

# SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2019 – 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 6:02 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present were, President Jennifer McNichol, Vice-President Elias Erickson, Clerk Eric Van Cise, Dionne Brady-Howard, Amy Morrison, and Student Representative Joseph Pate. The meeting was quorate.

## **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

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

Motion carried.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- **RECOGNIZE THE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA, DEBATE & FORENSICS TEAM**

President McNichol recognized the Sitka High School Drama, Debate & Forensics Team for taking 1<sup>st</sup> in State in both Drama and Debate, and winning the State Sweepstakes title.

## **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

No persons to be heard

## **REPORTS**

- **REPORT ON SITKA HIGH SCHOOL UNITED NATIONS TEAM**
- **REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY AASB FLY-IN**

Owen Fulton reported on the Sitka High School Model United Nations Team travel to Anchorage. The SHS team represented the West African country of Côte d'Ivoire during the conference.

President McNichol and Mr. Erickson gave an overview of the February AASB Fly-in in Juneau, AK. Mr. Erickson stated that he and President McNichol were very busy meeting legislators on February 11-12, and there was a consensus in the legislature that education needs to be supported.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Pate had nothing to report.

Mr. Van Cise congratulated staff, parents, and community members for the success of Discover Your Potential (DYP) week at Blatchley Middle School. Mr. Van Cise reported that he

appreciates the conversations he has had with staff and families about the FY20 budget.

Ms. Morrison reminded everyone that Region V Basketball is happening at Mt Edgecumbe High School this week. She congratulated Rich Krupa, Activities Director, for his hard work in organizing the event.

Mr. Erickson reported he attended the February 26, 2019 Assembly Meeting to speak in support of the City of Sitka's resolution to support Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization.

Ms. Brady-Howard had nothing to report.

President McNichol thanked Rich Krupa, Activities Director, in organizing the Region V Basket Ball Tournament. She also reminded everyone that the Sitka High School teams will be playing tomorrow and Friday. President McNichol noted that she and Dr. Wegner met with Mayor Gary Paxton and City Administrator Keith Brady to have a preliminary discussion about the budget.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN** Cassee Olin, Business Manager gave an overview of the budget update.
  
- **ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER** Superintendent Wegner informed the board that student enrollment is holding steady at 1216.75.
  
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT –MARY WEGNER**

Superintendent Wegner thanked all the teachers, families, and students who met during Parent Teacher Conference week. She also thanked the Blatchley Middle School staff and community members who volunteered their time to organize the successful Discover Your Potential week.

Superintendent Wegner applauded our food service provider, Nana Management, for offering Chef for a Day at Keet Gooshi Heen, Blatchley, and Sitka High School this year.

Superintendent Wegner announced that Educator Rising is starting at Sitka High School as an afterschool activity. This is a statewide and national program to support high school students to become teachers.

Lastly, Superintendent Wegner noted that her full report is available on the web site to read in its entirety.



A roll call vote was required.

Yes

No

Brady-Howard  
Erickson  
Morrison  
Van Cise  
Pate  
McNichol

Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF THE FY20 BUDGET**

Dr. Wegner and Business Manager Cassee Olin gave a presentation on several budget scenarios in light of Governor Dunleavy's budget. The Board discussed the proposed FY20 Budget and took public comment.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

There was no correspondence.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

• **BUDGET HEARINGS**

- March 11, 2019 6:00 p.m. – Works Session – SHS Library
- March 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – Raven Radio Call-in
- April 1, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. – Budget Hearing and Work Session – SHS Library
- April 4, 2019 6:00 p.m. – Budget Work Session with the Assembly – Harrigan Centennial Hall
- April 17, 2019 6:00 p.m. – Final Budget Hearing & Final Budget Approval – SHS Library

• **ACSA LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN, MARCH 24-27, 2019 – JUNEAU**

• **NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING APRIL 3, 2019**

The Next regular Board Meeting is April 3, 2019 at the ANB Founders Hall.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS UNION NEGOTIATIONS**

Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to go into Executive Session in accordance with and under the provisions of AS 44.62.310(c)(1) & (4), the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the district. The matters to be discussed are Sitka Education Association and Sitka Educational Support Professional Association negotiations. Superintendent Wegner, Co-assistant Superintendent Phil Burdick and Business Manager Cassee Olin are invited.

Motion carried

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Mr. Erickson seconded that the board return to regular session.

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

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Jennifer McNichol, President

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Eric Van Cise, Clerk