tribal members and school board members to work on joint activities.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Conley attended a teleconference offered by AASB to review the AASB Resolutions. He stated that the main discussion was about the fiscal health of the State of Alaska.

Ms. Pook attended a fall boardsmanship academy in Anchorage. She stated that most of what was covered at the meeting was covered during the board’s goal setting session. She said that data was emphasized at the meeting along with family engagement.

Mr. Fulton thanked the board for taking time to complete the board self assessment. He also said that after reviewing the board bylaws it states that committees shall be given a written charge from the board. So Mr. Fulton requested that the board add that to the agenda. He also stated he had not had any committee meetings due to timing and space. Mr. Fulton informed the board that he will be attending the Sitka Tribe of Alaska meeting and will be recommending beginning a joint committee with Sitka Tribe of Alaska to work on goals. He also stated that he is looking for Superintendent Evaluation samples.

Ms. Robinson welcomed Deborah Yearwood to the board. She also stated that she attended to the open house at Pacific High Schools. She stated that she learned Restorative Justice and that process.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2015 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF REVISION TO BP 5141.4 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – SECOND READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 6155 CLASS EXAMINATIONS/CHAL**

Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was done.

Yes	No
Conley	
Fulton	
Robinson	
Pook	
Yearwood	

**LENGING COURSES BY
EXAMINATION –
SECOND READING**

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **APPROVAL OF
GUATEMALA TRAVEL**

Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve Sitka High School Spanish student travel to Guatemala during June 2016.

A roll call vote was done.

Yes No
Conley
Fulton
Robinson
Pook
Yearwood

Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS PROPOSAL**

Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to awards Sitka Community Schools, LLC, Matthew Turner, owner the 9 month initial contract beginning in October 1, 2015, in the amount of \$75,000 and with 4 optional extension years, contract to operate and manage Community Schools in the amount of \$100,000 per year. Faith Lee had questions regarding what was going to be offered from the contract. Mr. Fulton requested more information and more time to make this decision. President Robinson stated that the board needed to trust the administration and that the board gave the administration direction to figure out a way to keep community schools but not at a cost to the district. Ms. Pook agreed that the board needed to continue on with this process. Mr. Fulton moved to table approval of community schools proposal until September 21st. The motion died due to lack of a second.

A roll call vote was done on the original motion.

Yes No
Conley
Fulton
Robinson
Pook
Yearwood

Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF BOARD
GOALS**

Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the board goals as presented.

A roll call vote was done.

Yes No
Conley
Fulton
Robinson
Pook
Yearwood

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF REVISION TO BP 6010 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – FIRST READING**

Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the revision to BP 6010 Student Achievement by adding 2020 as the dates for the attendance and graduation rate in first reading. A board member requested the removal of based on the high school graduation qualifying examination due to the exam not being required any longer. Motion carried.

A roll call vote was done.

Yes No
Conley
Fulton
Robinson
Pook
Yearwood

Motion carried.

- **REVIEW OF AR3515 SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY**

There was a brief discussion on the changes and the board agreed to the changes.

- **APPROVAL OF AASB RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Fulton moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the AASB Resolutions as amended. The board made some recommended amendments to the resolutions. Motion carried.

A roll call vote was done.

Yes No
Conley
Fulton
Robinson
Pook
Yearwood

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE

REPORTS:

- **ENROLLMENT – DR. MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the enrollment is holding steady at 1303 which is only 2 away from the board projection of 1305.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – DR. MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner congratulated the girls' softball for their state championship win.

She also announced that school has started and everything seems to be moving along great without many problems. She also informed that board that the district now has an agreement with Mt. Edgecumbe High School for students at both schools to take classes at either campus. Currently there are students from Mt. Edgecumbe taking shop classes.

Superintendent Wegner stated that the road construction is well under way on Edgecumbe Drive, Baranof and DeGroff street.

She also informed the board that she is involved in a CTE Focus group at the state level and will be attending meetings for that group.

Superintendent Wegner was excited to share that Dr. Chu, chair of the National Endowment of the Arts was in town to visit Sitka for its rich arts presence.

She announced that the district received a refund check from our health insurance in the amount of \$104,000 which was the remaining 50% of our refund from 2 years ago.

She also announced that there is many programs that are helping our students not go hungry. The district now has breakfast being served in all 5 schools. Also Blessings in a Backpack has increased this year from 50 to about 230 students being able to receive food for the weekend. A big thank you to Kathy O'Gara for the Blessings in a Backpack.

Superintendent Wegner announced that the Alaska Measures of Progress (AMP) test results will be released in October. She reminded the community that this AMP test is different from other tests.

She also told the board that the Community Schools proposal and the grievance have been taking up a large amount of time.

She also informed the board that the schools are continuing to work on social emotional learning and thanked our partners with SAFV and AASB.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that she will be traveling to the Superintendent's Conference in King Salmon from September 23-27 and the Arts Council meeting on September 30th.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

There was no additional correspondence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

- **AASB ANNUAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 5-8, 2015**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Jennifer Robinson, President

Tim Fulton, Clerk