President Amy Morrison called the Sitka School Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on the remote conferencing service ZOOM.

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

Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the proposed agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Public Comment
No public comment offered

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

City Assembly liaison, Rebecca Himschoot stated that in a special report to the assembly, SEARHC reported that their new facility will be operational in 2025.

Lakrisha Johnson and Tristan Guevin reported on the many collaborations between Sitka Tribe of Alaska and the School District. The culture class going virtual went well and doing so showed an increase in family engagement.

Ms. Teal-Olsen recognized Cindy Duncan for her outstanding work in helping the District successfully adapt to remote learning.

President Morrison congratulated Casey Demmert, Principal of
• RECOGNIZE CASEY DEMMERT

Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School (KGH), for being named as a National ESEA Distinguished School. KGH was selected by the State for national recognition because of the success of its educational programs and progress made by the students.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Van Cise commented on how it is clear that the community and the District work together and hopes that the sharing of ideas continues.

Mr. Rioux took part in the recent AASB Policy Committee. He noted the AASB Annual Conference was good. Mr. Rioux touched base with Tristan Guevin, Educational Director, at Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) and he gave a government to government report to STA. Mr. Rioux met with the Smart Start reboot to look at the CDC’s newest recommendations and how they might relate to school buildings reopening.

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

President Morrison welcomed Mr. Wayne’s American Government class to the Board meeting. President Morrison thanked everyone who participated in the 2 work sessions last week. She also noted that the School Board has received a number of emails in regard to changing the name of Baranof Elementary School; this will be an agenda item on the January 6th Board meeting.

Emily Fenno, student representative, said school is going ok, with the remote learning the electives such as metals are hard to do. She is appreciative of the teachers having office hours so kids can get the help they need.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

• BUDGET UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN

Cassee Olin, Business Manager gave an overview of the October 2020 budget update.

• ENROLLMENT UPDATE – CASSEE OLIN

Cassee Olin informed the board that student enrollment is holding steady at 1,140.25

• SUPERINTENDENT REPORT –JOHN HOLST

Superintendent Holst reported that work started on updating the Smart Start plan utilizing additional CDC data. Using the
updated plan, he will be looking at opening buildings in January. Baranof Elementary School continues to be open. Mr. Holst noted that January begins the Budget work and the search for the new superintendent. He also reported that bagged lunches continue to be served twice a week for a total for 6,800 meals a week served to students.

NEW BUSINESS

- **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF AUGUST 11 STATE TRAVEL PROTOCOLS FOR INTRASTATE TRAVEL**
  
  Mr. Hames moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve using the August 11th State Travel Protocols for staff and students when traveling to and from Anchorage or other northern towns.

  **Public Comment**
  No public comment offered

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

- **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF PUPIL TEACHER RATIO IN CLASSES**
  
  Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve the pupil teacher ratio in classes as follows: Kindergarten 20, 1st grade 22, 2nd and 3rd grade 23, 4th and 5th grade 25, 6-8th grade 22, and 9-12 grade 18.

  **Public Comment**
  Mike Vieira, Rebecca Himschoot, and Phil Burdick had questions concerning how these pupil teacher ratios’ were reached.

  Mr. Rioux move, Mr. Van Cise seconded to table item ll. b Discussion/Approval of Pupil Teacher Ration in Classes to the January 6, 2021 School Board Meeting

  **Public Comment**
  No public comment offered

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

- **DISCUSSION OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
  
  Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen moved to approve the Tlingit land acknowledgment, “we acknowledge that we are guests on Tlingit aani”.

  **Public Comment**
  No public comment offered

  Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Hames seconded to table item 11.c Discussion/Approval of Tlingit Land Acknowledgement to the January 6, 2021 School Board Meeting.

  **Public Comment**
  No public comment offered
The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

- **APPROVAL OF FY 2020 AUDIT**
  Mr. Rioux moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve the FY 2020 audited financial statements as presented.
  
  Public Comment
  No public comment offered
  
  The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

- **APPROVE THE AASB SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH CONTRACT**
  Mr. Hames moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the contract with AASB in the amount of $12,500 as presented for the next superintendent search.
  
  Public Comment
  No public comment offered
  
  The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

- **APPROVE THE STRATEGIC PLAN FACILITATOR**
  Mr. Hames moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve John Holst as the facilitator for the Strategic Plan and pay him a stipend of $2,000.
  
  Public Comment
  No public comment offered
  
  The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 4231 CLASSIFIED STAFF DEVELOPMENT 1ST READING**
  Mr. Hames moved, Ms. Teal-Olsen seconded to approve BP 4231 Classified Staff Development in 1st reading as presented.
  
  Public Comment
  No public comment offered
  
  The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.

- **APPROVAL OF BP 5141.3 HEALTH EXAMS 1ST READING**
  Mr. Van Cise moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve BP 5141.3 Health Exams in 1st reading as presented.
  
  Public Comment
  No public comment offered
  
  The motion PASSED by a unanimous roll call vote of all members present.
• APPROVAL OF BP 5147 DROPOUT PREVENTION 1ST READING
  Ms. Teal-Olsen moved, Mr. Rioux seconded to approve BP 5147 Dropout Prevention in 1st reading as amended to add “Alaska” to native students.

Public Comment
Tristan Guevin expressed concerns about the dropout rates of native students.

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

• APPROVAL OF BP 6146.3 COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENTS 1ST READING
  Mr. Rioux moved, Mr. Hames seconded to approve BP 6146.3 College and Career Readiness Assessments in 1st reading as presented.

Public Comment
No public comment offered

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

• NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M. JANUARY 6, 2021 CENTENNIAL HALL

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Amy J. Morrison, President                  Paul G. Rioux, Clerk