



School District 19  
(Revelstoke)

# Revelstoke Board of Education

## Regular Board Meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Minutes

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### CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane 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: MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad, and Savage  
Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale  
and: Confidential Secretary Magarian  
Guests: Anne Cooper, Project Director, Jennifer Wolney, RTA President,  
4 members of the public and 1 member of the media

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16: R-26 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented”

CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16: R-27 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

### DELEGATIONS

### SPECIAL REPORTS

### NEW BUSINESS

### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

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## SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

### Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his administration report highlighting three items that reflect the district's goal of improving student health and well-being: the Safeteen three-day training program, the Middle Years Development Instrument online pilot project and the telephone conference call with Cindy Andrew of the Centre of Addictions Research at the University of Victoria. He also brought trustees attention to the Ministry of Education's Job Skills Training Access Grant for 2016/17 which the district has received. The funds will be used to cultivate relationships with employers not currently involved in the work experience program in order to provide a broader range of work experience opportunities for students. He also noted plans for a garden project being lead by Barry Rourke, Foods and Nutrition teacher. The garden project will bring together, science and health and nutrition at Revelstoke Secondary School. Superintendent Hooker also advised trustees of the successful 2016 Ready Set Learn community event which was attended by 51 three-year olds and their families/caregivers.

### 2016/2017 District Calendar

Superintendent Hooker presented the draft 2016/2017 District Calendar reviewing the process for developing and confirmed that the calendar is developed with input from the Revelstoke Teachers' Association, CUPE, the Parent Advisory Councils of each school, the District Parent Advisory Council and district staff. The board approved calendar must be submitted to the Ministry by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. He noted that the 2016/2017 calendar will have a two-week spring break and that some parents have expressed the need for activities for students during the break. He advised that community partners are arranging for additional activities for students during this year's spring.

### 16: R-28 Chell/Nicholson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education adopt the 2016/2017 District Calendar as presented."

CARRIED

### Pink Shirt Day – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Superintendent Hooker presented the Pink Shirt Day 2016 Newsletter advising that it will be circulated and sent to the Ministry of Education Safe Schools Liaison. He briefly reviewed the charts of the Satisfaction Survey results included in the newsletter data adding that school principals will share the results in further detail during their annual reports to the board.

Superintendent Hooker shared a video compiled by District Vice-Principal of Technology Haworth, of activities and events that took place on Pink Shirt Day (February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016).

Trustees expressed appreciation of the work of school staff to ensure our schools are safe and healthy places for students and noted that staff, students and parents are active in addressing issues.

## Policy 4.7 Facilities

Superintendent Hooker presented the draft policy, which has been revised to reflect the Schedule of Rental Fees passed by the Board to recover the costs associated with the community use of school district facilities.

16: R-29 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 4.7 Facilities for feedback in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review.”

CARRIED

## **SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE**

### 2016/2017 Provincial Funding Announcement

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale provided trustees with an update on the 2016/2017 Provincial Funding Announcement that was made by the Ministry of Education late in the afternoon of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He noted some of the changes such as a small increase in per pupil amount and that district funding will be based on number of students enrolled, as the district is no longer in funding protection. He added that the district will once again be facing significant cost pressures for the 2016/2017 year and that budget committee meetings will begin after spring break.

Trustees requested information as to the funding for Syrian refugee families. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale advised that the Ministry will provide funding to provide additional services for additional students and that the Ministry will be conducting a mid-May student enrolment count.

## **OTHER**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Policy Review Committee Minutes of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

16: R-30 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

### Education Advisory Committee Minutes of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Bill MacFarlane presented minutes and reviewed the agenda for the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 redesigned curriculum information session. The information session agenda which will be circulated to schools and placed on the district’s website.

16: R-31 Chell/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes noting the Safeteen Workshop presentation by Jill Zacharias and he complimented PAC's on their commitment to provide some of the funding for the workshop.

16: R-32 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Trustee Savage presented the minutes noting that the focus of the meetings has been the Enhancement Agreement, the working group has met numerous times and that the Enhancement Agreement is in the final stages.

16: R-33 Savage/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Communications Advisory Committee Minutes of March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Trustee Nicholson presented the minutes noting that the focus of the meeting was the review of the district's website design and content. A questionnaire was handed out to committee members and Trustee Savage will compile the results.

16: R-34 Nicholson/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Communications Advisory Committee meeting of March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Received as information.

British Columbia School Trustee Association Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting of February 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Salmon Arm

Trustees MacFarlane and Nicholson attended the meeting. Trustee Nicholson attended the Education Committee and noted that most of the discussion was about the redesigned curriculum. He also added that many districts in the region have to make difficult decisions regarding school closures.

Trustee MacFarlane displayed an aboriginal drum that was made by members of the Secwepmec nation. An elder of the Secwepmec nation and the District Principal of Aboriginal Education presented a drum to each board. The drums are a reflection of what Salmon Arm has done with respect to truth and reconciliation. Trustee MacFarlane advised that he attended a panel discussion by board chairs on the various issues within their own district. He

also attended a field trip to Twin Anchors Houseboats where trustees were shown examples of the partnership with the North Okanagan Shuswap School District district and Twin Anchors which provides students with apprenticeships.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Synopsis from the British Columbia School Trustees Association February 2016 Provincial Council.

Copy of a joint letter from the BC School Trustees Association, the BC School Superintendents Association, BC Association of School Business Officials and the BC Principals and Vice-Principals Association to Minister of Finance, Mike de Jong, and Minister of Education, Mike Bernier, regarding the 2016/2017 provincial education budget.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Rorstad.

## **CLOSED BOARD ITEMS**

- Mountain View Elementary School Site Update
- Student Suspensions – February 2016

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

DATED: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016