

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2020 – 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 President Amy Morrison at 6:01 p.m. in Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Dr., Sitka, AK 99835.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion PASSED by a roll call vote of all members present.

- **APPROVAL OF AUGUST
19, 2020 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 1000
CONCEPTS AND ROLES
2ND READING**
- **APPROVAL OF 1312
PUBLIC COMPLAINTS
CONCERNING THE
SCHOOLS 2ND READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 3510
MAINTENANCE 2ND
READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4218
DISMISSAL/SUSPENSION/
DISCIPLINARY ACTION
2ND READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4313.1
LOAD/SCHEDULING/HOU
RS OF EMPLOYMENT 2ND
READING**
- **APPROVAL OF NON-
TENURE TEACHER
CONTRACTS**

RECOGNITIONS

- **LESLIE YOUNG -
SUMMER LUNCH
PROGRAM** Mr. Rioux congratulated Leslie Young for her key role in the Summer Lunch Program.
- **RECOGNIZE ARTS
CULTURE TECHNOLOGY
PEER MENTORS** Eric Van Cise congratulated Jennifer Reid, Kirstin Karsunky, Megan Pepper, Andrea Colvin, Megan Pepper, and Rachael Sorokin for completing the 2019-20 professional learning course in Arts Culture and Technology Integrated Teaching.
- **RECOGNIZE PACIFIC
HIGH SCHOOL - USFS
2019 SERVICE CULTURAL
DIVERSITY AWARD** President Morrison congratulated Pacific High School Principal and students for winning the 2019 USFS 2019 Volunteers and Service Cultural Diversity Award. The key partners in the project are Michelle Putz, USFS partner, Tammy Young, Sitka Tribe, Maggie Gallin, Bridgette Reynolds, PHS Science teacher, and the many past and current PHS students.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Heather Thompson, Youth Development Coordinator at SAFV, encouraged youth to participate in the upcoming virtual “Boys on the Run” program.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Jule Peterson, Cultural Director, gave an overview of the partnership with Sitka Tribe of Alaska and the way forward for the Sitka Native Education Program (SNEP) program.

Principals, Jill Lecrone, Casey Demmert, Ben White, Sondra Lundvick and Mandy Summer gave a brief overview of how the first week of school is going.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Twitchell encouraged all to attend the *Racial Equity & Justice in Southeast Alaska* online speaker series September 2020.

Mr. Van Cise noted that all the BMS parents he had spoken to were appreciative of how school was progressing so far.

Mr. Hames has kids in 3 schools and noted the positive beginning to the school year.

Mr. Rioux thanked the staff and community partners for all the hard work to get school open; he especially noted Island Bus Co.

President Morrison also congratulated staff, principals, AmeriCorps and the administration team for their hard work to get school started under new guidelines.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

• **SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT - JOHN HOLST**

Mr. Holst reported that the Smart Start Plan continues to be updated as necessary. He noted that he is working on the protocols for when there is a COVID case in the schools. COVID testing for all staff is this week, then it will be on a staggered schedule by building. Mr. Holst noted that the all the ipads have arrived and Mr. Crane is busy preparing them for distribution. And lastly, he expressed his appreciation to Sarah Lawrie, the AmeriCorps coordinator, for recruiting 19 top quality volunteers for the school district.

NEW BUSINESS

• **DISCUSSION OF THE 2021
AASB RESOLUTIONS**

The school board discussed reviewing the 2021 AASB Resolutions. It was decided that the sections would be reviewed as follows:

Mr. Rioux - Programs
Ms. Twitchell - Child Advocacy
Ms. Morrison - Governance
Mr. Van Cise - Personnel
Mr. Hames - Funding

• **APPROVAL OF BP 3541.1
SCHOOL-RELATED
TRIPS - 1ST READING**

Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Rioux seconded to approve BP 3541.1 School-Related trips in 1st reading as presented.

Public Comment
None offered

Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF BP 4000
CONCEPTS AND ROLES -
1ST READING**

Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve BP 4000 Concepts and Roles in 1st reading as presented.

Public Comment
None offered

Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF BP 6141.3
MULTICULTURAL
EDUCATION - 1ST
READING**

Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve BP 6141.3 Multicultural Education in 1st reading as presented.

Public Comment
None offered

After a short discussion, Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Hames seconded to table BP 6141.3 Multicultural Education in 1st reading.

Public Comment

None offered

Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 2020**
- **SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 14, 2020**
- **SCHOOL BOARD GOAL SETTING RETREAT, OCTOBER 9 & 10, 2020**
- **AASB ANNUAL CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 6-8, 2020 - ZOOM**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Amy J. Morrison, President

Paul G. Rioux, Clerk