

# SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 7, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Sitka School District

*Interim Superintendent: John R. Holst*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Morrison called the Sitka School Board meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. in Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Dr, Sitka, AK 99835

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present were Blossom Teal-Olsen, Andrew Hames, Paul Rioux, Eric Van Cise, and Amy Morrison. The meeting was quorate.

## **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Rioux seconded to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 3541.1 SCHOOL-RELATED TRIPS 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4000 CONCEPTS AND ROLES 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

## **RECOGNITIONS**

- **RECOGNIZE SITKA TRIBE OF ALASKA**

Ms. Teal-Olsen thanked the Sitka Tribe of Alaska for all they have done for the community during the COVID 19 pandemic. She also thanked them for there many partnerships with the Sitka School District.
- **RECOGNIZE SSD IT DIRECTOR, IAN CRANE**

Mr. Hames recognized Ian Crane, the only employee of the IT department, for his tireless efforts in behalf of the School District.

## **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

There were no persons to be heard.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Principals, Mandy Summer, Sondra Lundvick, Ben White, Casey Demmert, and Jill Lecrone gave the board brief highlights of the current and upcoming events at their respective schools.

## BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Rioux reported that the work session with the City Assembly on September 24<sup>th</sup> was productive.

Mr. Hames and Ms. Teal-Olsen had nothing to report.

Mr. Van Cise reported that as the liaison to Blatchley Middle School he was able to visit with Ben White and Laura Rogers. He continues to have positive interactions with parents who are expressing confidence in the School District.

Ms. Morrison congratulated Mr. Hames and Ms. Teal-Olsen on being elected to the School Board. She also noted that the work session with the City Assembly was beneficial. And she reminded the board about the School Board Goal Setting Retreat October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN

Cassee Olin, Business Manager gave an overview of the August budget report.

- ENROLLMENT UPDATE – JOHN HOLST

Interim Superintendent Holst informed the board that student enrollment is 1140.25, projected enrollment was 1186.

- SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – JOHN HOLST

Interim Superintendent Holst noted that due to low enrollment numbers there is a spending freeze in place. The staff continues to be tested for Covid every 2 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The School District will be having a free flu shot clinic Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> at Keet Gooshi Heen from 2-4 p.m. Mr. Holst also noted that there would be a free community flu clinic at Centennial Hall Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> for families.

## NEW BUSINESS

- DISCUSSION OF PUPIL TEACHER RATIO IN CLASSES

Mr. Holst gave a brief overview for the board of pupil teacher ratio's in classes. He noted there would be more discussion at the November board meeting.

- APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER IMMEDIATE FAMILY HIRE

Mr. Hames moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded that the School District hire Ashlyn Nutting and send a letter in this regard to the Commissioner of Education per AS 14.14.140.

Public Comment

None offered

Motion PASSED by the following roll call vote,

Yes - Rioux, Teal-Olsen, Van Cise, Hames

- **APPROVAL OF BP 4112.10  
EMPLOYMENT OF  
RETIRED TEACHERS 1<sup>ST</sup>  
READING** Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve BP 4112.10 Employment of Retired Teachers in 1<sup>st</sup> reading as presented.  
  
Public Comment  
None offered  
  
Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5131  
CONDUCT 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Mr. Hames moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve BP 5131 Conduct in 1<sup>st</sup> reading as presented.  
  
Public Comment  
None offered  
  
Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5132  
DRESS AND GROOMING  
1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve BP 5132 Dress and Grooming in 1<sup>st</sup> reading as presented.  
  
Public Comment  
None offered  
  
Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5137  
POSITIVE SCHOOL  
CLIMATE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING** Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve BP 5137 Positive School Climate in 1<sup>st</sup> reading as presented.  
  
Public Comment  
None offered  
  
Motion carried.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **SCHOOL BOARD GOAL  
SETTING RETREAT  
OCTOBER 8 & 9, 2020**
- **SPECIAL SCHOOL  
BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2020**
- **NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL  
BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

- **SUPERINTENDENT  
EVALUATION IN  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
NOVEMBER 4, 2020**
- **AASB ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 5-8, 2020**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Amy J. Morrison, President

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Paul G. Rioux, Clerk