



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting April 13th, 2015 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad, Savage and MacFarlane

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale

Principals: Todd Hicks, Principal, Arrow Heights Elementary School

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Geoff Battersby, Chairperson of the Revelstoke Community Energy Corporation, Jason Stevens, RTA Vice-President; 1 RTA member, 2 members of the public, and 1 member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15: R-38 Rorstad/MacFarlane

“THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.5 A Letter dated March 31st, 2015 from Alan Chell, Chairperson, of the Revelstoke Board of Education to the Minister of Education regarding existing shared services and Item 8.5 B Letter dated April 1st, 2015 from Teresa Rezansoff, President of the British Columbia School Trustees’ Association (BCSTA) to the Minister of Education regarding the Co-governance Relationship Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry and the BCSTA.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15: R-39 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 24th, 2015, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Geoff Battersby, Chair of the Revelstoke Community Energy Corporation (RCEC), advised that he asked to address the Revelstoke Board of Education to personally thank the Board for allowing RCEC to back feed into the school’s back up boiler system to ensure that RCEC’s system would not freeze as repairs were being made. He explained that they are still unsure of the cause of the fire and that RCEC anticipates that both Revelstoke Secondary School and Begbie View Elementary School will be hooked back up into the RCEC system within a month. Trustees thanked Mr. Battersby for coming and noted that Mr. Battersby spearheaded the development of RCEC which has become a model of community

initiative. Mr. Battersby added that since RCEC began, the air quality of Revelstoke has improved and greenhouse gases have been reduced.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Arrow Heights Elementary School

Principal Hicks presented his 2014/15 Annual Report to the Board. Using a slide show, he highlighted the school various elements of C.A.R.E.S (Cooperation, Achievement, Respect, Enthusiasm and Safety). Under Cooperation, he noted the involvement of the community, parents and students. Under Achievement, he noted extended learning, mobile learning, the curiosity project as well as the methods for tracking progress. He then reviewed the preliminary data on literacy. Under Respect, he highlighted the activities that took place during “anti-bullying” week such as the kindness notes students wrote to each other. He then provided a brief overview of the satisfaction survey results. Under Enthusiasm he noted the weekly slide show held at the end of the assembly, which demonstrates to students that learning is fun and Arrow Heights Elementary is a great place to be. Under Safety, he explained the importance of creating a safe learning environment so that students are better able to learn. In support of the school’s goal of Student Health and Well-Being, various activities have been incorporated such as yoga. Principal Hicks concluded his report by thanking parents, community partners and the Revelstoke Board of Education. Trustees thanked Principal Hicks for his presentation and asked that he pass on their thanks to staff and students.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Superintendent Hooker provided his Administration Report highlighting the work being done by the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee in connection with the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement and the Healthy Schools grants which are providing funding to a range of programs at both the elementary and secondary level. He highlighted the work taking place through both the Okanagan College Advisory and the Youth Mental Health Awareness and Substance Use Committees. He also noted the upcoming Leave Out Violence Education Society (LOVE BC) media presentation taking place on April 28th, 2015, as well as the upcoming Parkour workshop to be held at Revelstoke Secondary School on May 22nd and 23rd, 2015.

Policy 6.3 Staff Well Being, Safety and Accident Prevention

Superintendent Hooker confirmed that this policy was circulated for feedback and that there were no recommended changes.

15: R-40 MacFarlane/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approved Policy 6.3 Staff Well Being, Safety and Accident Prevention.”

CARRIED

Policy 5.6 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Superintendent Hooker advised that the newly created policy is now ready to be circulated. He confirmed that the Policy Review Committee had received some initial feedback which was

incorporated into the draft policy and with board approval, the policy will be widely circulated to gather feedback.

15: R-41 MacFarlane/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 5.6 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

Banking Services

Trustees Chell and MacFarlane excused themselves (as members of the Revelstoke Credit Union Board of Directors) and Trustee Nicholson took over as Chair. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale summarized the current contract which expires on June 30th 2015 and recommended that the district enter into a two year contract with the Revelstoke Credit Union.

15: R-42 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approved the Revelstoke Credit Union as the provider of banking services to School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.”

CARRIED

2015/2016 Carbon Neutral Capital Program

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale reviewed the 2015/16 Carbon Neutral Capital Program explaining that the project is to replace the existing roof top heating/air conditioning units at Columbia Park Elementary School.

15: R-43 MacFarlane/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give first, second and third reading to the attached Capital Project Bylaw No. 126828 in the amount of \$366,000.”

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Revelstoke Early Years Centre Steering Committee Minutes of March 5th, 2015

Superintendent Hooker briefly reviewed the Minutes noting that in the future, the Minutes will be reviewed as part of the Early Childhood Development Committee Minutes.

Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee Minutes of March 11th, 2015

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Minutes noting that the Performing Arts Centre is providing significant benefit to learning opportunities for our students. Trustees noted that the Arts Council is actively marketing the theatre and it continues to be very busy however, there are budget concerns as the Arts Council has no long term sustainable funding guarantee for the operation of the theatre. Trustee Chell added that Miriam Manley, Theatre Manager, is doing an outstanding job.

15: R-44 Savage/MacFarlane

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education write a letter of thanks to Miriam Manley, Theatre Manager.”

CARRIED

15: R-45 Savage/MacFarlane

“THAT the minutes of the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee meeting of March 11th, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Minutes of March 30th, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the minutes.

15: R-46 MacFarlane/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of March 30th, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of April 1st, 2015

Trustee Savage reviewed the minutes and her notes from the meeting.

15: R-47 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of April 1st, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of April 2nd, 2015

Trustee Savage reviewed the minutes and her notes from the meeting.

15: R-48 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of April 2nd, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee Minutes of April 7th, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the minutes of the meeting explaining that the April 7th, 2015 meeting was the first meeting of the expanded group.

15: R-49 MacFarlane/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee meeting of April 7th, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Okanagan College Advisory Committee Minutes of October, 2014

Received as information.

Okanagan College Advisory Committee Minutes of March 24th, 2015

Received as information.

Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting of April 8th, 2015

Trustees Chell and Rorstad attending the meeting at which Norm MacDonald, MLA was the keynote speaker. They noted that there is continued dialogue on education funding. Trustee Rorstad added that there will be a sidewalk sale on May 9th, 2015 and non-profit organizations such as Parent Advisory Councils are welcome to set up a table.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated March 31st, 2015 from Trustee Chell to the Minister of Education regarding existing shared services.

Trustee Chell explained that the letter was written to provide information to the Ministry that the district has many shared services already in place.

Letter dated April 1st, 2015 from Teresa Rezanoff, President of the BCSTA to the Minister of Education regarding the Co-governance Relationship Memorandum of Understanding.

Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the letter noting that the BCSTA is concerned that the Memorandum of Understanding is not being followed regarding government decisions with respect to education funding and in particular the newly introduced Bill 11.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Rorstad.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Public Sector Executive Compensation Freeze
- Student Suspensions – March 2015

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: April 13th, 2015