



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting December 9th, 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, one member of the public, and one member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

15: R-116 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15: R-117 MacFarlane/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 28th, 2015, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

15: R-118 Rorstad/MacFarlane

“THAT the minutes of the Special Regular Board meeting of November 17th, 2015, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Jennifer Wolney, RTA President, presented her letter to the Board dated December 3rd, 2015 regarding part-time teachers and Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) being paid to attend the two new redesigned curriculum implementation non-instructional days. She noted that presently TTOCs and part-time teachers who are not scheduled to work on a non-instructional day, are not paid to attend non-instructional days. RTA President Wolney added that the RTA feels strongly that teachers should be paid to attend the two new non-instructional days. She understands that the district does not have

the funding to pay all teachers to attend and asks that the Board send a letter to the Ministry requesting funding for all teachers to attend the new curriculum implementation non-instructional days.

Trustee MacFarlane thanked RTA President Wolney for her presentation and suggested that the matter be referred to a Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

15: R- 119 MacFarlane/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education refer the Revelstoke Teachers’ Association letter dated December 3rd, 2015 to the next meeting of the Finance and Facilities Committee.”

CARRIED

BOARD CHAIR

Trustee Chell advised that he will be stepping down as board chair. He explained that he feels the timing is right for a change, noting that he has enjoyed being chair for many years, and is very proud of the work of the Revelstoke Board of Education.

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale took over as Chair.

Election of Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale described the process outlined in Procedural Bylaw 2.1 for determining the Board Chair. He called for nominations from the floor for the position of Board Chair.

15: R- 119 Chell/Savage

“THAT Bill MacFarlane be nominated as Board Chair.”

CARRIED

Trustee MacFarlane accepted the nomination.

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale called for nominations a second time, and a third time. There were no other nominations. Trustee MacFarlane was appointed as the Board Chair by acclamation and assumed the Chair.

Election of Vice-Chair

Chair MacFarlane described how the how the Board might proceed with a rotating or elected Vice-Chair. Trustee Savage nominated Alan Chell as Vice Chair.

Trustee Chell accepted the nomination.

15: R-120 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT a Alan Chell be appointed as Vice-Chair.”

CARRIED

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration report highlighting the work of Michael Haworth, District Vice Principal Technology, on the mobile technology project as well as the after school workshops he provides for staff and the work of Bruce Tisdale, Secretary Treasurer, on the capital grant applications that continue to benefit the district. He also brought trustees attention to a school district team consisting of administrators, teachers and a student, who attended a Thompson Okanagan Regional Session on enhancing student learning. He added that the student, Claire Asmundson, gave an excellent presentation.

2014/2015 Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Annual Report

Superintendent Hooker presented the 2014/2015 Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Annual Report noting it's the fifth and final year of the Enhancement Agreement as the 2nd Enhancement Agreement with new goals will be signed this year. He highlighted the work committee members do between the monthly meetings to enhance programming for Revelstoke students. He reviewed the goals set out in the Annual Report and noted that there are high levels of students who identify their own heritage. He added that the BC redesigned curriculum recognizes the importance of aboriginal education and that it will provide for high levels of First Nations studies to be integrated into the curriculum.

Revelstoke Secondary School Trip – Costa Rica

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the itinerary.

15: R-121 Nicholson/Chell

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve a group of Revelstoke Secondary students to participate in a school trip to Costa Rica from March 19th, 2016 to March 29th, 2016 subject to Policy 7.4 as well as subject to all participants having medical and travel insurance.

CARRIED

Redesigned Curriculum Implementation – Non-Instructional Days for 2015/16

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Ministry's amendment of the School Calendar Regulation which requires districts to add “2 or more non-instructional periods totaling 10 hours....”. After consultations with district staff, principals and representatives of the Revelstoke Teachers' Association, CUPE, Parent Advisory Councils and the District Parent Advisory Council, the dates of February 5th and April 22nd, 2016 are being recommended.

15: R-122 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education amended the district's published 2015/16 school district calendar to include two non-instructional days, February 5th and April 22nd, 2016 pursuant to the BC *School Calendar Regulation* as amended by B.C. Reg. 203/2015 on November 4th, 2015.

CARRIED

Policy 3.8 Information Technology and MyEducationBC Usage and Access

Superintendent Hooker presented the revised policy (formerly known as Computer, Internet and BCeSIS Usage and Access) noting that the revised policy reflects the change in the student information system from BCeSIS to MyEducation BC as well as changes to practices concerning computer and internet usage.

15: R-123 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 3.8 Information Technology and MyEducationBC Usage and Access for feedback in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review.”

CARRIED

Capital Project – Remedial Work at Begbie View Elementary School and Revelstoke Secondary School

Superintendent Hooker briefly reviewed the work being done and advised that interruptions are being monitored closely to minimize the impact to students and staff. Trustees commended the staff involved in the capital project for ensuring that our new schools are complete to our full satisfaction.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

Capital Project Bylaw No. 126997 (Routine Capital Project Funding)

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale reviewed the Routine Capital Project Funding noted that it is for Phase 1 of upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems at Arrow Heights Elementary School and that according to Ministry requirements, the money must be fully allocated by the end of March 2016.

15: R-124 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached Capital Project Bylaw No. 126997 in the amount of \$900,000.”

CARRIED

Capital Project Bylaw No. 127042 (School Bus Acquisition/Replacement)

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale reviewed Capital Project Bylaw No. 127042 noting that the purchase of this conventional bus should reduce overall operating costs.

15: R-125 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached Capital Project Bylaw No. 127042 in the amount of \$134,935.”

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of October 26th, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane briefly reviewed.

15: R-126 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of October 26th, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of October 27th, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane briefly reviewed noting it was the first meeting of the Committee and further noted the discussion regarding the District Literacy Plan and the importance of provincial funding to support the Community Literacy Coordinator position.

15: R-127 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to the Ministry of Education expressing support for literacy programs and the need for ongoing funding for literacy programming.

CARRIED

15: R-128 Chell/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Education Committee meeting of October 27th, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of November 3rd, 2015

Trustee Rorstad reviewed the minutes noting that during the meeting, Trustee Savage provided another option for the Mount Begbie Elementary School site redevelopment and that the City has been asked if they wish to take over the gym portion of the building. Trustee Rorstad then reviewed the categories of user groups set out in the schedule of rental fees.

15: R-129 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the attached schedule of rental fees related to the community use of school facilities:

- that protects the access to school facilities for youth groups and family services
- that charges an hourly rate for use of classrooms, gymnasium, and other specialized spaces for both community use adult groups and any private or commercial use.”

CARRIED

15: R-130 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the Report on Bills Paid for July and August, 2015 in the amount of \$761,933.15 be approved.”

CARRIED

15: R-131 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of November 3rd, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of November 4th, 2015

Trustee Rorstad reviewed the minutes noting that he is very impressed with the involvement of the District Parent Advisory Council and Parent Advisory Councils in the schools and the amount of fundraising going on.

15: R-132 Rorstad/Savage

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

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of November 5th, 2015

Trustee Savage reviewed the minutes highlighting the medicine wheel project noting that Lissa Cancilla-Sykes brought a model of the medicine wheel to the last Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting and that the medicine wheel project was presented to the Green Belt Society.

15: R-133 Savage/Chell

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

CARRIED

Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee Meeting Summary of November 17th, 2015

Trustee Chell reviewed the meeting summary noting that the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre had exceeded expectations and has greatly benefitted the community and the Committee’s challenge is to secure \$25,000 in annual funding to sustain the theatre. Committee members are working towards obtaining the funding. The next meeting of the Committee will be January 20th, 2016.

15: R-134 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the Meeting Summary of the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee Meeting of November 17th, be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Minutes of November 23rd, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane briefly reviewed.

15: R-135 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of November 23rd, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of November 24th, 2015

Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the minutes noting the additional members of the committee. One of the items discussed at the meeting was “Where do we go as a new committee?”. The Committee is discussing holding a event to inform the community on the redesigned curriculum.

15: R-136 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of November 24th, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustee Association Trustee Academy November 26th – 28th, 2015

Trustees Chell and MacFarlane attended the Academy as well as Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale. Dr. Zhao, who has done significant research in education, was

the keynote speaker and gave an excellent keynote address. Several breakout sessions highlighted promising practices from around the province.

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of September 21st, 2015

15: R-137 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Early Childhood Development Committee meeting of September 21st, 2015 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated December 3rd, 2015 from the Revelstoke Teachers’ Association regarding the funding of non-instructional days for the implementation of the redesigned curriculum.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm on the motion of Trustee Rorstad.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Principal and Vice-Principal Contracts
- Exempt Staffing
- Capital Project Contract Close Out – Total Completion Update
- Student Suspensions – November 2015

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: December 9th, 2015