



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting May 6th, 2015 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Chell, Nicholson, Savage and MacFarlane

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale

Principals/Vice-Principals: Greg Kenyon, Principal of Revelstoke Secondary School and Andy Pfeiffer, Vice-Principal of Revelstoke Secondary School

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Jennifer Wolney, RTA President, and 1 member of the media

Regrets: Trustee Rorstad

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15: R-50 Nicholson/MacFarlane

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15: R-51 MacFarlane/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 13th, 2015, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Jennifer Wolney, RTA President read out the letter of the Revelstoke Teachers' Association dated May 1st, 2015 addressed to the Revelstoke Board of Education included in this agenda as Item 8.5 A. Ms. Wolney's letter expressed the Revelstoke Teachers' Association's concerns with Bill 11.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Revelstoke Secondary School 2014/15 Annual Report to the Board

Revelstoke Secondary School Principal Kenyon and Revelstoke Secondary School Vice Principal Andy Pfeiffer presented the Revelstoke Secondary School 2014/15 Annual Report to the Board. Principal Kenyon began the slideshow presentation by reviewing the school goals on School Completion and Academic Achievement, Student Health and Well-Being and Literacy. He then

reviewed the data compiled from student satisfaction surveys, and first semester marks in core subject areas. He explained how the data is used to develop strategies to improve student health and well-being as well as improving literacy and academic achievement.

The “School Community” was then presented by Vice Principal Pfeiffer. He noted that the school is becoming a community hub due in large part to the Neighbourhood of Learning spaces which include the Performing Arts Centre and additional spaces for youth services. He noted that the school has a new website and a twitter account so information about the school and its activities are going out in real time. He then reviewed some of the many activities going on at the high school such as pink shirt day and LOVE BC (Leave Out Violence in Education) and the many ways that the international students contribute to the school community.

In conclusion, Principal Kenyon showed videos created by students on a weekend with the support of some staff members and staff from LOVE BC. Principal Kenyon thanked the staff for their work and effort in compiling the report and their professionalism, hard work and caring for students throughout the year.

Trustees and Superintendent Hooker thanked Principal Kenyon and Vice Principal Pfeiffer for the report noting the depth and quality of the report, the focus on the school community and on student health and well-being.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Report highlighting the Power of Partnerships Presentation given by Tracy Spanner, Early Childhood Development Coordinator, Trustee Chell and himself at the British Columbia School Trustees’ Association Annual General Meeting held in April 2015. He also noted the recent meetings he and RTA President Wolney have had with staff at each of the schools to consult on how best to utilize the Learning Improvement Fund/Education Fund funding.

Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw

Superintendent Hooker and Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the changes to Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw “Delegations” section. It was noted that the Policy Review Committee made the changes to clarify the delegation process and that the policies of other districts were reviewed as a part of that process.

15: R-52 MacFarlane/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw for feedback in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Secondary School Out of Town Trip, Costa Rica

Superintendent Hooker explained the approval process for out of town trips 4 days or more in length. He noted that the trip is being given approval in principle at this time and once the details of the trip have been finalized, it will be presented to the Board for final approval.

15: R-53 Nicholson/MacFarlane

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve, in principle, a trip to Costa Rica in March 2016 for Revelstoke Secondary School students in Grades 9 – 12 to study biodiversity, ecotourism, and school leadership.”

CARRIED

Disposition of Surplus Schools Update

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Disposition of Surplus Schools Update noting that the Mountain View Elementary School Building is now officially registered as a heritage building.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee Minutes of April 21st, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the minutes noting that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on May 7th, 2015.

15: R-54 MacFarlane/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee meeting of April 21st, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of April 24th, 2015

Trustee Chell reviewed the Minutes and explained the budget process. He also explained the public sector management compensation freeze referred to in the minutes.

15: R-55 MacFarlane/Savage

“THAT the Report on Bills Paid for January to February 2015 in the amount of \$2,495,465.96 be approved.”

CARRIED

15: R-56 MacFarlane/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of April 24th, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Minutes of April 27th, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the minutes. Superintendent Hooker added his appreciation to the Safe Spaces Committee for their feedback on Policy 5.6 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

15: R-57 MacFarlane/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of April 27th, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of March 9th, 2015

Trustee Chell Reviewed the Minutes.

British Columbia School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting of April 16th – 19th, 2015 and Disposition of Motions

Trustees reviewed the disposition of motions from the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting.

15: R-58 MacFarlane/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education acknowledge traditional Aboriginal territories when public board meetings are held.”

CARRIED

15: R-59 MacFarlane/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education request that the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee review the existing spaces used for Aboriginal support and provide a recommendation to the Board concerning a separate function space (ie. Gathering room) for Aboriginal support.”

CARRIED

15: R-60 MacFarlane/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education requesting an end to the Management/Exempt Staff Compensation Freeze.”

CARRIED

15: R-61 MacFarlane/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education supporting the BCSTA's motions concerning Bill 11 and supporting the concerns raised by the Revelstoke Teachers' Association with respect to teacher professional development clauses contained in Bill 11.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- A) Letter from the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) dated April 20th, 2015 addressed to Minister of Education Fassbender regarding Motions passed at the BCSTA Annual General Meeting regarding Bill 11.
- B) Letter from the Revelstoke Teachers' Association (RTA) dated May 1st, 2015 addressed to the Revelstoke Board of Education regarding the RTA's concerns with 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 MacFarlane.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- BC Public Sector Management and Executive Compensation Freeze

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: May 6th, 2015