

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by Jennifer McNichol, President at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Jennifer McNichol, President; Cass Pook, Vice-President; Eric Van Cise, Clerk; Dionne Brady-Howard, Elias Erickson and Student Representative Joseph Pate

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

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

REGONITIONS

- **SITKA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

President McNichol and Coach Shasta Smith congratulated the Sitka High School Boys Cross Country team for winning the Region V meet and placing 2nd in the state championships. The Sitka High School Girls Cross Country team was also congratulated for going to the state championships.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

REPORTS

Matthew Turner, Sidney Carter, Tina Bachmier, and Charlie Woodcock gave an overview of the Sitka Afterschools program. Mr. Turner gave examples of the good things that are happening with the program and explained some of the challenges of running the program. Mr. Turner and other group members request financial support for the program.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Van Cise stated that he had met with Mr. Demmert, Keet Gooshi Heen Principal. Mr. Demmert reported that the positive behavior support program for students is going well, the staff likes it and are seeing good results. There will be Diana Browing Wright training on social emotional learning throughout the year for staff. New faces at Keet are Jose Rivera, AmeriCorps; Alex Dailey, paraprofessional; Kori Krause, paraprofessional; and Susan Ross, Physical Education teacher.

Ms. Pook informed the board that she attended the AASB Fall Boardmanship in Fairbanks. She encouraged the board members to go to the AASB website to look at the materials.

Mr. Erickson reported that he met with Jill Lecrone, Baranof Elementary Principal. This year recess has been moved before lunch. This has been a positive change as the kids do not rush through their lunch meal to get outside. It also allows the kids' time to relax after recess and hopefully improve attentiveness in the classroom. Mr. Erickson also thanked everyone who got out and voted in the recent election.

Ms. Brady-Howard spoke about the need to partner more with other educational institutions to address the funding issues that will continue to arise.

President McNichol stated that she attended the recent Cross Country region and state meets. As the liaison to Sitka High School, President McNichol met with Rob Miller of *Proactive Coaching*. Mr. Miller is in Sitka to assess and evaluate the activities programs at Sitka High School and learn more about the unique challenges facing Alaska student athletes.

President McNichol also thanked all the voters who turned out for the recent elections.

President McNichol thanked Cass Pook for her 17 years of service on the School Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE** Ms. Olin, Business Manager, gave an overview of the budget.

- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE** Superintendent Wegner reported that enrollment is currently 1,213.7. The official count dates are October 1-28.

- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner congratulated the Sitka High School Girls and Boys Cross Country teams who both went to the state championships.

Superintendent Wegner thanked all the local business who volunteered time to participate in the new Mock Interviews held last month for the Sitka High School students.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the district has a need for more substitute teachers and substitute para professionals.

Superintendent Wegner stated that she was looking forward to the School Board Goal Setting session coming up this weekend and thanked the School Board for their dedication.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 MINUTES**

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

NEW BUSINESS

- **DISCUSSION OF THE DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**
- **APPROVAL OF AASB RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ARTS EDUCATION**

After a short discussion, November 5th was selected for the November School Board Meeting.

Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve the Kodiak School Board’s AASB Resolution supporting Arts Education for all Alaskan students as presented. Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

There was no correspondence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SCHOOL BOARD GOAL SETTING OCTOBER 5-6, 2018**
- **SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2018**
- **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2018**
- **AASB ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 8-11, 2018 – ANCHORAGE**
- **SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE AUDITOR NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Jennifer McNichol, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk