



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting November 2nd, 2011 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Wilson, Nicholson, Morrone, and 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; and one parent

Regrets: Trustee Chell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11: R-81 Morrone/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11: R-82 Nicholson/Morrone

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 5th, 2011, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT COOPER

Administration Report: Superintendent Cooper

Received as information.

Superintendent Cooper reviewed her Activity Report noting that most of her activities have focused on the Revelstoke Secondary School occupancy.

Revelstoke Secondary School Open House

Superintendent Cooper reminded trustees of the open house and reviewed plans for the event.

SECRETARY-TREASURER ROSS

DISTRICT PRINCIPAL, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY WOODHURST

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting of October 4th, 2011

11: R-83 Hamilton/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of October 4th, 2011 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of October 19th, 2011

It was noted that the amount of \$9,081,770.83 was omitted from Item 4.3 in the Minutes of the October 19th, 2011 meeting.

11: R-84 Morrone/Nicholson

“THAT Item 4.3 of the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Meeting of October 19th, 2011 be amended as follows:

“THAT the Report on Bills paid for July, 2011 to September, 2011 in the amount of \$9,081,770.83 be approved as presented at the next regular board meeting.”

CARRIED

11: R-85 Wilson/Morrone

“THAT the Report on Bills Paid for July, 2011 to September, 2011 in the amount of \$9,081,770.83 be approved.”

CARRIED

11: R-86 Wilson/Morrone

“THAT the amended minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of October 19th, 2011 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Provincial Council Meeting of October 21st and 22nd, 2011

Trustee Nicholson attended the Provincial Council Meeting and reported that there was a presentation made by the British Columbia Public School Employers Association (BCPSEA).

The BCPSEA reviewed the status of negotiations with the British Columbia Teachers' Federation and confirmed that they will be making an application to the Labour Relations Board asking for revisions to the 2002 ruling with respect to essential services. Minister of Education George Abbott spoke at the Provincial Council meeting and discussed the need for a new model for the BC College of Teachers, as the public must have confidence in the discipline procedures. Minister Abbott also spoke of educational renewal/personalized learning and the need for parents to have reassurances concerning their children's education. The new BC Education Plan which was developed after months of consultation with educators, students, parents and the public with a goal to prepare children for success today and into the future, will be launched shortly. Trustee Nicholson advised that there were 50 funding formula submissions from school districts in the province (including Revelstoke) and that the Ministry of Education will be reviewing all of the submissions. A synopsis of the meeting was provided by Trustee Nicholson.

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of October 24th, 2011

Received as information.

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the Minutes, highlighting that a gala event is planned for January 12th, 2012 to release the community-wide Children's Charter, which the Early Childhood Development Committee and others have now finalized.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated October 18th, 2011 from James Gorman, Deputy Minister of Education regarding report card responsibilities

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the letter with Trustees and advised that under the School Act, report cards must be issued. Under a previous Labour Relations Board Ruling, teachers were not required to prepare report cards during a teachers' strike; however, the British Columbia Public School Employers Association has applied to the Labour Relations Board to review this ruling and our district will await the ruling and then take the necessary steps to ensure that the statutory responsibilities are met.

Letter dated October 28th, 2011 from James Gorman, Deputy Minister of Education regarding the launch of BC Education Plan

Superintendent Cooper noted that the BC Education Plan Trustee Nicholson mentioned in his report on the Provincial Council meeting has now been launched at www.bcedplan.ca.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Hamilton.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Teacher Bargaining
- CUPE Bargaining
- RTA Letter regarding class size/composition and staffing ratios
- Columbia Park Elementary School Site Update
- Student Suspensions – September

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

DATED: November 2nd, 2011