



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting February 3rd, 2016 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:01 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:	MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad, and Savage
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
and:	Confidential Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Rana Nelson of Revelstoke for Refugees, Jason Stevens, RTA Vice-President; 1 RTA member, and 1 member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16: R-09 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 13th, 2016, be approved as presented.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16: R-10 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 13th, 2016, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Rana Nelson of Revelstoke for Refugees presented to the Board what is being done in the community to bring a family of Syrian refugees to Revelstoke. She advised that the Committee consists of a cross section of people from the community. The target is \$60,000 with \$32,750 raised to date. The target is higher than that set is in other communities as the cost of living in Revelstoke is high and the

Committee's goal is for the refugee family to have enough funds not only to cover all of their needs and living expenses for the year, but also enough funds to allow the family to enjoy what the community has to offer. The Committee's application will be sent to a partner group. The partner group will look after all of the necessary paperwork and will provide the Committee with a list of 14 families to choose from. Counseling and other services such as ESL will be provided to the family as needed. The Committee wants to ensure that the family is not socially isolated. She added that Salmon Arm has put together a backpack for students which includes a welcome letter and school supplies. Superintendent Hooker noted that the Ministry of Education is providing some resources to support refugee families and that the district will make space available for fundraising activities.

Trustees thanked Rana Nelson for her presentation and asked that she keep the Board up to date on the progress of the Committee.

SPECIAL REPORTS

BUSINESS ARISING

Redesigned Curriculum Implementation

Trustee MacFarlane noted that in the minutes of the January 13th, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, under Committee Reports, Finance and Facilities Meeting of January 5th, 2016, trustees discussed the Revelstoke Teachers' Association request to write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting additional funding for the two non-instructional days for redesigned curriculum for Teachers Teaching on Call and part-time teachers. Trustees discussed the matter further and made the following motion:

16: R-11 Nicholson/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education write a letter to Minister of Education Bernier and BC Teachers' Federation President Jim Iker requesting that they continue to work in a collaborative and consultative process to reach agreement on further enhancements to their agreement to support curriculum implementation in the 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 years.”

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker provided his Administration Report highlighting his meeting with Michael Haworth, District Vice Principal Technology to review the Privacy Impact Assessments in order for the district to ensure that any student information that involves outside servers is being protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act. He also highlighted that there are 5 Revelstoke Secondary School students enrolled in Okanagan College's chef training program offered in Revelstoke for the first time, the Teacher

Mentor/Mentee Program will be having its second major training day on February 17th, 2016, and the Ministry of Education's request for feedback regarding the redesigned curriculum. He also noted that he and Trustee Chell attended a City Council meeting in support of Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Theatre Manager Miriam Manley's presentation to council. He also advised that three Ministry of Education staff will be in the district for 5 days beginning February 22nd, 2016 to conduct a Special Education Audit. Ministry staff will be reviewing 160 student files during their time in the district.

Revelstoke Secondary School Trip - Cuba

16: R-12 Chell/Savage

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve a group of Revelstoke Secondary School band students to participate in a school trip to Cuba from April 29th to May 7th, 2016 subject to Policy 7.4 as well as subject to all participants having medical and travel insurance."

CARRIED

Arrow Heights Elementary School and Revelstoke Secondary School 2015/2016 School Growth Plans

Superintendent Hooker gave a brief overview of the 2015/2016 School Growth Plans for Revelstoke Secondary School and Arrow Heights Elementary School noting that Principals will highlight growth plan information and data in their annual reports to Board and that the Ministry of Education no longer requires board approval.

16: R-13 Rorstad/Nicholson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education receive and file the Arrow Heights Elementary School and Revelstoke Secondary School 2015/16 School Growth Plans."

CARRIED

Disposition of Surplus Schools Update

Superintendent Hooker presented the Disposition of Surplus Schools Update noting that Big Eddy residents have until Friday, February 5th, 2016 to provide their vote to the City of Revelstoke.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of January 7th, 2016

Trustee Savage presented the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of January 7th, 2016, noting that Virgil Seymour is coming to Revelstoke regularly to attend meetings and to meet with Cathy English of the Revelstoke Museum. She also noted that the Committee, through Virgil Seymour, is trying to arrange for basket weaving workshops for students and the community. She added that the signing date for the Enhancement Agreement has been set for May 19th, 2016.

16: R-14 Savage/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of January 7th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Okanagan College Advisory Committee Meeting of January 19th, 2016

Received as information.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Principal and Vice-Principal Contracts
- Secretary Treasurer Position Update
- British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Conference Call of January 27th, 2016
- Student Suspensions – January 2016

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: February 3rd, 2016