

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 22, 2020

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Elias Erickson at 6:03 p.m. in the Sitka High School Library. 1000 Lake St, Sitka, AK 99835

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Elias Erickson, Eric Van Cise, Dionne Brady-Howard, Amy Morrison, Paul Rioux and Student Representative Aridiane Lindberg. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Rioux moved, Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to strike 8.c. from the agenda and accept the remainder of the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE CORA DOW**

President Erickson presented Cora Dow a certificate of appreciation for designing the “Leave Your Print” logo

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

There were no persons to be heard.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Jill Lecrone, Principal of Baranof Elementary School (BES), reported that the January Professional Development (PD) days for staff were helpful to learn and train in PowerSchool and TIPS. Mrs. Lecrone also shared a slide show of students and staff enjoying the BES events in December.

Casey Demmert, Principal of Keet Gooshi Heen (KGH), noted the highlight of Professional Day (PD) day was the Arts, Culture, and Technology (ACT), coordinated by Jessica Christianson, photography with Bobbi Jordan was shown to help in math and an artist showed how to incorporate art into the Nat Geo curriculum. He also announce that there will be a family night February 12th.

Matt Potter, Vice Principal of Blatchley Middle School (BMS), noted that there was a Geography Bee last week and there will be a Spelling Bee the 29th . The highlight of the PD training at BMS was also the ACT exercises coordinated by Jessica Christianson. BMS continues to work on how to be a Trauma Informed School vs a Trauma Practicing School. Several exercises were used to strengthen the staff’s use of Trauma Practice.

Laura Rogers, Principal of Sitka High School (SHS), informed

the board that there is a Saturday school every 6 weeks, and that 3 teachers and 50 students participated in the last one. Ms. Rogers noted the many opportunities students have to receive help on schoolwork. She announced that Mike Vieira received a \$10,000 grant from British Petroleum to use in CTE, he will be using it to purchase a plasma cutter that can be used for metals, woods, and art classes. She also noted that SHS is now offering a NW Coast Arts 1 & 2 class, and college credits are available for those classes.

Mandy Summer, Principal of Pacific High School (PHS), announced that a private donor will fund the Sitka Sound Science Center to hire a PHS student to gain employment skills and encourage students into fisheries occupations. Ms. Summer reported that PHS was able to join Mt. Edgecumbe High School for a 2-day training focused on how teachers can refine learning, intentions, and literacy in the classrooms. Ms. Summer also noted that PHS students have started a group to advocate and educate for native women. The statistics show that 84% of indigenous women nationwide experienced violence in their life.

REPORTS

- **REPORT ON THE 2020 CENSUS**

Kari Sagel reported on why it is important for every person to participate in the 2020 census. One way the census impacts us locally is the federal funds that Sitka receives for special education, after-school programs, and lunch assistance.

- **REPORT ON LEAVE YOUR PRINT CHALLENGE**

Superintendent Wegner, Paul Rioux, and Kari Sagel reported on the “*Leave Your Print*” Challenge. This challenge is seeking input from students, staff, families and the community to help the School District set the direction for the next 3-5 years.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Rioux reported that he had worked on the launch of the *Leave Your Print* challenge and talked to many people about it, receiving good feedback.

Aridiane Lindberg, student representative, reported on the many activities at SHS. She announced to the board that SHS would have a school play this year, which has not happened for several years.

Ms. Morrison noted that she enjoyed the December events at Baranof Elementary School. She announced she will be attending the February Fly-in with President Erickson. Ms. Morrison reminded everyone that April 24th and May 22 are now school days to make up for the January snow days.

Ms. Brady-Howard had nothing to report.

President Erickson attended the last assembly meeting. He thanked everyone for being flexible in moving January's Board Meeting from the 8th to the 22nd. President Erickson noted he is encouraged by the *Leave Your Print* participation so far.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- **BUDGET REPORT** Superintendent Wegner announced that the Budget report was in the January School Board Packet.

- **ENROLLMENT REPORT** Superintendent Wegner reported that the current enrollment is 1,196.75, up 9.75 from the October count. The projected enrollment was 1,187.

- **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE** Superintendent Wegner thanked the City Assembly for setting a direction to assist the schools us with the FYI21 Budget development. she congratulated the families involved and our community partners for a successful Early Childhood Family Café. Superintendent Wegener reported that team members from the *Leave Your Print* challenge presented at the Chamber of Commerce to introduce the strategic plan challenge.
Lastly, she noted that her full report is available on the SSD Website to read in its entirety.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2019 MINUTES** Ms. Dionne Brady-Howard moved, Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried

- **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2019 MINUTES** A Roll Call Vote is Required.

- **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2019 MINUTES**

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Rioux	
Brady-Howard	
Lindberg	
Erickson	
Morrison	
VanCise	

- **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2020 MINUTES**

- **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14, 2020 MINUTES** Motion carried.

- **APPROVAL OF NEW TEACHER CONTRACT**

NEW BUSINESS

- **DISCUSSION/DIRECTION REGARDING DATES FOR BUDGET MEETING** Budget meeting dates were discussed for the FY21 budget. The School Board Secretary was directed to create a Doodle poll to see when the members of the board will be able to meet.
- **APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN BUILDING LIAISONS** Mr. Van Cise moved, Ms. Brady-Howard seconded to approve the change in building liaison by moving Ms. Brady-Howard to Sitka High School and Mr. Van Cise to Pacific High School. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **REGULAR SCHOBOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2020**
- **ASSEMBLY/SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2020 - HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL - 6:00 PM.**
- **LEGISLATIVE FLY-IN FEBRUARY 8-11, 2020 - JUNEAU, AK**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

President

Eric Van Cise, Clerk