

# SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

*Interim Superintendent: John R. Holst*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric Van Cise at 6:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Dr., Sitka, AK 99835.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present were Andrew Hames, Blossom Teal-Olsen, Paul Rioux, Eric Van Cise and student representative Emily Fenno. The meeting was quorate.

## **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Rioux seconded to approve the board agenda and consent agenda as presented.

### Public Comment

None offered

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 26, 2021 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF MARCH 3, 2021 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 6015 PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT - 2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

- **GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT**

Dionne Brady-Howard, liaison for the Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA), noted that Lakrisha Johnson, Tristan Guevin, and Lisa Gassman from STA participated in the recent Sitka School District (SSD) Strategic Planning workshop. She reported that the Sitka Native Education Program (SNEP) has begun planning for its summer program for ages K-12. And STA will be working with USDA Summer Foods program to distribute breakfast and lunch to children in July and August.

City Assembly Liaison, Rebecca Himschoot, reported that John Leach, Stephen Eisenbeisz, and herself were participants in the recent SSD Strategic Planning workshop.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- **RECOGNIZE BMS STUDENT RITA**

Mr. Van Cise congratulated 8<sup>th</sup> grade BMS student Rita Christianson. As part of the Duke University Talent Identification program, Rita took the ACT college entrance

## CHRISTIANSON

exam last year. Rita earned two awards, one for State Level recognition and one for the Grand National level.

- **RECOGNIZE SHS GIRLS BASEKETBALL TEAM**

Mr. Rioux congratulated the Sitka High School (SHS) Girls Basketball team for winning the 2020-21 Region V Basketball tournament and runner-up at the State tournament.

## **TITLE VIII PL 81-874 IMPACT AID HEARING**

Mr. Van Cise moved into the Title VII 81-874 Impact Aid hearing on BP 6174.1 regarding Native American policies and procedures as required by Federal laws.

### Public Comment

Harriet Miyasato Beleal

Pat Alexander

Nancy Furlow

## **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

There were no persons to be heard.

## **SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

Principals Casey Demmert, Ben White, Sondra Lundvick and Jill Lecrone gave a brief overview of the current and upcoming events at their respective schools.

## **REPORTS**

- **REPORT ON STATEWIDE TESTING**

Laura Rogers, Vice Principal of Blatchley Middle School, reported on the importance of MAPS and PEAKS testing to students and teachers.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Rioux reported that he participated in the recent Technology Committee meeting. He also said that he had met with Tristan Guevin, Sitka Tribe of Alaska, to discuss Board Policies.

Ms. Fenno, student representative, appreciated being part of the Strategic Planning workshop. She noted that the students are looking forward to the prom Saturday.

Ms. Teal-Olsen reported that she had met with the Policy Committee recently. She noted her pride in the Girls Basketball team.

Mr. Hames reported that he had been part of the Mock Job interviews for Sitka High School Students. He noted that the 36 people that participated in the Strategic Planning workshop were a great representation of the community. He also shared the Mission Statement that was adopted by the group.

Mr. Van Cise reported that he had met Frank Hauser (the new

superintendent) and his wife Tricia. He reported that he had gone to the recent City Assembly meeting and there was positive movement on the Budget.

### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **BUDGET REPORT - JOHN HOLST** Mr. Holst gave an overview of the February 2021 Budget report.
- **ENROLLMENT REPORT - JOHN HOLST** Mr. Holst noted the enrollment drop from this time last year. He also reported that enrollment for March was 1142.25 students.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - JOHN HOLST** Mr. Holst reported that he anticipates that all classes will be back to normal for the 2021-22 school year.. He explained to the Board AS 14.37.10 (b)(1)(E) the Hold Harmless Provision by the Department of Education and Early Development. He informed the Board that Secure Rural Schools funding for this year is \$208,000. He also noted that the Sitka High School will soon be upgrading all exterior doors to keyless entry.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATED EVALUATION CONTINUOUS GROWTH SYSTEM TOOL** Mr. Hames moved, Mr. Rioux seconded to approve the Certificated Evaluation Continuous Growth System tool as presented. There was a brief presentation by the committee who worked on this tool.  
Public Comment  
None offered  
Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5141.42 PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES OF STAFF WITH STUDENTS** Mr. Rioux moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen moved to approve BP 5141.42 Professional Boundaries of Staff with Students in 1<sup>st</sup> reading.  
Public Comment  
None offered  
Motion carried.
- **REVIEW OF AR 5142.42 PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES OF STAFF WITH STUDENTS** AR 5142.42 the Administrative Regulations for BP 5142.42 were reviewed to see how they will provide staff, students, volunteers, and community members with information about their role in protecting children.
- **APPROVAL OF BP 6141.3 MULTICULTURAL RESPONSIVE** Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Rioux seconded to approve BP 6141.3 Multicultural Culturally Responsive Education in 1<sup>st</sup>

**EDUCATION**

reading. There was a short discussion by the Board.

Public Comment  
Lakrisha Johnson

Motion carried as amended.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **BUDGET WORK SESSION**  
**6:00 p.m. APRIL 14, 2021 -**  
**HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL**  
**HALL (HCH)**
  
- **FINAL BUDGET**  
**HEARING & BUDGET**  
**APPROVAL 6:00 p.m.**  
**APRIL 21, 2021 - HCH**
  
- **NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL**  
**BOARD MEETING 6:00**  
**p.m. MAY 5, 2021 -- HCH**
  
- **SHS SENIOR AWARDS**  
**CEREMONY 6:30 p.m. May**  
**10, 2021 - SHS GYM**
  
- **SHS GRADUATION 7:00**  
**p.m. MAY 24, 2021 - SHS**  
**GYM**
  
- **PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**GRADUATION 2:00 p.m.**  
**MAY 15, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Amy J. Morrison, President

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Paul G. Rioux, Clerk