Sitka School Board Meeting
April 13, 2017

7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting
Sitka High School Library

2016-17 Goals and Objectives

The Sitka School District will:

- Close the achievement gap for all demographics.
- Improve the positive response rates on the School Climate and Connectedness Survey in the areas of respectful climate, school safety, and student and parent involvement.

2016-17 Self-Improvement Plan for 2016-17:

1. Develop a Policy Review Committee
   a. Come up with a schedule of review
   b. Team with staff and community for the committee
2. Enhance the New Member Orientation Process
   a. Use AASB sheet as a starter
   b. Becoming a Better Board Member now in digital form

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE BOARD

1. The Board’s primary focus is student achievement and success.
2. Every effort will be made to maintain a comprehensive educational program.
3. Securing adequate resources is essential to the district’s ability to support its program.
4. The Board will promote the shared responsibility of education with parents, community and students.
5. There will be a consistent effort to eliminate barriers to learning for all students.
6. The Board will maintain an awareness of the impact of change on staff as they make decisions for the district.
7. The Board will implement a technology supported educational program that promotes creativity, individualism and diversity.
8. The Board recognizes the importance and value of early childhood development and education on student achievement and success.
9. We believe that a systematic, transparent budgeting process is foundational to the operation of our public schools.
10. Professional learning opportunities are essential for all staff.
Sitka School District Mission:
“Sitka Schools: Discovering potential, nurturing growth, and inspiring lifelong curiosity.”

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6:00 p.m. – School Board Meeting

Sitka High School

Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
5. Recognitions
   a. Recognize Sitka High School Girls Basketball
   b. Recognize Sitka High School Boys Basketball
   c. Recognize Sitka High School Drama and Debate
   d. Recognize Sitka High School Mock Trial
   e. Recognize Students Helping Blessings in a Backpack
   f. Recognize Keet Gooshi Heen Spelling Bee Winners
6. Persons To Be Heard
7. Reports
   a. Update on REACH – Toby Campbell
   b. Presentation on Logo – Jennifer Robinson
   c. AASB Fly in – Cass Pook & Jennifer McNichol
   d. Clerk’s Report
8. Board Member Reports
9. Administrative Reports:
   a. Budget Update – Cassee Olin
   b. Enrollment Update- Mary Wegner
   c. Superintendent Update – Mary Wegner
10. Consent Agenda (These items will be considered in a single motion and will not be discussed unless an item is requested to be taken off the consent agenda by a Board Member)
    a. Approval of March 6, 2017 Minutes
11. New Business
    a. Approval of Long Term Substitute Teacher
    b. Approval of Joining National School Board American Indian/Alaska Native Caucus of School Board Members
    c. Approval of BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention – First Reading - PC
    d. Approval of BP 5141.41 Sex Abuse and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention – First Reading - PC
    e. Approval of BP 5145.15 Student and Family Privacy Rights – First Reading - PC
    f. Approval of BP 6020 Parent Involvement – First Reading - PC
    g. Approval of BP 6114 Crisis Response Plan – First Reading - PC
12. Correspondence and Information (Separate Packet)
13. Upcoming Events
    a. Budget Hearings/Work Sessions
       • April 18, 2017 – 6 p.m. – Final Budget Hearing/ Budget Approval DO Board Room
    b. Performing Arts Center Tour – TBA
    c. Important Dates:
       • Pacific High School Graduation – May 18, 2017
       • Sitka High School Graduation – May 22, 2017
14. Adjournment
Misc. Wording:

Meeting time requirement wording:

Meetings will adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (or Alaska Daylight Standard Time) unless by a majority vote of the board the meeting is extended 30 minutes to 11:00 p.m. Further 30 minute extensions will require each a separate motion that will require a unanimous vote of those members present and constituting a quorum.

**Recognitions**

5.a. **Recognize SHS Girls Basketball**

Sitka High School girls won Region V 3A tournament and came in 2nd place at State.

**2016-17 - SITKA LADY WOLVES – VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL**

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Manager: Erika Seehafer

Coaches: Sondra Lundvick, Rich Krupa, Mindy Bartolaba

5.b. **Recognize SHS Boys Basketball**

Sitka High School boys won Region V 3A tournament and went to State.

5.c. **Recognize SHS DDF**

Sitka High School Drama Debate and Forensics won many awards at the State tournament.

5.d. **Recognize Sitka High School Mock Trial Participants**

Students from Sitka High School who participated in Mock Trial.

5.e. **Recognize Students Helping with Blessings in a Backpack**

Emma Falvey and Coral Papoi were both an integral part of the success of Blessings in a Backpack this year.

5.f. **Recognize Keet Gooshi Heen Spelling Bee winners**

Landon Kirkness – 3rd Grade – First Place
Cameron Castro – 4th Grade – Runner up

**Consent Agenda**
9.a. Approval of March 6, 2017 Minutes

“I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.”

New Business

11.a. Approval of Long Term Substitute Teacher

Heather Lockwood has been hired as a long term substitute for the remainder of the school year.

A Roll Call Vote is Required.

“I move to approve hiring Heather Lockwood as the long term substitute for Jeremy Peterson.”

11.b. Approval of Joining National School Board American Indian/Alaska Native Caucus of School Board Members

Cass has requested that the Sitka School Board joins the NSBA American Indian/Alaska Native Caucus. The cost will be $50 per person.

“I move to approve joining the National School Board American Indian/Alaska Native Caucus of School Board Member.”

A Roll Call Vote is Required.

11.c. Approval of BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention – First Reading – PC

A couple of months ago Elias Erickson requested that this policy be brought back to the policy committee for them to consider adding a section about educating parents/guardians. There was no objection to the recommendation.

“I move to approve BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention in first reading.”

11.d. Approval of BP 5141.41 Sex Abuse and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention – First Reading – PC

Substantial changes were made to the text of the policy to add school district's additional obligations to train employees on sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention and dating violence and abuse, as outlined in new statutes AS 14.30.355 and AS 14.30.356.

“I move to approve BP 5141.41 Sex Abuse and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention in first reading.”

11.e. Approval of 5145.15 Student and Family Privacy Rights – First Reading – PC

The text of this policy is updated to reflect the change in AS 14.03.110 addressing student surveys and questionnaires. As of June 30, 2017, this statute will require written parent consent before a school administers or permits to be administered a questionnaire or survey in a school. Previously written consent was only requires for surveys or questionnaires that inquired into personal or private family affairs of a student. The policy was also revised to require schools to provide notice of who will have access to the results of the questionnaire or survey, in addition to other notice requirements.

“I move to approve BP 5145.15 Student and Family Privacy Rights in first reading.”

11.f. Approval of BP 6020 Parent Involvement – First Reading – PC

This policy has substantial revisions to implement newly enacted AS 14.30.016 entitled "A parent's right to direct the education of the parent's child". Language has been added to implement the specific rights of parents to opt out of activities, classes, programs, and state assessments; to have access to curricular
materials; and to withdraw students for religious holidays as defined by the parent. Language has also been added explaining that a student may not be penalized when a parent chooses to remove his or her student from an activity.

“I move to approve BP 6020 Parent Involvement in first reading.”

11.g. Approval of BP 6114 Crisis Response Plan – First Reading – PC

The policy language has been updated to reflect the requirement that employees be trained on crisis response within two years of being hired.

“I move to approve BP 6114 Crisis Response Plan in first reading.”
# Sitka School Board Calendar

The dates of some items may vary. Some items are not addressed by the Board annually.

## July

- Validation of New Teachers’ Contracts
- Validation of New Administrators’ Contracts
- Educational Plan Development
- Fall Boardsmanship Academy
- Goal Setting

## August

## September

- Oath of Office
- Election of Board Officers
- Budget Development Guidelines
- Principal Appreciation Month
- SHS Student Government Meeting Oct/Nov
- Sitka Tribe of Alaska Work Session Oct/Nov

## October

## November

- AASB Annual Conference

## December

- Audit Report/Letter to Management
- Winter Boardsmanship Academy

## January

- Budget Revision
- AASB Legislative Fly-In and Leadership Training
- Superintendent’s Evaluation/Contract Renewal

## February

- Budget Public Hearings
- Board Appreciation Month
- Sitka Tribe of Alaska Work Session Feb/Mar
- AASB Legislative Fly-In

## March

- Budget Public Hearings
- AASB Legislative Fly-In and Spring Boardsmanship Academy

## April

- Budget Approval
- Budget Due to City Assembly
- Strategic Plan Report/Review
- Add/update Policies as recommended by AASB

## May

- Teacher Appreciation Week

## June

- Budget Revision
- Assistant Superintendent Contract
- Validation of Administrators’ Contracts
- Validation of Teachers’ Contracts
- Legislative Priorities
- Review Crisis Response Plan
- Pool Fees every 2 years - 2015