2014-15 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. revise the annual budget process.
5. Increase the graduation rate to at least 95%.

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. Reports
   a. Educator Evaluation Update – Phil Burdick
   b. Clerk’s Report
7. Board Member Reports
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 May 6, 2015
   b. Approval of Co-Assistant Superintendents Contracts
   c. Approval of Tenured Teacher Contracts
   d. Approval of Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts
   e. Approval of Administrator Contracts
9. New Business
   a. Discussion of BMS Music Travel
   b. Approval of Pool Fee Increases
   c. Approval of FY15 Final Budget Revision
   d. Approval of Audit RFP
   e. Approval of Revision to BP 5141.4 Child Abuse and Neglect – First Reading
   f. Review of Revision to AR 5141.4 Child Abuse and Neglect
   g. Approval of Revision to BP 6010 Student Achievement- First Reading
   h. Approval of BP 6155 Class Examinations/Challenging Courses by Examination – First Reading
   i. Review of AR 6155 Class Examinations/Challenging Courses by Examination
   j. Set August School Board Meeting Date
10. Administrative Reports:
    a. Superintendent Update – Mary Wegner
11. Correspondence and Information (Separate Packet)
12. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates
    a. Staff Welcoming – August 20, 2015
    b. Board Goal Setting – August 28 and 29, 2015
13. Adjournment
Reports

7.a. Educator Evaluation Report – Phil
7.b. Clerk’s Report

Consent Agenda

9.a. Approval of May 6, 2015
9.b. Approval of Assistant Superintendents Contracts
9.c. Approval of Tenured Teacher Contracts
9.d. Approval of Non-Tenured Teacher Contracts
9.e. Approval of Administrator Contracts

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

A ROLL CALL VOTE IS REQUIRED.

New Business

10.a. Discussion of BMS Music Travel
10.b. Approval of Pool Fee Increases

A Roll Call Vote is Required.

10.c. Approval of FY15 Final Budget Revision

A Roll Call Vote is Required.

10.d. Approval of Audit RFP

A Roll Call Vote is Required.

10.e. Approval of Revision to BP 5141.4 Child Abuse and Neglect

Policy changes recommended by AASB Attorney

The policy and AR have been updated to reflect a recent change to the definition of mandatory reporter in AS 47.17.020. Specifically, public school athletic coaches are now required to report child abuse and neglect. This also means that districts are required to provide coaches with training on recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect. An athletic coach is defined as “a paid leader or assistant of a sports team.” AS 47.17.290. Additional changes were made to the policy and AR to more clearly identify reporting obligations and procedures. In addition, language was added to the AR regarding confidentiality requirements.

10.f. Review of Revision to AR 5141.4 Child Abuse and Neglect

10.g. Approval of Revision to BP6010 Student Achievement – First Reading

Policy changes recommended by AASB Attorney

The policy has been updated to reflect amendments to 4 AAC 06.825, Graduation and attendance rates. This regulation requires school districts to establish target dates for achieving a 90% or better graduation rate, and a 95% or better attendance rate. School boards should carefully consider their current attendance and graduation rates, and plans to improve those rates, in selecting target dates. The explanatory note has been revised to explain the requirement just discussed, as well as identifying the student subgroups to which the graduation and attendance rates will apply. Finally, the legal reference section has been updated.

The target dates will need to be decided by the Board and inserted into the policy prior to formal adoption.
10.h. Approval of BP 6155 Class Examinations/Challenging Courses by Examination – First Reading

Policy changes recommended by AASB Attorney

The new policy and AR address the requirement in 4 AAC 06.065 that districts provide an opportunity for secondary students to challenge certain courses. Districts should have this process in place by July 1, 2015. 4 AAC 06.065 also requires districts to develop a written policy regarding the grading or evaluation of successfully challenged courses. The AR provides guidelines and procedures for challenging courses, including procedures for requesting a course challenge; limitations on the number of units of credit that may be earned through challenge; and the test content and administration.

10.i. Review of AR 6155 Class Examinations/Challenging Courses by Examination

10.j. Set August School Board Meeting Date

This will be when you need to schedule the August board meeting. Laurie will be out of town from August 19th-30th.

Administrative Reports

11.c. Superintendent Update  - Mary Wegner

Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

13.a. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates
   a. Opening Ceremonies – August 20, 2015
   b. Board Goal Setting – August 28 and 29, 2015
## Sitka School Board Calendar

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

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| September | Validation of New Teachers’ Contracts  
  Validation of New Administrators’ Contracts  
  Educational Plan Development  
  Fall Boardsmanship Academy  
  Goal Setting  
| October | Budget Development Guidelines  
  Principal Appreciation Month  
  SHS Student Government Meeting Oct/Nov  
  Sitka Tribe of Alaska Work Session Oct/Nov  
| November | Oath of Office  
  Election of Board Officers  
  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 Tenured and Non Teachers’ Contracts  
  Legislative Priorities  
  Review Crisis Response Plan  