

# SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 19, 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 Morrison at 6:05 p.m. in Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Dr., Sitka Alaska 99835.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

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

Mr. Hames moved; Ms. Twitchell seconded to approve the Agenda and Consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF JULY 27, 2020 MINUTES**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4119.25 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4020 DRUG, TOBACCO & ALCOHOL-FREE WORKPLACE - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 5124 COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 6142.5 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING4**
- **APPROVAL OF BP 6114.4 PANDEMIC/EPIDEMIC EMERGENCIES - 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**
- **APPROVAL OF JOHN HOLST AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT & STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS**

**RECOGNITIONS**

- **RECOGNIZE SMART START TASK FORCE TEAM**

Each building principal recognized the members of the Smart Start Task Force Team that worked with their building team.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

There were no persons to be heard.

**SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

Principals Jill Lecrone, Casey Demmert, Ben White, and Sondra Lundvick gave brief overviews of how they are preparing for the opening of school.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Rioux thanked staff, parents, and administration for all the hard work in preparation for the opening of school.

President Morrison noted that she visited all the schools on August 17<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Holst. She thanked the community and parents for all the support as the School District planned for the opening of schools on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Hames and Ms. Twitchell had nothing to report.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- **BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN**
  
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - JOHN HOLST**

Ms. Olin gave an overview of the budget update and took questions from the Board.

Superintendent Holst thanked the administrative team for their hard work to meet all the challenges of opening the schools on August 27<sup>th</sup>. He also thanked AmeriCorps Coordinator, Sarah Lawrie, for recruiting 19 AmeriCorps volunteers to help out in our schools. Superintendent Holst noted that all Sitka School District employees are being COVID-19 tested every 2 weeks. Also, there will be 1 local dashboard of COVID-19 information available for the community in approximately 2 weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **APPROVAL OF BP 1000 CONCEPTS AND ROLES - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve BP 1000 Concepts and Roles in 1<sup>st</sup> reading as presented.

Public comment  
None offered

Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 1312  
PUBLIC COMPLAINTS  
CONCERNING THE  
SCHOOLS - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Mr. Rioux moved, Ms. Twitchell seconded to approve BP 1312 Public Complaints Concerning the Schools in 1<sup>st</sup> reading as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment  
None offered

Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF BP 3510  
MAINTENANCE - 1<sup>ST</sup>  
READING**

Ms. Twitchell moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve BP 3510 Maintenance in 1<sup>st</sup> reading as presented.

Public comment  
None offered

Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF BP 4218  
DISMISSAL/SUSPENSION/  
DISCIPLINARY ACTION -  
1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Mr. Hames moved, Mr. Rioux moved to approved BP 4218 Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action in 1<sup>st</sup> reading as amended.

Public comment  
None offered

Motion carried.
- **REVIEW OF AR 1330 USE  
OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

Language has been added to the Administrative Response addressing the use of District equipment by members of the community.
- **REVIEW OF AR 5112.2  
EXCLUSIONS FROM  
ATTENDANCE**

The Administrative Response is modified to clarify that a School Board may deny admission for any reason permitted by statute AS 14.30.045, not only reasons related to physical or mental health.
- **APPROVAL OF FY22  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
PLAN APPLICATION**

Mr. Rioux moved, Ms. Twitchell seconded to approve the FY22 Capital Improvement Plan application as presented. There was a short question and answered discussion regarding the application.

Public comment  
None offered

The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
AUGUST 27, 2020**
- **NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL  
BOARD MEETING -**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

- **SUPERINTENDENT  
EVALUATION -  
NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Amy J. Morrison, President

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Paul G. Rioux, Clerk