



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting October 28th, 2015 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

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; 2 RTA members, 1 member of the public, and 1 member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15: R-108 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15: R-109 Rorstad/MacFarlane

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 7th, 2015, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his administration report highlighting, the WE Day event held in Vancouver which was attended by 32 district students, the series of Last Spike Volleyball Tournaments organized by Revelstoke Secondary School teacher Barry Rourke, and the six staff members nominated as “Champions of Literacy”. He noted a memo to all staff regarding the new policy on Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation, the “Junior Dragon’s Den” presentation made possible by Kevin Dorrius, and the district’s upcoming session on the implementation of the redesigned curriculum to be held November 23rd, 2015 with teacher representation from each school.

15: R-110 MacFarlane/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send thank you letters to the WE Day organizers, Barry Rourke for the series of Last Spike Volleyball tournaments and congratulations letters to the nominees for Champions of Literacy.”

CARRIED

2015/16 Achievement Contract

Superintendent Hooker presented the 2015/16 Achievement Contract noting it is not required to be submitted to the Ministry at this time as the Ministry is currently reviewing and making changes to the accountability framework. He noted that the district’s mission and vision statements are incorporated into the three goal areas of supporting student’s health and well-being, increasing students’ reading achievement, and increasing the number of students graduating and completing school. He explained that the “Actions” section at the end of each of the goal areas is a to do list and is a living document that is continuously being reviewed and updated. He brought trustees attention to the Aboriginal Education working being done in the district, including the finalizing of the district’s second Enhancement Agreement, which will be signed this year.

2015/2016 Report on the Organization of Classes

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the 2015/16 Report on the Organization of Classes noting that the “snapshot” date was October 15th, 2015 and the report will be submitted to the Ministry by October 30th, 2015. The report outlines enrolment and class size averages and represents our commitment to ensuring that class sizes are protected and that a full range of courses are offered at our high school.

2015/2016 Committee and Representative Appointments

Trustees reviewed the revised 2015/16 Committee and Representative Appointment list.

15: R-111 MacFarlane/Nicholson

“THAT the 2015/2016 Committee and Representative Appointments be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Disposition of Surplus Schools Update

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Disposition of Surplus Schools and noted that there is no change to the status of the Big Eddy Elementary School site. The Mountain View Elementary School site restoration continues with some recent geotechnical work having been done as it is required for the rezoning application. Trustees will be reviewing options for the Mount Begbie Elementary School site at next week's Finance & Facilities meeting in anticipation of next steps including broad community input.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of October 1st, 2015

15: R-112 Nicholson/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of October 1st, 2015 be received.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of October 7th, 2015

15: R-113 Savage/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustees' Association – Ministry of Education 1st Annual Liaison Meeting of October 21st, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane, Trustee Chell, and Superintendent Hooker attended the meeting, which was a result of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the BCSTA and the Ministry last year. Some of the topics discussed were implementation of the redesigned curriculum, the Framework for Enhanced Student Learning, student assessments, and financial accountability.

British Columbia School Trustees' Association – Board Chairs Meeting of October 22nd, 2015

Trustees Chell and MacFarlane attended the meeting. Trustee MacFarlane attended as the district's designate and Trustee Chell attended as a director of the BCSTA. The meeting included sessions on conflict of interest, financial audits, conflict resolution, and general communication strategies.

British Columbia School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Meeting of October 23rd and 24th, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane attended as the district's Provincial Council. He noted that the Minister of Education, Mike Bernier, and the Deputy Minister of Education, Dave Byng, attended the meeting. Some of the items discussed at the meeting were:

- BCSTA budget
- urging the Ministry of Transportation and ICBC to increase penalties for not stopping for school buses
- use of tax dollars to fund private and independent schools (except band schools)
- executive compensation freeze
- shared services
- bargaining structure
- labour relations
- governance of the BC Public School Employers' Association
- newly formed BC Public School Employers' Association and Ministry of Education Joint Advisory Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of the Minutes from the Ministry of Education Sector Advisory Council meeting of September 29th, 2015

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. on the motion of Trustee MacFarlane.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Arrow Heights Elementary School – Developer request regarding a Neighbourhood Pathway
- Arrow Heights Elementary School Capital Plan

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: October 28th, 2015