



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting September 14th, 2011 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Chell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Chell, Wilson, Nicholson, Morrone, Hamilton

Senior Administration: Superintendent Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer Ross

Principals/Vice Principals: District Principal, Operations & Technology Woodhurst and District Principal, Support Services Smillie

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Jennifer Wolney, Acting RTA President; two parents and one member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11: R-69 Wilson/Morrone

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11: R-70 Nicholson/Wilson

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 22nd, 2011, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT COOPER

Administration Report: Superintendent Cooper

Received as information.

SUPERINTENDENT COOPER

Administration Report: Superintendent Cooper (continued)

Superintendent Cooper thanked last year's retirees for their years of service to the district and welcomed new teachers to the district. Superintendent Cooper highlighted the district's involvement in a Canadian Obesity Foundation initiative titled "A Novel Family-Based Intervention for the Treatment of Obesity: Linking Health Promotion with Environmental and Economic Benefits. With respect to the current teacher job action, Superintendent Cooper advised that exempt staff are covering supervision before school, at recess and after school. Trustee Chell commented that the information letter provided to parents regarding the affects of the teacher job action was very clear. Superintendent Cooper thanked Acting RTA President Jennifer Wolney for providing leadership to the district regarding the job action.

Policy 2.10 Organizational Chart

Superintendent Cooper presented the updated Organizational Chart.

11: R-71 Nicholson/Morrone

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approved the attached Policy 2.10 Organizational Chart to be effective September 1st, 2011."

CARRIED

SECRETARY-TREASURER ROSS

2010/2011 Audited Financial Statements

Secretary-Treasurer Ross presented the 2010/2011 Audited Financial Statements and advised that the auditors have now signed the Audited Financial Statements and have given a clear audit opinion. Secretary-Treasurer Ross commented that the auditors found the new system and the checks in place to be working well. Secretary-Treasurer Ross highlighted some of the expenditures such as instructional computer equipment as well as maintenance and repairs to roofs and electrical equipment. She also commented on the increase in costs for snow removal, sanding and clearing of roofs due to the high snow fall last winter. Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that there was no surplus this year. Trustee Wilson commended district staff particularly Secretary-Treasurer Ross at this challenging time. Trustee Chell echoed Trustee Wilson's comments and noted that this year and the next will be difficult in terms of achieving a balanced budget.

11: R-72 Morrone/Wilson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the 2010/2011 Audited Financial Statements as presented."

CARRIED

SECRETARY-TREASURER ROSS (continued)

Auditing Services

Secretary-Treasurer Ross advised that the district has been very satisfied with the services provided by BDO Dunwoody and would like to proceed with negotiations for a further term.

11: R-73 Morrone/Wilson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education appoint BDO Dunwoody as auditors to the School District for the three year period of 2011/2012 to 2013/2014.”

CARRIED

DISTRICT PRINCIPAL, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY WOODHURST

Capital Projects Update

Received as information.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of July 12th, 2011

11: R-74 Wilson/Hamilton

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of July 12th, 2011 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of September 8th, 2011

11: R-75 Wilson/Morrone

“THAT the Report on Bills Paid for the months of April to June, 2011 be approved in the amount of \$17,456,942.77.”

CARRIED

11: R-76 Wilson/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of September 8th, 2011 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of June 27th, 2011

Received as Information

Okanagan College Advisory Committee Meeting of May 25th, 2011

Received as Information

Trustee Nicholson provided handout and advised that the college is continuing to grow and currently has the 2nd largest trades training program in the province. Trustee Nicholson added that the College is planning a joint program with Thompson Rivers University in adventure tourism.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Minister of Education George Abbott to Board Chairs dated June 27th, 2011 regarding early assessment of students.

Superintendent Cooper explained that our district already does an early assessment of students and this letter indicates that early assessment may become universal in the province. Trustee Morrone commented that this is another example of how our district plays a leadership role.

Letter from British Columbia School Trustees Association dated August 31st, 2011 calling for board input into funding formula.

Trustee Chell advised that Superintendent Cooper has been on the technical review committee and that committee has been well served by Superintendent Cooper's involvement. Secretary-Treasurer Ross will prepare a draft brief, which will be reviewed by the Finance/Facilities Committee and then submitted to the British Columbia School Trustees Association.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Wilson.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Teacher Bargaining Update
- CUPE Bargaining Update
- OLRC Update
- Theatre Management Plan

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

DATED: September 14th, 2011