Sitka School Board Meeting
May 6, 2020
6:00 p.m. – ZOOM

2019-20 Goals and Objectives

The Sitka School District will:

• Close the achievement gap for each demographic.
• Increase the number of positive response rates on the School Climate and Connectedness Survey in the areas of peer climate, school climate, school safety, student involvement, and parent involvement.

2019-20 School Board Self-Improvement Plan:

• Work to improve recognition of students and staff
• Work to update the Superintendent evaluation process
• Take advantage of training opportunities

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE BOARD

1. The Board’s primary focus is student achievement and success.
2. Every effort will be made to maintain a comprehensive educational program.
3. Securing adequate resources is essential to the district’s ability to support its program.
4. The Board will promote the shared responsibility of education with parents, community and students.
5. There will be a consistent effort to eliminate barriers to learning for all students.
6. The Board will maintain an awareness of the impact of change on staff as they make decisions for the district.
7. The Board will implement a technology supported educational program that promotes creativity, individualism and diversity.
8. The Board recognizes the importance and value of early childhood development and education on student achievement and success.
9. We believe that a systematic, transparent budgeting process is foundational to the operation of our public schools.
10. Professional learning opportunities are essential for all staff.
Sitka School District Mission:
“Sitka Schools: Discovering potential, nurturing growth, and inspiring lifelong curiosity.”

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Administrative Response

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Proposed Agenda
5. Recognitions
   a. Recognize Future Problem Solvers of America
   b. Recognize School District Retirees
6. Persons to Be Heard
7. School Highlights - Principals
8. Board Member Reports
9. Administrative Reports
   a. Budget Update – Cassee Olin
   b. Enrollment Update– Mary Wegner
   c. Superintendent Update – Mary Wegner
10. Consent Agenda (These items will be considered in a single motion and will not be discussed unless an item is requested to be taken off the consent agenda by a Board Member)
    a. Approval of March 30, 2020 Minutes
    b. Approval of April 1, 2020 Minutes
    c. Approval of April 15, 2020 Minutes
    d. Approval of April 22, 2020 Minutes
    e. Approval of Long-term Substitute Contract
11. New Business
    a. Approval of New Science Standards for Alaska
12. Correspondence and Information (Separate Packet)
13. Future Agenda Items/Upcoming Events
    a. Next Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. June 24, 2020
    b. Upcoming Events
       • Pacific High School Graduation - 2:00 p.m. May 16, 2020
       • Sitka High School Graduation - 7:00 p.m. May 18, 2020
14. Adjournment
Meeting time requirement wording:
Meetings will adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (or Alaska Daylight Standard Time) unless by a majority vote of the board the meeting is extended 30 minutes to 11:00 p.m. Further 30-minute extensions will require each a separate motion that will require a unanimous vote of those members present and constituting a quorum.

**Recognitions**

5.a. Recognize Future Problem Solvers of America
   - 3 divisions qualified for state - junior, middle, and senior
   - BMS 6th grade - Justin Hames, Liam Laybourn, Angela Bahna, and Calder Prussian placed 1st in state and will go on to national/internationals. Liam Laybourn also placed 1st in scenario writing.
   - Middle division - Olivia Skan, Anna Prussian, Zoë Trafton and Autumn Treadway. Oliva Skan placed in the solo competition.
   - SHS 10th grade - Asa Dow, Darby Osborne, Addie Poulson, and Mina Brooks-Schmidt placed 2nd in state.
   - Thanks to the many coaches for their time and dedication - KK Prussian, EJ Treadway, Math Trafton, Tad Fujioka, Kristen Homer, Nora Stewart, and Danielle Skan

5.b. Recognize School District Retirees
   - Thank you for your endless patience, motivation, and persistence in helping our students become better people. Happy retirement!
   - Jody Smothers-Marcello - (33 years) started in 1987 at Blatchley Middle School teaching 7th grade Social Studies. In 2002 she moved to her present position at Sitka High School.
   - Peggy Federoff - (32 years) started in 1974 teaching at Baranof Elementary School. Over the years Peggy has worked at SHS, KGH, and BMS teaching Special Education.
   - Nancy Douglas - (10 years) Cultural Director. Nancy was instrumental in developing our cultural programming and helping the District to evolve our relationship with Sitka Tribe of Alaska, as well as local Elders.
   - Jennifer Oen - (25 years) started at Mt. Edgecumbe Elementary School teaching Kindergarten in 1994, and retired as a Reading Interventionist at KGH.
   - Jay Brauch - (16 years) started as a Para at BMS in 2003, and then in 2006 went to KGH for 13 years. Jay invented a Math intervention game called *Math in Action* that provides visual and tactile feedback for students.

**Consent Agenda**

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11.a. Approval of Long-term Substitute Contract
   - Jim DiGennaro substituting for PHS Math/Science Teacher, Bridgette Reynolds.

   “I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.”

**Roll call vote**

**New Business**

11.a. Approval of New Science Standards for Alaska
   - Sarah Ferrency and Stacy Golden will be giving an overview of the new Science Standards to the board.

   “I move to approve Alaska Science Standards”
Sitka School Board Calendar

The dates of some items may vary. Some items are not addressed by the Board annually.

July

August

September

Validation of New Teachers’ Contracts
Validation of New Administrators’ Contracts
Educational Plan Development
Fall Boardsmanship Academy
Goal Setting

October

Oath of Office
Election of Board Officers
Budget Development Guidelines
Principal Appreciation Month
SHS Student Government Meeting Oct/Nov
Sitka Tribe of Alaska Work Session Oct/Nov

November

AASB Annual Conference

December

Audit Report/Letter to Management
Winter Boardsmanship Academy

January

Budget Revision
AASB Legislative Fly-In and Leadership Training
Superintendent’s Evaluation/Contract Renewal

February

Budget Public Hearings
Board Appreciation Month
Sitka Tribe of Alaska Work Session Feb/Mar
AASB Legislative Fly-In

March

Budget Public Hearings
AASB Legislative Fly-In and Spring Boardsmanship Academy

April

Budget Approval
Budget Due to City Assembly
Strategic Plan Report/Review
Add/update Policies as recommended by AASB

May

Teacher Appreciation Week

June

Budget Revision
Assistant Superintendent Contract