CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Tim Fulton at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, President, Tim Fulton; Vice-President, Cass Pook, Clerk, Eric Van Cise, Tom Conley, Jennifer McNichol and Debbie Yearwood, Student Representative

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Ms. Pook requested to add discussion of Mt. Edgecumbe High School becoming a STEM school with ANSEP. Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve the revised agenda as presented.

RECOGNITIONS

• RECOGNIZE KEET GOOSHI HEEN AND BLATCHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

Ms. Pook presented plaques to the geography bee winners from Keet Gooshi Heen and Blatchley Middle Schools. Hahlen Behnken Barkhau was the champion and Anja Brooks- Schmidt was runner-up for the Blatchley Middle School geography bee. Matthew Rice was the champion and Finnian Murphy was runner-up for the Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School geography bee.

• RECOGNIZE KEET GOOSHI HEEN AND BLATCHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Ms. McNichol presented plaques to the spelling bee winners from Keet Gooshi Heen and Blatchley Middle Schools. Romy Bekeris was the champion and Emily Melnick was the runner up for the Blatchley Middle School spelling bee. Greisha Aviles was the champion and runner up was James Helem for the Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School spelling bee.

• RECOGNIZE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Superintendent Wegner presented and thanked each board member for their service as a member of the Sitka School Board. President Fulton also thanked the other board members for their time and discussion.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Lauren Havens, Sitkan’s Against Family Violence Education Director, informed the board on what has and will be happening with SAFV including that it is Teen Dating Awareness Month and Girls on the Run will begin at Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School.

Tiffany Shaquanie, parent of four children, was concerned and disappointed with the letter that was sent to her by Superintendent Wegner regarding a complaint that she made. Ms. Shaquanie also expressed her disappointment with the schools and their care of her
 phil burdick, assistant superintendent gave a report on the
timeline and staff involvement regarding the selection of
schoology. there was a lengthy question and answer session
between the board and administration. there were also comments
from the students.

mr. van cise presented wooch.een letters to amanda duvall,
scott mcArthur and natalie voron for their dedication to the staff
and students in the sitka school district.

mr. conley informed the board that he attended the activities and
policy committee meetings. he also stated he joined baranof
elementary school teachers and students in painting native drums.
Lastly, he reported that he, president fulton and superintendent
wegner attended the community task force.

Ms. McNichol gave an update on her visit to sitka high school in
the capacity as the sitka high school liaisons. she informed the
board that there was disappointment at sitka high school due to
the electives schedule and the lack of vocational classes such as
foods and an EMT course. She also stated that there have been a
lot of activities happening around sitka high including basketball
games, and the robotics tournament. she also attended the
blatchley middle school geography bee. Lastly she informed the
board that the activities committee is looking for more student
participation and needing ideas on how to financially support the
activities at sitka high school including the idea of an endowment.

Ms. Yearwood expressed her support to mt. edgecumbe high
school and their wish to not become a 3 year high school that
includes ANSEP. She said that she has spoken to students at mt.
edgecumbe high school and they are concerned about the possible
transition. She informed the board that Mr. Wayne, sitka high
school teacher has a list of students who are wanting to attend the
lobbying trip in the spring. Ms. Yearwood announced that the
student government will be working on a project to paint the poles
in the parking lots with murals. Lastly she stated that the sitka
high school and mt. edgecumbe high school student
governments are working together to hold a charity fundraiser.

Mr. Van Cise stated that he attended the Keet Gooshi Heen choir
concert where there was standing room only. He also attended the
KGH staff meeting and was able to enjoy the robotics tournament
CONSSENT AGENDA

• APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2016 MINUTES
• APPROVAL OF JANUARY 19, 2016
• APPROVAL OF BP 5145.3 NON-DISCRIMINATION – SECOND READING – PC
• APPROVAL OF BP 5145.7 HARASSMENT IN EDUCATION – SECOND READING – PC
• APPROVAL OF BB9200 BOARD MEMBERS – SECOND READING - PC

OLD BUSINESS

• APPROVAL OF REVISING STUDENT NUMBERS FOR 2016-17 BUDGET

that was held at Sitka High School.

President Fulton inquired with the board if they use the board packet program school wires. Most of the members stated that they do not log onto school wires website to review the board packet. He also requested that another board member be on the technology committee since he will no longer be able to serve on that committee. President Fulton also stated that he attended meetings with Sarah Ferrency, co-superintendent and Cassee Olin, business manager at each building regarding the new budget process. He also informed the board that he attended the Blatchley Middle School staff meeting and there was an expressed concern regarding the need for more technology funds due to the decrease in technology. He stated that there was questions on how the staff could fundraise for technology. President Fulton also announced that he and Superintendent Wegner would be speaking on Problem Corner again on February 12th along with meeting with students from Pacific High School with Ms. Pook. He also informed the board that there would be a student success meeting tomorrow with members of Sitka Tribe of Alaska. Lastly he requested that board members submit bios to the administration so that the web page could be updated.

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Conley moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to approve to revise the student numbers to be 1300 students with 36 intensive students to use as the base of creating the 2016-17 budget. Motion carried.
NEW BUSINESS:

• **ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT**
  Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Conley seconded to approve the FY15 audit as presented.
  A roll call vote was taken.
  
  Yes  No
  Fulton
  Conley
  Van Cise
  McNichol
  Yearwood
  Pook
  
  Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6000 CONCEPTS AND ROLES – FIRST READING – PC**
  Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to approve BP 6000 Concepts and Roles in first reading. Motion carried.
  
  There was no concern with the training for AR 6000 Concepts and Roles.

• **REVIEW OF AR 6000 CONCEPTS AND ROLES - PC**
  Mr. Conley moved forward BP 6020 Family Involvement in first reading from committee. Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6020 FAMILY INVOLVEMENT – FIRST READING – PC**
  Mr. Conley moved forward BP 6114 Crisis Response Plan in first reading from committee. Motion carried.

• **APPROVAL OF REVISION OF BP 6114 CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN – FIRST READING – PC**
  Mr. Conley moved, Ms. Pook seconded to approve BB 9320 Meetings in first reading.

• **APPROVAL OF BB 9320 MEETINGS – FIRST READING**
  Mr. Van Cise spoke in regards to the possibility of doing some outreach and communication with the media. There was a discussion regarding the ideas of doing a short column in the Sentinel about school happenings that would include the school
MEDIA

- SUPPORT OF MT. EDGECUMBE HIGH SCHOOL IN REGARDS TO ALASKA NATIVE SCIENCE ENGINEERING PROGRAM

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- BUDGET UPDATE
  Cassee Olin, Business Manager, explained that the budget is where it needs to be at this time of the year. She answered questions from the board.

- ENROLLMENT UPDATE – MARY WEGNER
  Superintendent Wegner explained that enrollment is continuing to fluctuate.

- SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – MARY WEGNER
  Superintendent Wegner congratulated the Sitka High Robotics Team since we have one team heading to State. She also congratulated the spelling and geography bee winners.

  Superintendent Wegner informed the board that Heather Powell would be moving to Hoonah to continue her work in reviving the Tlingit language. She thanked Heather for her vision, passion and partnership over the years that she has been in Sitka.

  Superintendent Wegner expressed her condolences to Woody Widmark’s family for the loss of his wife.

  Superintendent Wegner announced that she, Ms. Olin, and President Fulton presented to the Citizen Task Force. Superintendent Wegner and President Fulton also were on Problem Corner to discuss the school district.

  Superintendent Wegner stated that many superintendents are asking for a pause on the Alaska Measures of Progress for this year due to the controversy surrounding the normed assessments and the lack of confidence in the contractor who created the tests.

  Superintendent Wegner informed the board that the process in
selecting the 2016-17 calendar. She explained the process that the administration is going through in the selection process.

Superintendent Wegner was pleased to announce that Eric Matthes, Pacific High School teacher has recently had a book published. She also announce that Cindy Duncan, Keet Gooshi Heen teacher has been featured in a few state and national media outlets for the Tlingit Village created in Minecraft. Lastly, she announced that Rebecca Himschoot, Keet Gooshi Heen science teacher is going to be selected to the State Board of Education.

Superintendent Wegner informed the board that SEA and SESPA negotiations are still in process and things are moving along in a positive way. She also stated that the District and SESPA are in the process of selecting an arbitrator for the Community Schools grievance. She also informed the board that insurance meetings are continuing and that there will more than likely have a significant increase for next year. Lastly she announced that the School Climate and Connectedness Survey will be conducted during the month of February.

Superintendent Wegner announced that she will be attending the superintendent fly in in Juneau February 20-24, 2016.

There was no additional correspondence or information.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

- **LEGISLATIVE FLY-INS – FEBRUARY 6-9, 2016 (YOUTH FLY-IN) & MARCH 19-22, 2016**

- **BUDGET HEARINGS**
  - February 10, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Assembly Work Session – SHS Library
  - February 15, 2016- 3:45 p.m. Staff Budget Hearing – KGH MPR
  - March 2, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. Community Budget Hearing – SHS Library
  - March 7, 2016 -6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Raven Radio Call In
  - March 9, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Work Session – DO Boardroom

President Fulton, Ms. Pook and Mr. Conley will be attending the February fly in.
- March 23, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. 1st Budget Hearing – SHS Library
- April 7, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. Assembly Work Session – Sealing Cove Business Center on Alice Island
- April 13, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. 2nd Budget Hearing – SHS Library
- April 22, 2016 -7:00 p.m. Final Budget Hearing/Approval – SHS Library
  o Board Meeting – March 14, 2016 – ANB Hall

- **BOARD MEETING – MARCH 14, 2016 – ANB HALL**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- **SEA NEGOTIATIONS** Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. McNichol seconded for the board to go into executive session in accordance with and under the provisions of AS 44.62.310 (c)(1) &(4), the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the district. The matters to be discussed are Sitka Education Association and Sitka Support Personnel Association Negotiations. Business Manager Cassee Olin and Co-Assistant Superintendent Phil Burdick are invited in during the discussion of SEA and SESPA Negotiations. Motion carried.

Ms. McNichol moved, Mr. Van Cise seconded to return to regular session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Pook moved, Ms. McNichol seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Tim Fulton, President                                      Cass Pook, Clerk