

Sitka School District Mission:
The Sitka School District will intentionally develop
Haa Latseení
(Our Strength of Mind, Body, and Spirit)
to inspire and prepare students to be compassionate, empowered,
and equipped critical thinkers within a global community.

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 | 6:00 PM | District Office Board Room, 300 Kostrometinoff Street, Sitka, AK
99835

Proposed Agenda

1. **Recognitions - 5:45 - 6:00 p.m.**
2. **Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.**
3. **Flag Salute**
4. **Land Acknowledgment**
5. **Roll Call**
6. **Approval of the Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda**
 - 6.a. Minutes from May 6, 2026
 - 6.b. Personnel Report
 - 6.c. Revision to BP 5138 Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices, Second Reading
7. **Persons to be Heard**
8. **Special Reports: Government to Government**
9. **School Highlights - SHS**
10. **Reports and Presentations**
11. **Board Member Reports**
12. **Administrative Reports**
 - 12.a. Budget Report
 - 12.b. Enrollment Report
 - 12.c. Superintendent Report
13. **New Business**
 - 13.a. Approve Tech Purchase
 - 13.b. Verkada License Renewal
 - 13.c. 2026-2027 School Board Meeting Calendar
 - 13.d. Approve Superintendent Leave from July 9 - 23, 2026
14. **Future Agenda Items/Upcoming Events**
 - 14.a. June 30, 2026 - Special School Board Meeting | 5:00 p.m. | DO Boardroom
15. **Final Comments from the Public**
16. **Final Comments from the Board**
17. **Adjournment**

Note: All items listed under Agenda & Consent Agenda are considered routine by the School Board and will be approved in one motion. Items may be removed at the request of a School Board Member.

Note: Meetings will adjourn by 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.

Note: The School Board reserves the right to go into executive session as and to the extent permitted by AS 44.62.310 and Board Bylaw 9321. An executive session may be called to consider the following subjects: (1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the District; (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion; (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential; and (4) matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure. The motion to go into executive session must clearly specify the subject of the proposed session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in executive session.

SITKA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 6, 2026 – 5:45 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Sitka School District

Superintendent: Dr. Deidre Jenson

1. RECOGNITIONS

Haa Latseení Students of the Month:

- XTS: Parker Allen
- KGH: Lucas Kisaka
- BMS: Ben Lihou
- SHS: Silas Todd
- PHS: Michael Smith

PHS Student Awards at AISES Conf:

- Jaiden Bradley
- Rayne Weaver

Sitka Rose Awards:

- Haylee Steffes
- Sadie Fitzgerald
- Alice Ann Ricketts
- Amara Johnson

Youth Summit Award:

- Francis Myers

2. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by School Board President Phil Burdick.

3. FLAG SALUTE

**4. LAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

5. ROLL CALL

In attendance were Courtney Amundson, Paul Rioux, Amanda Williams, Tom Williams, Student Representative Francis Myers, and President Phil Burdick. The meeting was quorate.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE
PROPOSED AGENDA AND
CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Rioux moved, and **Ms. Amundson** seconded to approve the proposed agenda and consent agenda, as presented.

- a. MINUTES FROM APRIL 1,
2026

The motion PASSED without opposition.

- b. MINUTES FROM APRIL 23, 2026 SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
- c. APRIL 15TH POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING RECAP
- d. PERSONNEL REPORT
- e. FY27 CERTIFIED TEACHING CONTRACTS
- f. AR 9230 BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION (ADOPT)
- g. REVISIONS TO BP 6174 ENGLISH LEARNERS, SECOND READING

7. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Leslie Young read a statement to the board publicly stating her disappointment regarding their previous decision around her complaint of misconduct in the district.

Kevin Mosher, Assembly member and liaison to the school board, informed the board of an upcoming May 12th discussion and report on childcare in Sitka, which was conducted at the request of the Sitka Assembly.

8. SPECIAL REPORTS: GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT

There was no Government to Government report at this meeting.

9. SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

There were no school highlights at this meeting.

10. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. AASG RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 206 “SCHOOL SUICIDE POLICIES; FIREARM STORAGE”

Sarah Todd and Silas Todd presented a resolution: “School Suicide Policies; Firearm Storage” to the school board which was passed at the AASG General Assembly. The resolution is to be presented to the state legislature for its consideration.

President Burdick also acknowledged Sarah Todd as the newly elected AASG Vice-President, Francis Myers as the Student Council Leader of the Year, and Frederique Charbonneau as the AASG Advisor of the Year.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Myers reported on spring activities and sports at Sitka High School.

Ms. Amundson shared that she attended the XTS Carnival.

Mr. Rioux attended PHS dinner and Title I presentation. He also gave a summary of education bills in the legislature.

Ms. Williams reported on Policy Committee work.

Mr. Burdick thanked the board for work on the budget. He reported on volunteering to teach a life skills class at PHS, weekly meetings with the superintendent, and AASB policy development for tribal consultation. Mr. Burdick also reported on attending the AASB Spring Boardsmanship Academy and shared highlights from the sessions.

12. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Jenson reported on several topics:

- Professional development: Discussion of district grading practices during inservice.
- Staffing changes: Megan Reid moving to Activities Director; Diana Fulton moving to SHS Counselor; Keith Shelton moving to Assistant Superintendent; Beau Hedrick moving to BMS Dean of Students and Interventionist.
- The results of the Staff/Public survey were shared with the board.
- Update on education legislation.

Business Manager Kathrynn Hollis-Buchanan reported a \$4,000 increase in Impact Aid funds received.

Superintendent Jenson shared the current enrollment number: 1038

13. NEW BUSINESS

a. APPROVAL OF THE DEED 6-YEAR CIP PLAN

Mr. Williams moved, and **Mr. Rioux** seconded to approve the DEED 6-year CIP plan, as presented.

There was no public comment.

There was no board discussion.

The motion PASSED without opposition.

b. APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUATION OF PRE-K PROGRAM

Mr. Rioux moved, and **Ms. Amundson** seconded to approve the continuation of the PreK program, as presented.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Amundson remarked that as the program currently exists, it does not target the students who need more help and close the achievement gap.

Dr. Jenson answered saying that some adjustments might provide opportunity for students in the gap.

Following a roll call vote, the motion PASSED without opposition.

c. **FORMAL
ACCEPTANCE OF
THE GRANT
DONATION FROM
FIRST BANK AND
FEDERAL HOME
LOAN BANK OF DES
MOINES.**

Mr. Williams moved, and **Ms. Amundson** seconded to accept the grant donation from First Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines, as presented.

There was no public comment.
There was no board discussion.

Following a roll call vote, the motion PASSED without opposition.

d. **APPROVE CHANGE
TO SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING
CALENDAR**

Mr. Williams moved, and **Mr. Rioux** seconded to approve the change to move the June 17th school board meeting to June 16th.

There was no public comment.
There was no board discussion.

The motion PASSED without opposition.

e. **APPROVE
SUPERINTENDENT'S
LEAVE**

Mr. Williams moved, and **Mr. Rioux** seconded to approve Dr. Jenson's requested leave, as presented.

There was no public comment.
There was no board discussion.

The motion PASSED without opposition.

f. **ACCEPT TOM
WILLIAMS
RESIGNATION
FROM THE SCHOOL
BOARD**

Mr. Rioux moved, and **Ms. Amundson** seconded to accept Tom Williams' resignation from the board, effective June 1, 2026.

There was no public comment.
Board discussion:
Board members expressed their appreciation for Mr. Williams' work on the school board.

The motion PASSED without opposition.

g. ACCEPT AMANDA WILLIAMS' RESIGNATION FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Rioux moved, and **Ms. Amundson** seconded to accept Amanda Williams' resignation from the board, effective June 1, 2026.

There was no public comment.

Board discussion:

Board members expressed their appreciation for Ms. Williams' work on the school board.

The motion PASSED without opposition.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. MAY 11, 2026 – SHS AWARDS NIGHT
- b. MAY 16, 2026 – PHS GRADUATION
- c. MAY 18, 2026 SHS GRADUATION
- d. MAY 22, 2026 – BMS RITES OF PASSAGE
- e. MAY 22, 2026 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- f. JUNE 16, 2026 – NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
- g. JUNE 30, 2026 – SPECIAL MEETING TO FILL VACANT BOARD SEATS

BP 5138 STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The School Board recognizes that many students possess wireless communication devices. In the school setting, wireless communication devices are permitted, so long as their use is consistent with this policy and does not interfere with the educational process, or with safety and security.

For the purpose of this policy, "wireless communication device" is defined as a portable device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two or more parties and includes cellular phones, smartwatches, wireless headphones, tablet computers, laptop computers, and gaming devices.

(cf. 5030, School Discipline and Safety)

Conditions of Use - Wireless Communications Devices

For all students (grades K-12) wireless communication devices should be powered off and stored in a secure place, such as the student's locker or a closed backpack, at all times during school hours. This includes passing periods and school sponsored and supervised activities (e.g., school assemblies, public ceremonies, etc.) that occur during the school day.

Students in grades K-8 may only use wireless communication devices before and after school hours. High school students (grades 9-12) may use wireless communication devices before and after school hours, as well as outside the school building during a student's lunch or free period. High school students should otherwise have devices powered off and put away during school hours.

Exceptions are allowed for students to use a wireless communication device for medical or translation purposes, in the event of an emergency, or when a teacher or administrator of the school grants permission to a student to use a wireless communication device for educational purposes. This policy is not intended to prohibit students from using laptop computers to participate in instruction. This policy is also not intended to limit the ability of students to participate in online classes.

Use of wireless communication devices for students with disabilities will be outlined in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan, as determined appropriate by the IEP or 504 Team.

(cf. 6159, Individualized Education Program)

The principal may establish, and school personnel may enforce, additional guidelines limiting or prohibiting the possession and use of wireless communication devices as appropriate to campus needs. The learning environment includes all times that a student is in school during the school day and when school sponsored and supervised group activities are held during school hours. This does not apply to extracurricular

activities and events that occur outside of the regular school day. No student may use a wireless communication device in a manner, or at a time, that interferes with or is disruptive of other student's instructional time.

(cf. 6116, Classroom Interruptions)

Students will comply with this policy and with administrative and staff member directives regarding use. Students are required to turn wireless communication devices over to school personnel when requested. Students who refuse to do so are subject to disciplinary action.

A wireless communication device that has been confiscated by the district and not turned over to law enforcement will be released/returned to the parent/guardian when no longer necessary for investigation or disciplinary proceedings. As appropriate, the device may be returned directly to the student.

The district assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property of students, including wireless communication devices, whether in the possession of students or if confiscated by school personnel pursuant to this policy.

(cf. 6116, Classroom Interruptions)

Prohibited Conduct

Possession of a wireless communication device by students is a privilege. This privilege will be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy or otherwise engages in misuse of the device so as to violate the law or any other school or district rule. In addition to those conduct rules set forth elsewhere, the following actions are strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action:

1. Accessing and/or viewing an internet site that is otherwise blocked to students at school.
2. Sending an email, text message, or other communication that harasses, intimidates, threatens, bullies, or discriminates against another individual.
3. Taking, sending, downloading, or uploading a harassing, threatening, or inappropriate photograph of anyone.
4. Using a wireless communication device to take photos in a restroom, dressing room, or locker room, or to take a photo of any person who has requested that you not do so.
5. Using a wireless communication device to record or capture the content of tests, assessments, homework, or class work without express prior permission from the instructor.
6. Hacking or intentionally obtaining, accessing, or modifying files, passwords, or data belonging to others.

(cf. 5131, Conduct)

(cf. 5131.4, Campus Disturbances)

(cf. 5131.41, Violent and Aggressive Conduct)

(cf. 5131.42, Threats of Violence)

(cf. 5131.43, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying)

(cf. 5131.9, Academic Honesty)

(cf. 5137, Positive School Climate)

(cf. 6161.4, Internet)

(cf. 6161.5, Web Sites/Pages)

Searches

The contents of a wireless communication device may be searched to determine ownership, to identify emergency contacts, or upon reasonable suspicion that a school or district rule or the law has been violated.

(cf. 5145.12, Search and Seizure)

Adopted: June 10, 2010

Revised: December 2, 2014

Revised:

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Memo:

| Expires | Sales Rep | Contract | Terms |
|------------|---------------------|----------|--------|
| 05/31/2026 | 818 Nicholas Gaskas | | Net 30 |

| Qty | Item | MFG | Price | Ext. Price |
|-----|---|---------|----------|-------------|
| 88 | LIC-CAM-1Y-RNW Verkada 1-Year Camera License, Renewal | Verkada | \$167.48 | \$14,738.24 |
| 3 | Product Required MFR: LIC-TX-1Y-RNW Verkada 1-Year Desk Station License, Renewal | Verkada | \$190.42 | \$571.26 |
| 20 | LIC-SV-1Y-RNW Verkada 1-Year SV License, Renewal | Verkada | \$190.42 | \$3,808.40 |

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| Subtotal | \$19,117.90 |
| Tax Total | \$0.00 |
| Shipping Cost | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$19,117.90 |

Thank you,

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| 3 | Product Required MFR: LIC-TX-3Y-RNW Verkada 3-Year Desk Station License, Renewal | Verkada | \$499.89 | \$1,499.67 |
| 20 | Product Required MFR: LIC-SV-3Y-RNW Verkada 3-Year SV License, Renewal | Verkada | \$399.94 | \$7,998.80 |

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| Subtotal | \$44,693.19 |
| Tax Total | \$0.00 |
| Shipping Cost | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$44,693.19 |

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| 3 | Product Required MFR: LIC-TX-5Y-RNW Verkada 1-Year Desk Station License, Renewal | Verkada | \$837.57 | \$2,512.71 |
| 20 | Product Required MFR: LIC-SV-5Y-RNW Verkada 5-Year SV License, Renewal | Bluum | \$669.92 | \$13,398.40 |

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| Subtotal | \$74,864.07 |
| Tax Total | \$0.00 |
| Shipping Cost | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$74,864.07 |

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Sitka School Board

2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates

Meeting dates and locations may change.

Special meetings are scheduled as needed.

The public will be notified when any special meetings are scheduled.

| Date | Location |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| August 12, 2026 | District Office Boardroom |
| September 2, 2026 | Sitka High School Library |
| October 7, 2026 | Harrigan Centennial Hall |
| October 16-17, 2026 | School Board Retreat with AASB |
| November 3, 2026 (<i>Tuesday</i>) | Sitka High School Library |
| November 5-9, 2026 | AASB Annual Conference – Anchorage |
| December 2, 2026 | Harrigan Centennial Hall |
| January 6, 2027 | Sitka High School Library |
| February 3, 2027 | Sitka High School Library |
| March 3, 2027 | Sheet'ka Kwaan Nakahidi Community House |
| April 7, 2027 | Sitka High School Library |
| May 5, 2027 | Harrigan Centennial Hall |
| June 16, 2027 | District Office Boardroom |