Sitka School Board Meeting
June 21, 2016
6:00 p.m. – School Board Meeting
District Office Board Room

2015-16 Board Goals

The Sitka School District will:

1. work towards closing the achievement gap for students who qualify as low income.
2. develop a 5 year strategic budget plan that will be updated annually.
3. support all district staff to grow professionally.
4. develop a definition of the Sitka School District’s measurement of student success and school completion including but not limited to graduation.
   a. pull the board and community into discussions
5. foster family engagement by researching and adopting models that support welcoming and academically sound schools.

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.
1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
5. Persons To Be Heard
6. Board Member Reports
7. 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 May 2, 2016 Minutes
   b. Approval of May 17, 2016 Minutes
   c. Approval of Tenure and Non-Tenure Contracts
   d. Approval of Administrator Contracts
   e. Approval of Revision of BP 4030 Non-Discrimination in Employment –Second Reading- AASB
   f. Approval of Revision of BP 6174 Bilingual –Second Reading - AASB/PC
   g. Approval of Revision of BP 6146.5 Differential Requirements for Individuals with Exceptional Needs – Second Reading - AASB/PC
8. New Business
   a. Approval of FY 16 Final Budget Revision
   b. Approval of Increasing School Lunch Prices
   c. Review of AR 5111 and E 5111 Admission
   d. Approval of BP 4158 Employee Security – First Reading - AASB
   e. Approval of BP 5030 School Discipline and Safety- First Reading - AASB
   f. Approval of BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs – First Reading- AASB
   g. Approval of Type M Certifications
   h. Set August School Board Date
   i. Discussion of School Board Survey
9. Administrative Reports:
   a. Superintendent Update – Mary Wegner
10. Correspondence and Information (Separate Packet)
11. Upcoming Events
    a. Board Goal Setting, August 26-27, 2016
12. 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.

Consent Agenda

7.a. Approval of May 2, 2016 Minutes
7.b. Approval of May 17, 2016 Minutes
7.c. Approval of Tenure and Non-Tenure Contracts
7.d. Approval of Administrator Contracts
7.e. Approval of Revision of BP 4030 Non-Discrimination in Employment –Second Reading- AASB
7.f. Approval of Revision of BP 6174 Bilingual –Second Reading - AASB/PC
7.g. Approval of Revision of BP 6146.5 Differential Requirements for Individuals with Exceptional Needs – Second Reading - AASB/PC

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

New Business

8.a. Approval of FY16 Final Budget Revision

8.b. Approval of Increasing School Lunch Prices

8.c. Review of AR 5111 and E 5111 Admission

Administration has reviewed our early entry requirements and made the following changes to clarify and streamline the process.

8.d. Approval of BP 4158 Employee Security – First Reading - AASB

The changes were made to the text of the policy to prohibit the use of restraint and seclusion except in emergency situations as outlined in law.

“I move to approve BP 4158 Employee Security in first reading."

8.e. Approval of BP 5030 School Discipline and Safety –First Reading – AASB/PC

The changes were made to the text of the policy to prohibit the use of restraint and seclusion except in emergency situations as outlined in law. This policy was also updated to reflect the requirement that districts report incidents of restraint and seclusion.

“I move to approve BP 5030 School Discipline and Safety in first reading."

8.f. Approval of Revision of BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs – AASB/PC

A note was added and the text of the policy was revised to clarify that students are prohibited from using, selling or distributing any controlled substance, under state or federal law. This change was made due to the passage of AS 17.38, which authorizes the use, possession and distribution of marijuana for some individuals, under some conditions. While all marijuana use, possession and distribution is still prohibited for those under 21, the revision makes clear that a student 21 or over is still prohibited from using, selling or distributing marijuana, based on federal law.
“I move to approve BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs in first reading.”

8.g. Approval of Type M Certifications

Roby Littlefield is continuing to teach Tlingit classes at Blatchley Middle School and Sitka High School, in order for her to continue teaching these classes she needs to reapply for a Type M Alaska teaching certification. In addition to Roby Littlefield we are also needing to write a letter of support for Patrick Hughes so that he will be able to substitute in the shop area this upcoming school year.

“I move to approve writing a letter in support for Roby Littlefield to apply for a Type M teaching certification for Alaska Native language and for Patrick Hughes for his Type M teaching certification for Career and Technical Education.”

8.h Set August School Board Date

After completing the Doodle poll last week it appears that the best day for board members to attend the board meeting will be August 25th.

8.i. Discussion of School Board Survey

Administrative Reports

9.b. Superintendent Update- Mary Wegner

Upcoming Events

11.a. Upcoming Events
   a. Board Goal Setting, August 26-27, 2016
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
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

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