CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board Meeting was called to order by President Amy Morrison at 6:00 p.m. in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Dr, Sitka, AK 99835

ROLL CALL

Members present were Andrew Hames, Blossom Teal-Olsen, Amy Morrison, Paul Rioux and student representative, Emily Fenno. Eric Van Cise was absent and excused. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Rioux. seconded to approve the board agenda and consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7 & 14, 2020 MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF BP 4112.10 EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS 2ND READING
- APPROVAL OF BP 5131 CONDUCT 2ND READING
- APPROVAL OF BP 5132 DRESS AND GROOMING 2ND READING
- APPROVAL OF BP 5137 POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE 2ND READING

RECOGNITIONS

- RECOGNIZE SCHOOL NURSE SHELLEY GILLASPEY

Mr. Rioux recognized Sitka School District Nurse, Shelley Gillaspey, for going above and beyond her regular duties in response to the COVID 19 crisis.
PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Principals Jill Lecrone, Casey Demmert, Ben White, Tyler McCarty and Mandy Summer gave the School Board brief highlights of the current and upcoming events at their respective schools.

Cultural Director, Jule Peterson informed the board that the Sitka Native Education Program (SNEP) would be going to a virtual format until the end of the year.

REPORTS

- REPORT ON REACH HOMESCHOOL

Connie McCarty and Jamie Eells gave an overview of what the REACH homeschool program offers families and the dramatic increase the program has experienced this year.

- REPORT ON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Sitka High School Activities Director, Rich Krupa reported on the activities that are currently happening and upcoming events. He noted that many events have been curtailed or cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Rioux noted he had reached out to the Sitka Tribe of Alaska Council by letter. He will attend the annual AASB Resolutions workshop November 5th and the AASB Conference November 6-8th.

Mr. Hames reported that parent teacher conferences had gone smoothly. The virtual ice cream social at Baranof Elementary was great to take part in. And he noted that he had participated in the AASB “Ready-Set-Govern” workshop for new School Board members.

Ms. Teal-Olsen met with the Policy committee. She is looking forward to her role as liaison to Sitka High School. And she reminded everyone of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska elections November 10th.

Student representative, Emily Fenno, reported that volleyball regions were postponed, and the state tournament is cancelled. She also noted that the student council recently met to elect officers.

Ms. Morrison met with the Educator Evaluation committee. She is looking forward to Superintendent Holst and herself meeting with the Sitka Tribe of Alaska in December.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:
Business Manager, Cassee Olin gave an overview of the September budget report.

Cassee Olin informed the School Board that student enrollment is currently 1138.75, projected enrollment was 1186.

Mr. Holst announced that the Commissioner of Education is allowing SSD to pilot a new teacher evaluation tool. Dr. Bruhl informed the district that the twice a month testing for COVID will be cut back to once a month. Mr. Holst also informed the board that Baranof Elementary School will stay open and in person when and if the rest of the district goes to virtual learning.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hames moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve keeping the travel guidelines put in place by the state of Alaska August 11, 2020.

Public Comment
Kelly Buxton and Mike Vieira spoke in favor of keeping the August 11th guidelines.

Motion carried.

This agenda item was tabled.

Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve the resolution by the Sitka School District authorizing the participation of its employees in the public employees’ deferred compensation plan of Alaska and the payment of the required contributions, pursuant to AS 39.45 ET SEQ as presented.

Public Comment
Mike Vieira spoke in favor of this resolution, especially for tier III employees.

Motion carried

Mr. Rioux moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve BP 3300 Expenditures/Expending Authority in 1st reading as presented.
PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment
None offered

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 5147 DROPOUT PREVENTION 1ST READING**
  
  Mr. Rioux moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve BP 5147 Dropout Prevention in 1st reading as presented.

  Public Comment
  Tristin Guevin noted that native students have a 20% lower graduation rate than white students.

  Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Hames seconded to table BP 5147 Dropout Prevention in 1st reading.

  Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 6163.4 SCHOOL GARDENS, GREENHOUSES, AND FARMS 1ST READING**
  
  Mr. Hames moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve BP 6163.4 School Gardens, Greenhouses, and Farms in 1st reading as presented.

  Public Comment
  None offered

  Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 5142.3 RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION 1ST READING**
  
  Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve BP 5142.3 Restraint and Seclusion in 1st reading as presented.

  Public Comment
  None offered

  Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AASB ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
  November 5-8, 2020 - ZOOM

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION - SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION**
  November 11, 2020 DO BOARDROOM
• SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH WORK SESSION
  NOVEMBER 18TH 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. - CENTENNIAL HALL

• STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK SESSION
  NOVEMBER 18TH 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - CENTENNIAL HALL

• NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m. DECEMBER 2, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Amy J. Morrison, President                  Paul G. Rioux, Clerk