The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Lon Garrison at 7:06 p.m.

Members present were, President, Lon Garrison, Vice-President Tim Fulton, Tonia Rioux, and Jennifer Robinson. Clerk, Cass Pook was absent and excused.

There was a brief discussion regarding the lack of the monetary figures with the new teacher contracts. It was decided to leave the agenda as presented. Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Rioux seconded to approve the agenda as proposed.

Assistant Superintendent Mary Wegner swore in John (JD) Murphy Student Representative.

Last year, Kristen Homer and Elana Gustafson stepped up for the 8th grade students of Blatchley Middle School. They helped develop and implement a sexual education curriculum for the 8th grade. Mr. White, BMS Principal, also thanked them for their help.

The following students were awarded the following awards for their State Fish Art entries.

Grades K-3
1st place in Alaska: Carl Coloma (then a 3rd grader)
2nd place in Alaska: Krystal Joy Coloma (then a 3rd grader)
3rd place in Alaska: Jedidiah Llenado (then a 1st grader)

Grades 4-6
1st place in Alaska: Adrian Aviles (then a 4th grader)
3rd place in Alaska: Mark Sarmiento (then a 4th grader)

Grades 7-9
1st place in Alaska: Gian Carlo
INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHERS

The new teachers for the 2013-14 school year are:

- Alison Gilbert – Speech Pathologist
- Kathleen Yanamura – Principal - BES
- Judith Young – Special Education – BES
- Brandy Peer – Special Education – BES
- Jaquette Carroll – ½ Reading – BES
- Jill LeCrone – 1st Grade – BES
- Megan Bahrt – 5th Grade – KGH
- Robyn Taylor – Vice-Principal – BMS
- Mike Kaminsky – Special Education – BMS
- Amanda Duvall – Technology Teacher – BMS
- Aimee Smith – Special Education – BMS
- Bridgette Whitcomb – Science – BMS
- Josef Ploetzner – Math – BMS
- Lindsay Jorgensen – Math – BMS
- Mark Insteness – Special Education – BMS
- Johnnie Cotton- Vice-Principal – SHS
- Ben Clark – English /Social Studies – SHS

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- REPORT ON GOAL SETTING
  President Garrison gave an overview of the board goal setting weekend. He informed the public that the board met on September 6th and 7th in the district office board room. He explained the board goals, which will be approved at the October meeting.

- REPORT ON PRESCHOOL
  Assistant Superintendent Wegner, Tristan Guevin and Kathi Yanamura presented to the board the new preschool program Wooch.een Yei Jigaxhtoonei that will be offered within the Sitka School District. It will be a collaboration between Head Start, Sitka Native Education Program (SNEP), Sitka School District (SSD) and Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) to work with students from low income for ages 3-5 years in a preschool setting, including the Sitka School District preschool special education students.

CONSENT AGENDA

- APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15, 2013 MINUTES
  Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- APPROVAL OF NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS
  A roll call vote was required.

  Yes   No
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

• **HSGQE WAIVERS**
  Ms. Robinson moved, Ms. Rioux seconded for the board to go into executive session in accordance with and under the provisions of AS 44.62.310 (c) (1) & (4), the immediate knowledge of which could prejudice the reputation and character of a person or persons. The matter to be discussed is a High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waiver. President Garrison requested to have Dr. PJ Ford Slack be invited into the executive session since the matter to be discussed was HSGQE Waiver. Motion carried. The Board returned to regular session.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **APPROVAL OF HSGQE WAIVERS**
  Ms. Robinson, Ms. Rioux seconded to approve a HSGQE Waiver for student number 17609 based on passing the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests. Motion carried.

  Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to approve a HSGQE Waiver for student number 132659 based on passing the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards Test. Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF GUATEMALA TRAVEL**
  Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to approve travel to Guatemala in June 2014. Ariel Coleman, Spanish Teacher, gave an overview of the trip. Motion carried.

• **ACCEPTANCE OF SUPERINTENDENT BRADSHAW’S RESIGNATION**
  Ms. Robinson moved, Mr. Fulton seconded to accept Superintendent’s Bradshaw’s resignation effective June 20, 2014. There were comments from the board. Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF 2014 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**
  President Garrison requested to have the priorities be for the October 15th work session with a special meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Fulton
Rioux
Robinson
Garrison

Motion Carried.
• ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER

Ms. Wegner stated that enrollment is still holding steady.

• BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN

There was no major change to the budget.

• ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER

Assistant Superintendent Wegner apologized for Superintendent Bradshaw being absent from the meeting since he was attending a special education appeal with the Alaska Department of Education.

Ms. Wegner welcomed the new teachers and administrators and stated that it was an amazing start to the school year. She stated that the professional development that occurred at the beginning of school was very useful and thanked Carol Comeau for being the speaker at opening ceremonies.

Ms. Wegner thanked the partners that have worked together to implement the new preschool program.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

There was no additional correspondence.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Fulton stated his appreciation to fellow board members for their honesty during the goal setting. He also welcomed the new teachers and administrators. He welcomed JD Murphy, new student representative. He also was excited about the new preschool program. Lastly he expressed his appreciation to the teachers for their work on their websites.

Ms. Robinson welcomed JD Murphy to the board. She also thanked the board for the short meeting and little repetition.

Mr. Murphy was happy to be on the board and stated he was impressed with the meeting.

Mr. Garrison thanked the board for a successful board goal setting. He also informed the board that he would be attending the AASB Conferences.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES:

• RAVEN RADIO INTERVIEW

• SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION/BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 – AASB RESOLUTIONS

- SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION/BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 – SUPERINTENDENT HIRING PROCESS

- FALL BOARDSMANSHIP ACADEMY, SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22, 2013

- AASB FALL CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 7-10, 2013

ADJOURNMENT Mr. Fulton moved, Ms. Robinson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried.

Lon Garrison, President Cass Pook, Clerk