Sitka School Board Meeting  
November 4, 2019  
6:00 p.m. – Sitka High School Library

2019-20 Goals and Objectives

The Sitka School District will:

- Close the achievement gap for each demographic.
- Increase the number of positive response rates on the School Climate and Connectedness Survey in the areas of peer climate, school climate, school safety, student involvement, and parent involvement.

2019-20 School Board Self-Improvement Plan:

- Work to improve recognition of students and staff
- Work to update the Superintendent evaluation process
- Take advantage of training opportunities

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. Swear in Student Representative - Aridiane Lindberg
6. Persons to Be Heard
7. Reports
   a. Report on Science with Math (SWiM) Grant - Janet Clarke - SSSC
   b. Report on Performance Evaluation for Alaska’s Schools (PEAKS) and Alaska Science Assessment (ASA) Results - Sarah Ferrency
8. Board Member Reports
   a. Culturally Responsive Social Emotional Learning (CRESEL) Work Session Reflection
   b. School Climate and Connectedness Survey Work Session Reflection
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 October 2, 2019 Minutes
   b. Approval of October 11, 2019 Minutes
   c. Approval of Non-Tenure Teacher Contract
11. New Business
   a. Approval of the 2019-20 School Board Goals
   b. Review of AR 6182 REACH Handbook Update
12. Correspondence and Information (Separate Packet)
13. Future Agenda Items/Upcoming Events
   a. AASB Annual Conference – November 7-10, 2019 – Anchorage
   b. School Board Annual meeting with the Auditors - 5:00 p.m. November 9, 2019 - Anchorage Hilton
   c. School Board Work Session on BP 9200 - 6:00 p.m. November 21, 2019 - Harrigan Centennial Hall
   d. Next Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. December 4, 2019 – SHS Library
14. Executive Session
15. Adjournment

The School Board reserves the right to go into executive session as and to the extent permitted by AS 44.62.310 and Board Bylaw 9321. An executive session may be called to consider the following subjects: (1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the District; (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion; (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential; and (4) matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure. The motion to go into executive session must clearly specify the subject of the proposed session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in executive session.
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.

Reports

7.a. Report on the Science with Math (SWiM) Grant - Janet Clarke
A 2-year Middle School Math Intervention grant that the Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC) received on behalf of SSD. The grants focus is on increasing math skills in middle school students by providing after-school opportunities to apply SWiM skills. The collaboration with BMS’s math teacher Kate Mullin means that the content and skills included in each of the modules are closely aligned with 7th grade standards and classroom scope and sequence.

7.b. Report on Performance Evaluation for Alaska’s Schools (PEAKS) and Alaska Science Assessment (ASA) Results - Sarah Ferrency
Annual report on student progress on the statewide student assessments, and school accountability designations.

Consent Agenda

10.a. Approval of October 2, 2019 Minutes
10.b. Approval of October 11, 2019 Minutes
10.c. Approval of Non-Tenure Teacher Contract
    The contract is for BMS Music Teacher, Drew Larson, in the amount of $44,727

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

Roll Call Vote is Required

New Business

11.a. Approval of 2019-20 School Board Goals
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11.b. Review of AR 6182 REACH Handbook Update
The main purpose for updating and revising the REACH handbook is to better organize the information, clarify terminology (definitions of full-time vs. part-time enrollment, etc.), procedures, revise confusing wording, and add information relevant to high school co-curricular activities (NCAA and ASAA eligibility). The results are a more user-friendly and professional document.
14. Executive Session

“I move to go into Executive Session in accordance with and under the provisions of AS 44.62.310 (c)(2)(4) so as not to prejudice the reputation of the student. Superintendent Wegner, Principal Laura Rogers, Vice Principal Sondra Lundvick and the family are invited.”

NOTE: No School Board action can be taken in Executive Session. The Executive Session will allow the Board to have a discussion that protects the reputation of the student.

Exit from Executive Session

“I move to reconvene as the School Board in regular session.”

“I move to accept/deny the students request for reinstatement of interscholastic activities eligibility.”

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
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