

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2020

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Elias Erickson at 6:05 p.m. in the Sitka High School Library. 1000 Lake St, Sitka, AK 99835

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. Brady-Howard moved; Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the board agenda as presented. Motion passed.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE KGH SPELLING BEE WINNERS**
- **RECOGNIZE SHS DRAMA, DEBATE, AND FORENSICS TEAMS**

Mr. Rioux presented a Certificate of Achievement to Liam Knight, 1st place winner of Keet Gooshi Heen's (KGH) 2019-2020 Spelling Bee.

Mr. Van Cise presented Certificates of Achievement to the Drama, Debate, and Forensics (DDF) Team. They won the Division II Drama, Debate, Forensics, Overall Sweepstakes, and the All-Academic Award at the State Championship. Sitka also had 1st place wins in Informative Speaking, Mime, and Duet Acting.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Community member, Mike Svenson expressed his concerns about student involvement in climate change research.

Rebecca Poulson spoke to the *Leave Your Print* process for the Strategic Plan.

Cora Dow said the *Youth for Sustainable Futures* group would like the School Board to pass a resolution recognizing the existence of a climate change state of emergency.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Principals Ben White, Jill Lecrone, Casey Demmert, Mandy Summer, and Laura Rogers reported to the School Board highlights at their schools in the previous month.

REPORTS

- **UAS CAMPUS & SITKA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Interim Campus Director at UAS, Math Trafton updated the board on the Sitka School District and UAS Campus

PARTNERSHIPS

partnerships, including Sitka Starts, Dual Enrollment and the UAS open house in March 28th.

- **REPORT ON THE LEAVE YOUR PRINT CHALLENGE**

Kristin Daniels Executive Director of Innovate | 12, Superintendent Wegner, and Tristan Guevin gave an update on the *Leave Your Print* challenge. They spoke about the process of gathering ideas for the Strategic Plan and how the work will move forward from here.

- **UPDATE ON THE MTSS COHORT**

Consultant Diana Browning-Wright and Co-Assistant Superintendent Phil Burdick reported to the board the progress of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) cohort and the progress of the work.

- **UPDATE ON THE BASE PROGRAM**

Diana Browning-Wright and Learning Support Director, Chris Voron reported on the Behavior Academic Social Emotional (BASE) Program. They spoke about the work surrounding the Special Education Tier III Interventions.

- **MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Sarah Ferrency, Co-Assistant Superintendent, gave a brief presentation on the Migrant Education Program and how it is developing and positively impacting students in the school district.

- **FEBRUARY AASB FLY-IN**

Ms. Morrison reported on the many meetings and advocacy opportunities she and Mr. Erickson were able to have in Juneau. They were able to highlight SSD, the CTE program, and the 100% graduation rate for Alaska Native Students in the Sitka Schools.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Aridiane Lindberg reported on the many events that are happening at SHS, including Jazz Fest, Mock Trial, and drum making in NW Coast Arts.

Mr. Van Cise reported receiving many good comments from members of the public regarding SSD.

Ms. Morrison appreciated the reports given tonight and thanked all staff for their hard work

Mr. Rioux attended the KGH family night, he thanked the staff for their hard work. He has been working with Strategic Planning Team and was able to participate in the Human Centered Design Workshop this week.

Ms. Brady-Howard was happy so many people are giving feedback and are engaged in the Strategic Plan process. She and Mr. Rioux noted the excellent basketball season. They thanked

all the parents, students, staff, coaches, and volunteers that made it so successful.

President Erickson had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- **FEBRUARY BUDGET REPORT**
- **ENROLLMENT REPORT**
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Wegner gave an overview of the February Budget Report.

Superintendent Wegner noted she is encouraged that the enrollment is remaining steady at 1,197.5

Superintendent Wegner gave the board the highlights of what has happened since the last School Board Meeting. She noted current events and reminded everyone that Spring Break is the week of March 16th.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 30, 2020 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 3, 5, AND 17, 2020 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 1260 VISITS TO SCHOOLS 2nd READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 1312.3 PUBLIC COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION 2nd READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 1400 RELATIONS BETWEEN OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND THE SCHOOLS 2nd READING**

Ms. Morrison moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Rioux, Morrison, Van Cise, Brady-Howard & Erickson

- **APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF BP 1311 PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY LIFE 1st READING**

The Chair of the Policy Committee, Ms. Morrison, moved to approve BP 1311 Participation in Community Life in 1st Reading out of committee.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 1312.2 PUBLIC COMPLAINTS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS 1st READING**

The Chair of the Policy Committee, Ms. Morrison, moved to approve BP 1312.2 Public Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials in 1st Reading out of committee.

- **APPROVAL OF THE FY21 SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT**

Superintendent, Dr. Mary Wegner read her letter of resignation to the School Board.

Ms. Brady-Howard moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to accept Dr. Wegner's resignation as the Sitka School District Superintendent, effective June 30, 2020.

Public Comment
Phil Burdick

The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Rioux, Morrison, Van Cise, Erickson & Brady-Howard

Ms. Morrison moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to accept letters of interest from any Sitka School District Employee who holds a Type B Certificate and is interested in the position of Interim Superintendent for the FY21 School Year. The deadline for Letters of Interest will be 4:30 p.m. Friday March 6, 2020. The letters are to be sent to the School Board Secretary, Ruth Joens.

Public Comment
Roxann Gagner

After discussion and amendment, the following motion was adopted; Accept letters of interest from any Sitka School District employee or non-employee who holds a Type B Certificate and is interested in the position of Interim Superintendent for the FY21 School Year. The deadline for Letters of Interest will be 4:30 p.m. Friday March 13, 2020. The letters are to be sent to the School Board Secretary, Ruth Joens.

The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Morrison, Erickson, Van Cise, Brady-Howard & Rioux

- **APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION**

Ms. Morrison moved; Mr. Van Cise seconded to remove item 12.d. Superintendent's Evaluation from the agenda. Motion passed.

President Erickson announced that there will be a Special School Board Meeting March 16th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room. In Executive Session the board will discuss potential candidate's Letters of Interest and may choose to have a discussion with prospective candidates' in Executive Session.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Superintendent, Dr. Mary Wegner's Resignation Letter was given as correspondence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **REGULAR SCHOBOARD MEETING APRIL 1, 2020**
- **LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN MARCH 28-31, 2020 - JUNEAU, AK**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Elias Erickson, President

Erick Van Cise, Clerk