Sitka School Board Meeting

May 6, 2013

6:00 p.m. – Retirement Celebration
7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

Sitka High School Library

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2012-13 Board Goals

Goal - The Board will engage the community in defining and implementing a valued public education.

Goal - The School District will work towards losing the achievement gap for students who qualify as low income.

Goal - Define a process for which curriculum is reviewed and reported.

Goal - The Board will support staff in tangible ways to further develop their skills in the art and science of teaching.

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.
Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
5. Recognitions
   a. Recognition of Ann Marie Pike – Poetry Out-Loud
   b. Recognition of Scott McArthur – Outstanding Teacher
   c. Recognition of Maggie Dunn – Spirit of Youth
   d. Recognition of Katie Davis – Spirit of Youth
   e. Recognition of Jesseca Bartelds – Student Representative
   f. Recognition of Nancy Douglas – Charlie Joseph Award
   g. Recognition of BP Teacher Nominations – Ariel Coleman and Rob Parsons
   h. Recognition of 2013 Junior Duck Stamp Contest Winners
      1. Alexa Aviles – 1st place – 2nd Grade
      2. Marlene Sarmiento – 1st place – 3rd Grade
      3. Grace Harang – 1st Place
      4. Nicholas Oliphant – 1st Place
      5. Nicolo Calsada – 1st Place – 9th Grade
      6. Jomar Molina – 2nd Place – Kindergarten
      7. Krystal Joy Coloma – 2nd Place – 3rd Grade
      8. Allison Christner – 2nd Place
      9. Jericson Africano – 2nd Place – 7th Grade
     10. Kallie Vonscheerschmidt – 3rd Place – 8th Grade
     11. Kindly Malassab – 3rd Place – 11th Grade
6. Persons To Be Heard
7. Special Reports
   a. Report on Sitka Sound Science Center – Lisa Busch
   b. Report on 4th Grade Future Problem Solving Team
   d. Report on National School Board Association Meeting – Lon Garrison
8. 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 28, 2013 Minutes
   b. Approval of April 2, 2013 Minutes
   c. Approval of April 22, 2013 Minutes
   d. Approval of Tenured Contracts
9. New Business
   a. Approval of SHS Basketball Travel to California
   b. Approval of Sitka Education Support Personnel Association 2013-2016 Negotiated Agreement
   c. Discussion on Excused Absences Policy
   d. Discussion on Teacher Absences Associated with School Activities
   e. Set June School Board Meeting Date
10. Administrative Reports:
   a. Enrollment Update (Written) – Steve Bradshaw
   b. Budget Update – Steve Bradshaw
   c. Superintendent Update – Steve Bradshaw
11. Correspondence and Information (Separate Packet)
12. Board Comments/Discussion
13. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates
   a. Raven Radio Interview, May 7, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.
   b. Work Session, May 21 @ 7:00 p.m. in the DO Board Room – Topic: Math
   c. Work Session, June 18 @ 7:00 p.m. in the DO Board Room – Topic: Technology
14. Adjournment
Administrative Response

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Special Report

7.a. Report on Sitka Sound Science Center – Lisa Busch
7.b. Report on 4th Grade Future Problem Solving Team – Rebecca Himschoot
   After qualifying to compete at the “affiliate bowl” level, 5 KGH 4th graders traveled to Soldotna to compete against teams in 5th and 6th grade – ours was the youngest team there. FPS is an academic competition in which students research a topic, then work with their team to find challenges and an underlying problem, then multiple solutions to the problem. They then evaluate their solutions and use a grid and criteria to select the best one. This solution is then written into an action plan.
   This academic competition is rigorous – students research for weeks ahead, then apply what they’ve learned in a two-hour session without their coach.

7.e. Report on NSBA Conference – Lon Garrison

Administrative Response

Consent Agenda

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“I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.”
9.a. Approval of Sitka High School Basketball Travel to California

“I move to approve Sitka High School Basketball travel to California for the Kendall Basketball tournament.”


SESPA Negotiations went very well. Included in your packet are changes to the agreement.

“I move to approve the 2013-16 SESPA Negotiated Agreement as presented.”

9.c. Discussion on Excused Absences Policy

Lon has included a copy of Unalaska’s Board Policy and the Sitka School District policy on absences.

9.d. Discussion of Teacher Absences Associated with School Activities

Lon has included a copy of Unalaska’s Board Policy.

9.e. Set June School Board Meeting

Administrative Response

Administrative Reports

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I will discuss the various things that have been occurring in the district.

Administrative Response

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