



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting February 25th, 2015 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Chell called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad, Savage and MacFarlane
Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
and: Confidential Secretary Magarian
Guests: Jennifer Wolney, RTA President; 1 RTA member, 1 member of the public, and 1 member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15: R-17 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.1.1 D Energy Update, 8.1.2 B Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of February 25th, 2015, 8.3 D Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning, and 8.4 E, British Columbia School Trustees’ Association Provincial Council Meeting of February 20th, 2015.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15: R-18 MacFarlane/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 4th, 2015, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker provided his Administration Report highlighting the substantial amount of work being done by Todd Hicks, Principal AHE, and Michael Haworth, District Vice-Principal

Technology, in preparation for the switch from the BCeSIS student records software to MyEducation BC software. He noted the Ono Cho visit and the value for students and the community. He brought trustees attention to the Youth Initiatives Committee meeting he attending and expressed thanks to the Committee for their partnership in many programs which benefit our students.

Columbia Park Elementary School 2014/2015 School Growth Plans

Literacy

Superintendent Hooker noted that there has been significant adjustment to the plan which aligns with the district's literacy goal. He added that in the Success/Results section it not only lists percentages but also the number of students (ie "7 of 21.....33%"), which is very helpful when interpreting the data.

Numeracy

Superintendent Hooker noted that the plan aligns with the district's focus on revisions to the provincial numeracy curriculum for grades K-9 and that the objective of improving student confidence in Math is critical to the success in the objectives of improving numeracy skills and applied math skills.

School Connectedness

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the graphs based on data collected from the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) for Grades 4 and 7 and the Satisfaction Surveys for Grades 3 to 7 and brought trustees attention to the tracking of cohort groups. The data collected is used as a "conversation starter" with students, staff, parents and the school planning council in determining strategies and structures for this important area.

15: R-19 MacFarlane/Nicholson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the School Growth Plans for Columbia Park Elementary School for the 2014/2015 school year."

CARRIED

Disposition of Surplus Schools Update

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Disposition of Surplus Schools Update highlighting the pending heritage designation on the Mountain View 1914 building. He added that once the City bylaw is passed and the covenant registered on the building, it will be a registered heritage site.

Energy Update

Superintendent Hooker informed trustees that the recent fire at the Downie Timber mill damaged the Revelstoke Community Energy Corporation's heating plant, which provides heat to Begbie View Elementary and Revelstoke Secondary Schools. It is unknown when the heating plant will be operational. He noted that the district installed back up propane boilers when the schools were being built and those are now being used to heat the schools.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2014/2015 Amended Annual Budget

Trustee Rorstad explained that due to the unavailability of trustees, the Finance and Facilities meeting to review the budget could not be held until February 24th, 2015 and therefore, the budget and corresponding memo could not be included in the agenda package prepared on

February 19th, 2015. Trustees agreed to give all three readings of the bylaw at this meeting. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale then reviewed the key items that were adjusted from the 2014/2015 budget presented in the Spring 2014, including the loss of revenues and saving of expenses resulting from the September job action, the milder than normal weather conditions, increases in utility charges and increases in benefit costs.

15: R-20 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the Board of Education give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached the 2014/2015 Amended Annual Budget in the amount of \$12,721,746.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of February 24th, 2015

Trustee Rorstad provided a brief review the minutes noting that the budget was reviewed and that Trustee MacFarlane provided information in connection with the disposition of motions at the February 20th, 2015 British Columbia School Trustees’ Association Provincial Council meeting.

15: R-21 Rorstad/MacFarlane

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities meeting of February 24th, 2015 be approved.”

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of February 4th, 2015

15: R-22 Savage/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of February 4th, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of February 5th, 2015

15: R-23 Rorstad/Nicholson

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for September and October, 2014 in the amount of \$2,086.740.17 be approved.”

CARRIED

15: R-24 Rorstad/MacFarlane

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for November and December, 2014 in the amount of \$2,266,432.80 be approved.”

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of February 5th, 2015

15: R-25 Savage/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 5th, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning

Trustee MacFarlane confirmed that he and Trustees Nicholson and Savage have met to review the summary of notes from the Trustee Planning Day Session. As a result of that meeting, the 3 trustees felt that a more formal process should be put in place and an Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee be formed. The Strategic Planning Committee will hold an initial meeting to determine terms of reference and membership.

15: R-26 MacFarlane/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education strike an Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning in accordance with Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw, Section 8.3 Committees.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee Financial Literacy Sub-Committee Meeting of January 19th, 2015

Received as information.

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of January 19th, 2015

Received as information.

British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Annual General Meeting of January 30th, 2015

Trustee Chell gave a brief review of the meeting noting that the budget was adopted and a motion made to revert to the former governance structure of the BCPSEA board consisting of Trustees rather than the current structure of a Public Administrator appointed by the Provincial Government.

British Columbia School Trustee Association Provincial Council Meeting of February 20th, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane reported on the meeting noting that it was his first Provincial Council meeting as a Trustee and that it is the 105th anniversary of the *School Act* and the 110th anniversary of the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA). Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the motions that were passed at the meeting resulting from the Budget presented by the Provincial Government last week.

15: R-27 MacFarlane/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education develop a rationale for an immediate increase in funding for support for educational programs in the school district, that the Board meet with the local MLA prior to the end of March 2015, and that the Board present its request for increased funding to the local MLA and the Ministry of Education during those meetings.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee Chell invited members of the audience to ask questions related to items on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Rorstad.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Capital Project Revenue Update
- Student Suspensions – January 2015

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: February 25th, 2015