



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

**The Board of Education of
School District No. 19 (Revelstoke)
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
October 6th, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Chell, Hamilton, Nicholson and Wilson;
Superintendent Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer Ross, District Principal of Operations &
Technology Woodhurst and District Principal of Support Services Morris;
Literacy Outreach Coordinator Spannier, RTA President MacFarlane, two members of the
media and Confidential Secretary Glen.

Regrets: Trustee Morrone

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

09: R-86 Nicholson/Wilson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09: R-87 Wilson/Hamilton

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of
September 15th, 2009 be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED

SPECIAL REPORTS

District/Community Literacy Plan

Literacy Outreach Coordinator, Tracy Spannier joined Superintendent Cooper to present the updated District Community Literacy Plan. Changes to the plan included enhancing the goals and objectives section by highlighting the status of the objectives, lead roles and providing a progress summary. Ms. Spannier drew Trustees’ attention to the extensive list of Literacy Assets in our community.

Superintendent Cooper provided a heartfelt thank you on behalf of the Board to the Community Champions – those local organizations that have previously funded or supported literacy in Revelstoke. These organizations include BC Hydro, City of Revelstoke in-kind supports, Columbia Basin Trust Education Sector Funds, Columbia Basin Trust Local Initiatives, Community Connections in-kind supports, Community Futures Development Corp., Knights of Pythias, Loyal Order of the Moose, Okanagan College – Revelstoke Centre, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Revelstoke Child Care Society in kind supports, Revelstoke Community Foundation, Revelstoke Credit Union, Revelstoke Rotary Club, Revelstoke Social Development Committee, Senior Citizens’ Association, School District #19 in kind supports and community literacy support, United Way of the North Okanagan Columbia Shuswap. She also thanked Trustee Wilson for her work with the Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee.

Trustees commended both Ms. Spannier for her leadership in literacy and the Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee for producing such an outstanding document.



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NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT COOPER

Administration Report: Superintendent Cooper

Received as information.

2009/2010 Report on the Organization of Classes

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the report with Trustees. It is a statutory requirement that the district consult with teachers on the organization of classes where there are more than three students with an Individual Education Plan. Superintendent Cooper assured Trustees that each and every class, regardless of the number of students with special needs, receives ongoing scrutiny in terms of support offered to ensure the best possible learning and working environment in all classes in the district.

09: R-88 Wilson/Hamilton

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) accept the 2009/2010 Report on the Organization of Classes as presented.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY-TREASURER ROSS

Secretary-Treasurer Ross provided an overview of the 2008/2009 Audited Financial Statements. She reported on the challenges that were overcome to avoid a deficit while maintaining services to students.

2008/2009 Audited Financial Statements

09: R-89 Wilson/Nicholson

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) accept the 2009/2010 Report on the Organization of Classes as presented.”

Trustee Chell advised that the Board's position is to put the dollars into the classrooms, where it belongs, and that they are not concerned with carrying a surplus. He commended Secretary-Treasurer Ross and staff for a job well done.

CARRIED



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DISTRICT PRINCIPAL OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY WOODHURST

Capital Projects Update

District Principal Woodhurst advised that the main focus in the last few weeks was the Commercial In-Confidence meetings with the three proponents and the discussions with the Revelstoke Community Energy Corporation. He commended Superintendent Cooper on her efforts to reach a signed agreement with RCEC. He also confirmed that the deadline to receive the proposals from the three proponents is November 27th, 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of September 18th, 2009

09: R-90 Wilson/Hamilton

“THAT the Report on Bills Paid for the months of May – June 2009 be approved in the amount of \$2,545,950.02.”

CARRIED

09: R-91 Wilson/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities meeting of September 18th, 2009 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of September 29th, 2009

09: R-92 Wilson/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of September 29th, 2009 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC Public School Employers' Association Bi-Election

Trustee Nicholson reported that Silas White from School District 46 (Sunshine Coast) was elected to fill the Board of Directors position at BCPSEA.



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CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Education Letter dated September 30th, 2009 re: Full Day Kindergarten

Superintendent Cooper advised that a meeting would be convened with the Early Childhood Development Committee, Kindergarten teachers and elementary principals to review the community's views on full day Kindergarten and determine the direction to be taken. Proposals to pilot full day Kindergarten programs are due to the Ministry by November 1st, 2009.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m. in order to conduct the closed session.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Revelstoke Community Energy Corporation Energy Agreement
- Revelstoke Teachers' Association "Energize Your Life" Request

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

DATED: October 6th, 2009