2013-14 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 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.
Sitka School Board Meeting
December 3, 2013

6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
Sitka High School Library

Proposed Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
5. Recognitions
   a. Recognition of Swim Team
   b. Recognition of Cross Country Team
6. Persons To Be Heard
7. Reports
   a. Report on Special Education Audit – Mandy Evans
8. Board Member Reports
9. 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 November 4, 2013 minutes
   b. Approval of BP 4161.4 Family and Medical Leave – Second Reading
   c. Approval of BP 5125.2 Challenging Student Records – Second Reading
10. Executive Session
    a. HSGQE Waiver
11. New Business
    a. Approval of HSGQE Waiver
    b. Approval of Purchasing Flat Bed Truck
    c. Approval of FY14 Budget Revision
    d. Acceptance of Audit
    e. Approval of Revision of BP 5131.43 Bullying – First Reading
    f. Approval of Revision of BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs – First Reading
    g. Approval of Revision of BP 4133 Travel Expenses – First Reading
    h. Approval of Legislative Priorities
12. Administrative Reports:
    a. Enrollment Update – Steve Bradshaw
    b. Superintendent Update – Steve Bradshaw
13. Correspondence and Information (Separate Packet)
14. Board Comments/Discussion
15. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates
    a. Raven Radio Interview, December 4, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.
    b. Work Session, December 16, 2013 – Budget 101/Strategic Budget
16. Adjournment
5.a. **Recognition of Swim Team**

The Sitka High School Boys Swim Team came in first place at the Region V meet and second place in the state meet.

Louis Belley 12th grade  
Spencer Combs 12th grade  
Justin Harang 12th grade  
RJ Miller 12th grade  
Megan Reid 12th grade  
Evan McArthur 11th grade  
Brady Harang 10th grade  
Will Pate 10th grade

5.b. **Recognition of Cross Country Team**

The Sitka High School Boys won first place in the Region V Race. Two girls, Sidney Riggs and Crystal Widmier also went to state to represent Sitka, along with the Sitka High School boys.

*Administrative Response  
Report*

7.a. **Report on Special Education Audit – Mandy Evans**

*Administrative Response  
Consent Agenda*

9.a. **Approval of November 4, 2013 minutes**  
9.b. **Approval of Revision of BP 4161.4 Family and Medical Leave – Second Reading**  
9.c. **Approval of Revision of BP 5125.2 Challenging Student Records – Second Reading**

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

*Administrative Response  
Executive Session*

10.a. **HSGQE Waiver**

“I move the board 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 matters to be discussed are High School Graduation Qualifying Exam Waivers.

Return to regular session.

*Administrative Response  
New Business*

11.a. **Approval of HSGQE Waiver**

“I move to approve a HSGQE Waiver for student # 237006 based on passing the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination.”
11.b. Approval of Purchasing a Flat Bed Truck

Mark Bautista, Maintenance Director, has included a memo stating the need to purchase a flatbed truck for hauling incidentals around the district. The current truck is in disrepair.

“I move to approve purchasing a flatbed truck not to exceed $42,000.”

11.c. Approval of FY14 Budget Revision

Attached is a memo from Cassee Olin.

“I move to approve the FY14 Budget Revision as presented.”

11.d. Acceptance of Audit

While you were at the AASB conference you met with the auditors Mikunda Cottrell aka BDO on November 7th where they reviewed the audit.

“I move to accept the FY13 audit.”

11.e. Approval of Revision of BP 5131.43 Bullying – First Reading

This policy was given to us from the AASB Attorney. The main changes to the policy are due to the requirements of the Children’s Internet Protection Act. The changes place an emphasis on educating minors about appropriate online behavior, including cyberbullying and awareness and response. The policy has also been revised to include a statement that the district will provide information and instruction on identifying, responding to and preventing bullying. This is currently being done at all schools with the Olweus program. The main area that has been added is regarding cyberbullying is more clearly identified as an important component of the district’s harassment, intimidation and bullying policy. Finally, language has been added identifying when the district may take discipline against a student for cyberbullying that originates from a non-school computer or electronic device.

“I move to approve revision of BP 5131.43 Bullying in first reading.”

11.f. Approval of Revision of BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs – First Reading

This policy update came from AASB. This policy has been revised to address “prohibited drugs” rather than simply illegal drugs. The policy has also been changed to eliminate the section on “Recovering Student Support.” This section indicates the district will provide activities to enhance “recovery” of students. As educational institutions, School district activities are most likely to focus on instruction and prevention. Additionally, the section on “Non-punitive Self-Referral” has been changed to eliminate language encouraging students to ask a friend to discuss the student’s problems with alcohol or drugs with a staff member. A sentence has also been added to that section explaining that extra-curricular eligibility rules may apply conditions to the student as a result of admitted past drug or alcohol use.

“I move to approve revision of BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs in first reading.”

11.g. Approval of Revision of BP 4133 Travel Expenses – First Reading

The Sitka School District has not upped its per diem rate since before 1995. I am proposing that the per diem increase to $50 for FY14 beginning January 1, 2014, $55 for FY15 and $60 thereafter. Currently the State of Alaska and the City of Sitka per diem rates are $60.

“I move to approve revision of BP 4133 Travel Expenses in first reading.”

A roll call vote should be taken.

11.h. Approval of Legislative Priorities
12.a. Enrollment Update – Steve Bradshaw

12.b. Superintendent Update – Steve Bradshaw

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

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