

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 6, 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 President, Jennifer McNichol at 6:01 p.m. in the Sitka High School Library.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President Jennifer McNichol, Clerk Eric Van Cise, Dionne Brady-Howard, Elias Erickson and Student Representative, Quinlyn Holder. Cass Pook, Vice-President was absent and excused.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

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

REGONITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE THE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS** Mr. Van Cise presented plaques to the wrestlers who made it to the State tournament.

- **RECOGNIZE KEET GOOSHI HEEN AND BLATCHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS**

President McNichol presented plaques to the 1st and 2nd place geography bee winners from Keet Gooshi Heen and Blatchley Middle School.

Landon Kirkness –1st Place– Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School
Leilynn Swain – 2nd Place – Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School

Finnian Murphy – 1st Place Blatchley Middle School
Mina Brooks-Schmidt- 2nd Place Blatchley Middle School

- **RECOGNIZE BLATCHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS** President McNichol presented plaques to the 1st and 2nd place spelling bee winners from Blatchley Middle School. Zoe Trafton won 1st place and Adi Poulson won 2nd place.

- **RECOGNIZE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS** Superintendent Wegner read a proclamation from Governor Walker proclaiming February School Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Wegner thanked the board for their dedication to the staff and students of the Sitka School District.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Van Cise stated that he had spoken with Mr. Demmert, principal about the budget priorities at Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School. He also encouraged the community to attend

the budget hearing.

Mr. Erickson stated that he had a tour of Baranof Elementary School by Ms. Lecrone, principal and she also discussed the budget priorities for Baranof Elementary School.

Ms. Holder did not have anything to report.

Ms. Brady-Howard stated that the Elizabeth Peratrovich parade line up would be at 12:30 p.m. and realizes that the early release for the district might make it difficult for students to get to the parade on time.

President McNichol was pleased to see the increase in school spirit at the basketball games along with good sportsmanship. She also thanked Mike Kernin, SHS Music Director for putting on the Sitka Jazz Festival. Lastly, she thanked Mr. Van Cise and Tim Pike, SEA President, for their work in helping make the staff budget hearing more meaningful.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN** There were no questions from the board.
- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER** The enrollment continues to remain the same.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner congratulated the spelling and geography bee winners for their accomplishments. She also congratulated the wrestlers.

Superintendent Wegner thanked the administrators and staff for their help during the tsunami scare.

Superintendent Wegner thanked the school board for their work in the district.

Superintendent Wegner explained that K-2 discussion has been completed with meetings partnering with teachers for the past year. It has been decided by the committee that the district will continue to improve primary K-2 instruction but will not be moving 2nd grade to Baranof at this time.

Superintendent Wegner stated that there is a need for substitutes in the district.

Lastly, she informed the board of the process of coming up with a

district calendar for the 2018-19 school year including comments from staff and community members.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9, 2018 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 23, 2018 MINUTES**

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

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF SITKA HIGH SCHOOL OUT OF STATE TRAVEL**
- **APPROVAL OF 2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR**
- **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2018-01 ALASKA EDUCATION CHALLENGE**
- **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2018-02 SUPPORT FOR SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS**

Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to approve the Sitka High School track and field team to travel to Bellingham to compete in the Birger Solberg Invite. There was a brief question and answer session. Motion carried.

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the 2018-19 school calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve Resolution 2018-01 Alaska Education Challenge as presented. Motion carried.

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Mr. Erickson seconded approve Resolution 2018-02 Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

There was no correspondence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AASB LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN – FEBRUARY 10-13, 2018**
- **BUDGET HEARINGS**

Community Budget Hearing – February 28, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – SHS Library

Work Session – March 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – DO Board Room

Raven Radio Call In- 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Work Session – March 21, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.- DO Board Room
Final Budget Hearing and Budget Approval – April 17, 2018- 6:00
p.m. – DO Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Mr. Erickson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Jennifer McNichol, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk