Sitka School Board Meeting
May 1, 2017
6:00 p.m. – Retirement Celebration
6:30 p.m. – Board Meeting
Sitka High School Library

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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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Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
5. Recognitions
   a. Recognize Student Representative Elias Erickson
6. Persons To Be Heard
7. Reports
   a. Presentation on Career and Technical Education – SHS
   b. 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 April 13, 2017 Minutes
    b. Approval of April 18, 2017 Minutes
    c. Approval of BP 6020 Parent Involvement – Second Reading – PC
    d. Approval of BP 6114 Crisis Response Plan – Second Reading – PC
    e. Approval of BP 5141.41 Sex Abuse and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention – Second Reading – PC
    f. Approval of BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention – Second Reading – PC
11. Old Business
    a. Approval of Joining National School Board American Indian/Alaska Native Caucus of School Board Members
    b. Approval of BP 5145.15 Student and Family Privacy Rights – First Reading – PC
12. New Business
    a. Review of AR 6020 Parent Involvement
    b. Approval of BP 6142.2 Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs – First Reading – PC
    c. Approval of BP 6142.1 Family Life/Sex Education – First Reading – PC
    d. Approval of BP 6171 Title I Programs – First Reading – PC
13. Correspondence and Information (Separate Packet)
14. Upcoming Events
    a. Performing Arts Center Tour – TBA
    b. Important Dates:
       • Pacific High School Graduation – May 18, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. – Sheet’ka Kwaan Nakahidi
       • Sitka High School Graduation – May 22, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. SHS Gym
       • Blatchley Middle School Rites of Passage – May 23, 2017- 11:00 a.m. – BMS Gym
15. 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 Student Representative – Elias Erickson

**Reports**

7.a. Presentation on Career and Technical Education – SHS

**Consent Agenda**

10.a. Approval of April 13, 2017 Minutes

10.b. Approval of April 18, 2017 Minutes

10.c. Approval of BP 6020 Parent Involvement – Second 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.

10.d. Approval of BP 6114 Crisis Response Plan – Second 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.

10.e. Approval of BP 5141.41 Sex Abuse and Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention – Second 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.

10.f. Approval of BP 5141.52 Suicide Prevention – Second 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.

**Old Business**

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

At the last board meeting there was a question on the wording of the survey portion of this proposed board policy. After looking at previous emails from AASB and relooking at the law AS 14.03.110 the policy was updated to keep the parental consent is needed if the survey inquires into personal or private information.

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

New Business

12.a. Review New AR6020 Parent Involvement

This administrative regulation was written to be consistent with the updated policy.

12.b. Approval of BP 6141.2 Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs – First Reading – PC

The language has been changed to add that parents have the rights to have their children excused from religious holidays practiced by that family. This change was added to comply with AS 14.30.016.

“I move to approve BP 6141.2 Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs in first reading.”

12.c. Approval of BP 6142.1 Family Life/Sex Education – First Reading – PC

This policy has been updated to reflect two new laws, AS 14.30.016, “A parent’s right to direct the education of the parent’s child”, and AS 14.30.361, “Sex education, human reproductive education, and human sexuality education”. The policy language now provides that sex education may only be taught by a certificated teacher of the district or by an individual approved by the School Board and that is supervised by a district teacher. In the latter case, parents have the right to review the individual’s credentials and policy language has been added reflecting this. Language has also been added requiring School Board approval of sex ed. curricular materials, advance notice to parents of sex ed. instruction and the ability to opt out their student, and the right of parents to review the curricular materials. The legal reference section has been updated.

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

12.d. Approval of BP 6171 Title 1 Programs – First Reading – PC

The policy language has been revised to reflect the requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act that focuses on the use of federal funds to increase student achievement on state academic standards. The ESSA has expanded the focus of parent involvement to whole family engagement in helping to increase student outcomes. The Exhibit's title has also changed to "Notice to Parents Required by Every Student Succeeds Act" to reflect the federal change from NCLB. Despite this, for the 2016-17 school year, federal notices to be given to parents are based on NCLB requirements. However, certain notices are not required for the 2016-17 school year, including notice that a student is not taught by a highly qualified teacher. The Exhibit has removed notices that are not required for the 2016-17 school year, and has amended accountability notices to reflect the NCLB waiver. While that waiver expires in August 2016, Alaska will still implement school improvement plans and interventions for schools designated as priority or focus schools, and notice should be given to parents accordingly.

“I move to approve BP 6171 Title 1 Programs in first reading.”
Sitka School Board Calendar

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

July

August

September

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

October

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

November

AASB Annual Conference

December

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