

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 6, 2020

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Mary Wegner

CALL TO ORDER

The Sitka School Board meeting was called to order by President Erickson at 6:07 p.m. on the remote video conferencing platform ZOOM.

ROLL CALL

Members present were, Elias Erickson, Eric Van Cise, Amy Morrison, and Paul Rioux. Dionne Brady-Howard was absent and excused. The meeting was quorate.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Mr. Van Cise moved; Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the board agenda as presented.

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

RECOGNITIONS

- **RECOGNIZE FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS OF AMERICA**
- **RECOGNIZE SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIREES**

President Erickson congratulated the Future Problem Solvers of America for their success at the State Tournament. The junior team places 1st in state, senior team placed 2nd in state, Olivia Skan placed in the Solo competition, and Liam Laybourn placed 1st in scenario writing.

The School Board expressed appreciation and thanks to the following School District retirees. Jody Smother-Marcello (33 years), Peggy Federoff (32 years), Nancy Douglas (10 years), Jennifer Oen (25 years), and Jay Brauch (16 years).

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Roxann Gagner expressed her concern about planning early for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Rebecca Himschoot asked for more clarification regarding the Secure Rural Schools funding.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Principals Mandy Summer and Laura Rogers spoke to the board about upcoming graduation plans. Principal Ben White relayed the plans BMS will be doing for the annual Rights of Passage ceremony for 8th grade students. Principal Casey Demmert expressed appreciation to the teachers of KGH who continue to promote learning via virtual schooling. He also informed the board about upcoming events at KGH. Principal Jill Lecrone

noted it is Teacher Appreciation week. She commended the staff for their good work this year, especially now in providing such a rich learning environment remotely.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Van Cise noted he had touched base with Principal Mandy Summer at PHS. He was encouraged to see the staff going above and beyond for the students, as they are across the district.

Mr. Rioux expressed his appreciation to the staff for the thoughtful ways they are making graduation special.

Ms. Morrison thanked all the principals and teachers for all they do, especially in these unprecedented times.

President Erickson also thanked teachers for their adaptiveness in changing their teaching practices and methods to accommodate for the situation we are in.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- **BUDGET REPORT**

Cassee Olin, Business Manager, gave an overview of the budget update and took questions from the board.

- **ENROLLMENT REPORT**

Superintendent Wegner noted current enrollment is 1,196.75. Projected enrollment was 1,187 and the actual count was 1,197.56.

- **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Superintendent Wegner reported to the School Board highlights of the events since the last board meeting. She noted current and upcoming events and reminded everyone that the meal distribution will end May 22nd. Lastly, Superintendent Wegner noted that her full report is available on the SSD website to read in its entirety.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 30, 2020 MINUTES**

Ms. Morrison moved; Mr. Van Cise moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Public Comment

- **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 1, 2020 MINUTES**

No public comment was offered.

- **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 15, 2020 MINUTES**

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

- **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 22, 2020 MINUTES**

- **APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE CONTRACT**

NEW BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF THE NEW SCIENCE STANDARDS FOR ALASKA**

Mr. Rioux moved; Ms. Morrison seconded to approve the new Science Standards for Alaska as presented. Ms. Golden and Ms. Ferreny reviewed the standards for the board.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

There was no correspondence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION - ZOOM VIRTUAL CEREMONY - 2:00 P.M. MAY 16, 2020**
- **SITKA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 7:00 P.M. MAY 18, 2020**
- **REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING JUNE 24, 2020**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Elias Erickson, President

Erick Van Cise, Clerk