

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 1, 2020

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Erickson at 6:03 p.m. on the remote video conferencing service ZOOM.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Elias Erickson, Eric Van Cise, Dionne Brady-Howard, Amy Morrison, and Paul Rioux. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. Brady-Howard moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to amend the agenda by adding 12.a. *Executive Session*, and 12.b. *Selection of Interim Superintendent*.

Public comment

No public comment was offered.

The agenda as amended PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE SCHOOL LUNCH TEAM**

Superintendent Wegner congratulated the outstanding work of the Lunch Team. Many people came together in an incredibly short period of time to get meals out to students during the school closure.

- **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

There were no persons to be heard.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Principals Ben White, Jill Lecrone, Casey Demmert, Mandy Summer, and Laura Rogers reported to the School Board the ways they are using technology to teach remotely. All praised their staff for getting their virtual classrooms up and running so fast.

REPORTS

- **SITKA TRIBE OF ALASKA AND SITKA SCHOOL DISTRICT CULTURAL PROGRAM UPDATE**

Nancy Douglas and Lakrisha Johnson gave an update on the Sitka Tribe of Alaska and the Sitka School District's Cultural Programs.

- **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Rioux thanked the staff for their work in this difficult time. He also reported that his focus has been on the Interim Superintendent search.

Ms. Brady-Howard extended her thanks to the community for their patience during the search for an Interim Superintendent and thanked the community for their input in the process.

Mr. Van Cise thanked the staff for all that they are doing.

Ms. Morrison gave a huge thank you to all the staff for everything they have done during this time. She also thanked the community and everyone who has given their input regarding the Interim Superintendent selection.

President Erickson thanked everyone in the community for being patient with the School Board through the Interim Superintendent search process.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- **BUDGET REPORT**

Cassee Olin, Business Manager, gave an overview of the February Board Report. She reported that the district received the supplemental aid in the amount of \$309,600.61, quality schools funding, and impact aid.

- **ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Superintendent Wegner noted that the enrollment is holding very steady at 1,197.56.

- **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Superintendent Wegner updated the board on all the ways the COVID-19 crisis has affected the Sitka School District, staff and families. She expressed her appreciation to the staff for the way they re-tooled learning in the short span of a week. On day 1 of the mandate, teachers were ready to go, offering remote learning opportunities, meaningful connections, and creative lessons for their students.

Superintendent Wegner noted that her full report is available on the Sitka School District website to read in its entirety.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF MARCH 2, 2020 MINUTES**

Ms. Morrison moved; Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented

- **APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2020 MINUTES**

Public comment

No public comment was offered

- **APPROVAL OF MARCH 16, 2020**

The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

- **APPROVAL OF MARCH 17, 2020 MINUTES**

- **APPROVAL OF BP 1311**

**PARTICIPATION IN
COMMUNITY LIFE 2nd
READING**

- **APPROVAL OF BP 1312.2
PUBLIC COMPLAINTS
CONCERNING
INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIAL 2nd READING**

NEW BUSINESS

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:38 p.m. Ms. Morrison moved; Mr. Rioux seconded to go into Executive Session in accordance with and under the provision of AS 44.62.310 (c)(1)&(2); so as not to prejudice the reputation and character of any person. The board may choose to invite the candidates into the Executive Session.

Public comment

No public comment was offered

The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

At 9: 24 Ms. Morrison moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to reconvene in regular meeting.

Public comment

No public comment was offered

The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

- **SELECTION OF INTERIM
SUPERINTENDENT**

Ms. Morrison moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to appoint John Holst as Interim Superintendent for the 2020-21 School Year, subject to the School Board approval of the contract.

Public comment

No public comment was offered

The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

There was no correspondence.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND
INFORMATION**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **BUDGET HEARING**
APRIL 6, 2020
- **BUDGET WORK SESSION**
APRIL 9, 2020
- **FINAL BUDGET**
HEARING & BUDGET
APPROVL APRIL 22, 200
- **REGULAR SCHOOL**
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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Elias Erickson, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk