

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

December 4, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Erickson at 6:02 p.m. in the Sitka High School Library. 1000 Lake St, Sitka, AK 99835

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Elias Erickson, Eric Van Cise, Dionne Brady-Howard, Amy Morrison, and Paul Rioux. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the board agenda as presented. Motion passed.

SWEAR IN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Superintendent Wegner swore in the new student representative, Aridiane Lindberg.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE SITKA HIGH SCHOOL (SHS) CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS** Mr. Rioux presented a certificate of achievement to the Sitka High School (SHS) Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams for taking 1st place in, Division II Region V.
- **RECOGNIZE SHS GIRLS SWIM TEAM** President Erickson presented a certificate of achievement to the SHS Girls Swim Team for taking 1st place in, 3A Region V.
- **RECOGNIZE SHS GIRLS VOLLEY BALL TEAM** Ms. Morrison presented a certificate of achievement to the SHS Girls Volleyball team for taking 1st place in, 3A Region V.
- **RECOGNIZE ELIAS ERICKSON AND DR. JENNIFER MCNICHOL** Superintendent Wegner congratulated President Erickson, and past president Dr McNichol, for receiving Carl Rose Boardmanship Awards from the Association of Alaska School Boards.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Roxann Gagner expressed her appreciation to all the past and present math teachers for their outstanding work in the district.

Beth Short-Rhodes announced to the board and public that petitions are being collected for the “Fair Share Act”.

Tom Gamble asked for a fair chance to start a new life in Sitka.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Jill Lecrone, Principal of Baranof Elementary School (BES), spoke to the monthly meetings and assemblies this fall and the upcoming winter family engagement opportunities for families and students. She also noted that the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum is into the 3rd month at BES.

Casey Demmert, Principal of Keet Gooshi Heen (KGH), reported that KGH assemblies are promoting school values and SEL Curriculum. He also noted that the second round of academic assessments have started. And he reported the upcoming KGH events.

Ben White, Principal of Blatchley Middle School (BMS), announced that the Jamboree and Spirit Week were successful and thanked the community partners for their help. Lastly, he noted that students held a fundraiser and were able to donate \$200 respectively to SAFV, AFPCA and the Salvation Army.

Mandy Summer, Principal of Pacific High School (PHS), thanked the many community partners who make Friday Enrichment days possible. She gave an academic overview of the upcoming classes for Session 4 at PHS. And she announced that Academic Culmination for Session 3 is 5:30 p.m. December 10 at PHS.

Laura Rogers, Principal of Sitka High School (SHS), announced that there have been 3 assemblies focusing on strength of mind, body, and spirit. Ms. Rogers noted the many school and academic events that have happened and will be coming up at SHS. She also announced Ashely Nessler, AmeriCorps Volunteer is one of only 17 finalists from across the U.S. in line for a national award.

REPORTS

- **ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION**

Sitka Health Summit members Doug Osborn and Chandler O'Connell gave a report to the board on the \$25,000 cash award Sitka received from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - 2019 RWJF Culture of Health Prize. Sitka was one of 5 communities in the nation to win the award.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Rioux spoke to his recent attendance at the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) Conference and Strategic Plan meeting.

Mr. Van Cise reported having many positive conversations recently with parents from all the schools.

Ms. Morrison noted the highlights of the AASB Conference that stood out to her. She also reported on the recent Technology Committee and Strategic Plan Committee meetings.

Aridiane Lindberg, student representative, reported on attending the Youth Leadership Institute at the recent AASB Conference.

President Erickson reported on the AASB Conference and noted that his highlight was connecting with other board members from around the state. He also read excerpts from recent news paper articles that commented on the district. Lastly, he announced the Budget 101 Workshop will be held in the SHS Library 6:00 p.m. December 18, 2020.

ADMINISTRIVE REPORTS

- ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Superintendent Wegner announced that current enrollment is 1,193, which is up 8.75 from the October count.

- SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Wegner's report:

- Superintendent Wegner congratulated a number on SHS sports teams for Region V wins.
- Thanked STA for partnering with SSD to give learning opportunities to 2nd grade students.
- Thanked Dionne Brady-Howard, Board Member, for hosting the *Honoring Our Ancestors* event, which was part of the Native American Heritage Month celebrations.
- The *Leave Your Print* strategic plan idea gathering process will start the week of January 6, 2020.
- Lastly, she noted that her full report is available on the SSD Website to read in its entirety.

CONSENT AGENDA

- APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4, 2019 MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 9, 2019 MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2019 MINUTES

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- APPROVAL OF THE FY20 BUDGET REVISION

Ms. Morrison moved, Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to approve the FY20 budget revision as presented. Motion passed.

Cassee Olin, Business Manager, provided an outline of the FY20

mid-year budget revision. There was a short discussion on the various aspects of the budget.

A roll call vote was required. Motion passed unanimously.

- **ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY19 AUDIT**

Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to accept the FY19 audit as presented. Motion passed.

- **DISCUSSION /DIRECTION OF THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHARGE**

Ms. Brady-Howard moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to approve a change in the Activities Committee Charge by striking out SHS Asst Principal for Co-Curricular Activities as a stakeholder and changing meetings from 4 times per school year, to at least annually and at other times as needed. Motion Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

No correspondence or information was received.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING JANUARY 8, 2020**
- **LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN FEBRUARY 8-11, 2020 - JUNEAU, AK**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Elias Erickson, President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk