



School District 19  
(Revelstoke)

# Revelstoke Board of Education

## Regular Board Meeting June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	Nicholson, Rorstad, Savage and MacFarlane
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
Principals:	Ariel McDowell, Principal of Columbia Park Elementary School
and:	Confidential Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Jennifer Wolney, RTA President; one RTA member, and one member of the media
Regrets:	Trustee Chell

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15: R-74      Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15: R-75      Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

### DELEGATIONS

### SPECIAL REPORTS

Columbia Park Elementary School Principal McDowell presented the Columbia Park Elementary School 2014/15 Annual Report to the Board. Mrs. McDowell reviewed her written report beginning by highlighting the five dimensions of children’s health and well being identified by the UBC Human Early Learning Project. The five dimensions are social and emotional development, physical health and well-being, connectedness, use of after school time and school experiences. Principal McDowell reviewed the many ways that Columbia Park Elementary School nurtures each of the five dimensions. She then reviewed the school’s Code of Conduct noting that it was revised this year by staff, students and parents. Principal McDowell reviewed the Aboriginal Education program at the school noting that there are 31 students at Columbia Park Elementary School with Aboriginal heritage and that elementary students throughout the district have been working on a mural project which will be

unveiled at Revelstoke Secondary School on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. She noted the high level of parent involvement, the importance of early academic intervention and the chart being used as an assessment tool. Principal McDowell concluded her report with a slide show, which included videos of students.

Trustees thanked Principal McDowell for her informative report noting the Aboriginal program which includes all students not only those with Aboriginal ancestry, the detailed chart used as an assessment tool and the revised Code of Conduct. Trustees asked Principal McDowell to pass along their thanks to the staff for their work and their dedication to students.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER**

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker provided his Administration Report highlighting the presentation by Bob MacDonald, host of CBC Radio's "Quirks & Quarks" at Revelstoke Secondary School, his meetings with Miriam Manley, Theatre Manager, in preparation for a presentation to Columbia Basin Trust on the partnership between the school district and the Revelstoke Arts Council with respect to the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre. He noted that Educational Assistant staffing for 2015/16 is now complete with an enhanced level of Educational Assistant time.

Superintendent Hooker brought trustees attention to the Teacher Mentoring Program's year-end celebration for the 19 district staff who participated in the program and confirmed that the application process has begun for the 2015/16 school year. He commented on the success of ScreenSmart week due to the work of Stephanie Melnyk, Revelstoke Secondary School's drama students' excellent production of Virgil's Wedding, school band concerts and the Revelstoke Secondary School year-end awards celebrations.

15: R-76      Nicholson/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send letters of thanks and appreciation to Bob Rogers for the elementary band and music program, Jim Redding for the Revelstoke Secondary School band concerts, Theresa Browning for the drama production and fine arts program at Revelstoke Secondary School and to Stephanie Melnyk for her ongoing work for ScreenSmart."

CARRIED

Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw – Addition of Acknowledgement of Traditional Aboriginal Territories

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the process with respect to adding an acknowledgement of traditional Aboriginal territories to school board meetings.

15: R-77 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the Board of Education approve the following wording to be used at the commencement of regular board meetings and the addition of an acknowledgement of traditional Aboriginal territories to Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw:

*We would like to honour the four nations on whose traditional land we live and learn: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepmec, and the Syilx. We respectfully acknowledge indigenous people, recognizing that our students come to us with Aboriginal ancestry from a variety of ancient homelands.”*

CARRIED

Policy 3.7 Human Rights and Discrimination

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the revised policy to which the words “gender identity” have been added in keeping with the district’s new Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity policy.

15: R- 78 Nicholson/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 3.7 Human Rights and Discrimination for feedback in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review."

CARRIED

Policy 5.6 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Superintendent Hooker explained the process that took place in developing the new policy. He noted value of the input received from the Revelstoke Safe Spaces Committee, the Revelstoke Social Development Committee and the public. Jennifer Wolney, RTA President, was thanked for brining the original draft policies to the attention of the Policy Review Committee.

15: R- 79 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 5.6 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.”

CARRIED

Mission, Vision, Values and Goals

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Mission, Vision, Values and Goals document noting the work of the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee over the past three months. He confirmed that the document has been widely circulated and that the Committee has reviewed the feedback received.

15: R-80 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the Goals set out in the Mission, Vision, Values and Goals document.

CARRIED

15: R-81 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education establish a Communications Committee to enhance communication strategies.

CARRIED

15: R-82 Savage/Nicholson

THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education establish an Education Committee to continue to focus on educational excellence within our schools.”

CARRIED

15: R-83 Savage/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education forward the Mission, Vision, Values and Goals document to the Policy Review Committee with a request to revise the existing Policy 1.1 Guiding Principles to reflect the new Mission, Vision, Values.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Secondary School Out of Town Trip, Cuba

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the request for board approval in principle of a seven-day trip to Cuba by Revelstoke Secondary School band students in May of 2016.

15: R-84 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the Board of Education approve, in principle, a seven day trip to Cuba in May, 2016 for Revelstoke Secondary School band students in Grades 8 – 12 to study music, perform, and experience the culture of Cuba.”

CARRIED

Disposition of Surplus Schools Update

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Disposition of Surplus Schools Update noting that the district cannot proceed until the Big Eddy Water District issues have been resolved. He added that the disposition of the Mountain View Elementary School site will be reviewed in the Fall of 2015 and that there will be discussions and consultations related Mount Begbie Elementary School during the 2015/16 school year.

**SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE**

**OTHER**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Policy Review Committee Minutes of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

15: R-85 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Trustee Rorstad briefly reviewed the Minutes noting the roundtable discussion concerning the British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) request for feedback on the BCSTA Annual General Meeting motions 13, 19 and 20. Superintendent Hooker advised that the trustees' feedback was submitted to the BCSTA and that the feedback has now been compiled by the BCSTA and a copy of the feedback summary will be provided to trustees.

15: R-86 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Trustee Savage reviewed the minutes highlighting a possible presentation by Darren Laur the “White Hatter” on social media and internet safety.

15: R-87 Savage/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Trustee Savage reviewed the minutes highlighting the meeting with Virgil Seymour regarding the Columbia River Treaty and the “Put the Fish Back in the River” project. She also noted that there are four Grade 12 Aboriginal students who will be presented with a gift at the graduation ceremony. She added that the space currently set-aside for Aboriginal students and programs in each of the schools will be reviewed in the 2015/16 school year.

15: R-88 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee Minutes of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

15: R-89 Nicholson/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee meeting of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the minutes highlighting the Human Early Learning Project ECD Coalition Research Study.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter from Christina Zacharuk, Interim President and CEO, Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat of the Ministry of Finance dated May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in response to the Board's letter dated May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regarding the Public Sector Executive Compensation Freeze
- Letter from Minister of Education Fassbender dated May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in response to the Board's letter dated March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 regarding shared services.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Rorstad.

**CLOSED BOARD ITEMS**

- Exempt Staffing – Supervisor of Operations
- Mountain View Elementary School Site Redevelopment Inquiry
- Student Suspensions – May 2015

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

DATED: June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015