



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

The Board of Education of
School District No. 19 (Revelstoke)
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
September 15th, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Chell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Chell, Hamilton, Nicholson, Morrone and Wilson;
Superintendent Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer Ross, District Principal of Operations &
Technology Woodhurst and District Principal of Support Services Morris;
RSS Principal Hooker, RSS Vice-Principal Smillie, RSS Vice-Principal Pfeiffer, RTA
President MacFarlane, two members of the media and Confidential Secretary Glen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

09: R-80 Wilson/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved with the following additions:

8.5.C Roots of Empathy Correspondence”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09: R-81 Hamilton/Morrone

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June
23rd, 2009 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT COOPER

Administration Report: Superintendent Cooper

Received as information.

Revelstoke Secondary School Out of Town Trips

09: R-82 Morrone/Hamilton

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 19
(Revelstoke) approve the Revelstoke Secondary School senior
Music students to participate in a trip to San Francisco, CA
January 28th – February 2nd, 2010 subject to Policy 7.4 as well as
subject to all participants having medical travel insurance.”

CARRIED



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Achievement Contract – Literacy Goal

Superintendent Cooper presented the updated Achievement Contract which now includes Foundation Skills Assessment data in the literacy goal. The successes seen in this goal can be attributed to the work of teachers and support staff and to the district's commitment to early identification and intervention.

Trustee Chell added that the collaborative efforts between Kindergarten Teachers and the Early Childhood Development Committee have greatly contributed to our young students success and should be commended.

Trustee Wilson commended the contribution of all staff in ensuring our students are achieving success in literacy. She commented that she felt the Foundation Skills Assessment plays an important role in validating the district's success.

SECRETARY-TREASURER ROSS

Annual Facilities Grant Funding

Secretary-Treasurer Ross advised Trustees that staff will carefully review the school maintenance needs in light of the announcement that there will be no Annual Facilities Grant funding this year. There will be no significant impact for 2009/2010.

DISTRICT PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY WOODHURST

Capital Projects Update

District Principal Woodhurst provided an update as to the work completed to date on the Capital Projects. The Request For Proposals document provides proponents with clear direction as to what the district requirements are for the elementary and secondary schools.

Trustee Chell advised that we are awaiting the final confirmation from the Ministry before making a public announcement regarding the Neighbourhoods of Learning projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of July 30th, 2009

09: R-83 Wilson/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities meeting of July 30th, 2009 be received with the amendment of the start time to be 12:00 p.m.”

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CORRESPONDENCE

Minister MacDiarmid Letter dated August 25th, 2009 re: National Child Day

Received as information.

Revelstoke Teachers' Association Letter dated August 25th, 2009 re:
Teacher/Administration Ratios

Trustee Chell thanked Revelstoke Teachers' Association President MacFarlane for bringing the RTA Executive's concerns to the Board. He commented that the Board strives to allocate staff to best serve the needs of students. He noted that the data presented in the letter does not give accurate information as FTE was used to describe teacher's hours, yet headcounts are used to describe administrators. It also does not acknowledge the increase in the support to student services.

09: R-84 Nicholson/Morrone

"THAT a letter be sent to the Revelstoke Teachers' Association to clarify data."

CARRIED

Roots of Empathy Letter dated September 10th, 2009 re: Funding Cuts

Trustees were advised Roots of Empathy program has had their funding cut and are now trying to determine whether or not they will be able to run programs this year.

09: R-85 Nicholson/Morrone

"THAT a letter be sent to Roots of Empathy and request that Revelstoke be given approval to continue offering the program in Revelstoke for 2009/2010 using community funding and expertise."

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RECESS

The meeting recessed at 8:29 p.m. in order to conduct the closed session.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Local Government Interests in School Lands
- BCPSEA By-election
- Amended Capital Project Agreement – In Camera

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

DATED: September 15th, 2009