



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting May 4th, 2016 Minutes

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
Principals/Vice-Principals:	Todd Hicks, Principal, Arrow Heights Elementary School and Yanping Wang, Principal, Begbie View Elementary School
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

16: R-39 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16: R-40 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 12th, 2016, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Begbie View Elementary School 2015/2016 Annual Report

Yanping Wang, Principal of Begbie View Elementary School presented the 2015/2016 Begbie View Elementary School Annual Report. She began with a slide show, which was prepared by two staff members for the Lieutenant Governor’s visit to the school on May 3rd, 2016. Ms.

Wang then reviewed her written report highlighting the culture of the school with this year's focus being building a team and community. She reviewed the school's vision and mission statement and school motto of "*Growing Together...Being Our Best*". Principal Wang acknowledged the high levels of support from parents and the community and highlighted some of the many parent-supported activities that take place in the school. She also noted the leadership of teachers in the countless student activities and programs. One of the programs Principal Wang highlighted was the student visits to senior residents at Mt. Cartier Court and the benefits of the program for both students and seniors. She drew trustees attention to the teacher-initiated CARS inquiry project, which was funded by a grant, applied for by three Begbie View Elementary School teachers. The project looked into the use of self-regulation strategies by students to improve student learning. With the support of Laura Paiement, Pediatric Physiotherapist, students explored sensory tools and determined which tools calmed them down and which tools had the opposite effect. Ms. Paiement also provided an evening workshop for parents and two sessions for teachers. As a result of Ms. Paiement's visit, the school is looking into various ways to incorporate more movement and physical activity into the school day, such as a school-wide morning walk. Principal Wang also reviewed some of the ways in which teachers are implementing the redesigned curriculum. In conclusion, she reiterated the school's goal of being innovative in developing creative life-long learners and critical thinkers who are connected, compassionate and contributing members of the community.

Trustees thanked Ms. Wang for her report noting the "very impressive" list of the many activities and programs for students, and asked Principal Wang to pass along the Board's thanks to staff and students. Superintendent Hooker thanked Principal Wang noting that the report is a "wonderful reflection of the work that has been accomplished."

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker highlighted the planning for the visit by the Lieutenant Governor to Begbie View Elementary School on May 3rd, 2015. He added that the visit went very well and the Lieutenant Governor's staff commented on how organized and well done the assembly was. He continued with his report noting that although the district flushes the water system in schools after extended breaks, the district will begin testing the water to ensure its safety. He brought the trustees attention to the visit by Colleen Hannah and Mike McKay as they visit a number of school districts to gather information on the successes and challenges in Aboriginal Education. It was noted that Michael Haworth, District Vice Principal Technology, is working with Alan Mason, Director of Community Economic Development on a grant proposal to support Revelstoke's Technology Strategic Plan. He added that although the funding for the new teacher-mentoring program has run out, the district has committed to continue the program and the application packages have been sent out for the 2016/17 school year.

Trustee MacFarlane noted the Redesigned Curriculum Information Session, which took place on April 27th, 2016 with a number of parents and teachers in attendance. The involvement of the parents and students on the Education Advisory Committee, which organized the information session, was greatly appreciated.

16: R-41 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT thank you letters be sent out to the student and parent members of the Education Advisory Committee for their contributions to the Committee and the April 27th, 2016 Information Session.”

CARRIED

2016/2017 Board Meeting Schedule

Superintendent Hooker presented the proposed 2016/2017 Board Meeting Schedule.

16: R-42 Chell/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the 2016/2017 Board Meeting Schedule as presented.”

CARRIED

Disposition of Surplus Schools Update

Superintendent Hooker presented the Disposition of Surplus Schools Update noting that the district will be unable to proceed with the Big Eddy Elementary School Site until the spring of 2018. He confirmed that the Request for Proposals for the Mountain View Elementary School heritage building has been issued with a closing date of June 14th, 2016. He noted that the district continues to be committed to obtaining the highest value for the property with consideration given to the extensive community input the district has received. The district is currently revising options for the Mount Begbie Elementary School property, based on feedback from the City. A public information meeting will be held within the next four to six weeks to present plans for the redevelopment of the site. It was noted that the City has declined the acquisition of the gymnasium.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Budget Committee Minutes of April 6th, 2016

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the minutes noting that the district continues with its commitment to maintaining class sizes and a high level of support services

16: R-43 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the District Budget Committee meeting of April 6th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of April 6th, 2016

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes noting the question regarding the safety of the water supply in schools.

16: R-44 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of April 6th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Communications Advisory Committee Minutes of April 18th, 2016

Trustee Nicholson presented the minutes noting that the Committee discussed the various ways that contributions are acknowledged, and noted that natural acknowledgements are more effective. Superintendent Hooker added that it was a good discussion on what recognition looks like and the importance of teaching children to say thank you.

16: R-45 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Communications Advisory Committee meeting of April 18th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Budget Committee Minutes of April 21st, 2016 (LS/JN to both)

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the minutes noting that the committee discussed savings and expenses. Superintendent Hooker added that budget committee meetings are reflective of the district commitment to focusing resources on schools and classrooms to support student learning.

Trustee MacFarlane expressed his thanks to the committee members for their contribution to the budget process.

16: R-46 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the District Budget Committee meeting of April 21st, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting of April 14th – 16th, 2016

Trustee MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson and Savage together with Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale attending the meeting. Trustees noted that it was a very good meeting with excellent speakers and presentation and a high quality of debate on the motions.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Deputy Minister of Education, Dave Byng, dated April 18th, 2016 replying to the Board’s letter of January 14th, 2016 to the Ministers of Education and Finance supporting three specific recommendations made in the November 2015 Report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Received as information.

- Letter from Minister of Education, Mike Bernier, dated April 25th, 2016 addressed to the BCSTA, BCSSA, BCASBO and BCPVPA replying to their joint letter dated February 22nd, 2016 regarding Budget 2016.

Received as information.

- Letter from Minister of Education, Mike Bernier, dated April 25th, 2016 addressed to the BCSTA following up on 2016/2017 education funding.

Received as information.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- 2016/2017 Additional Non-Instructional Day for Curriculum Implementation – Part-time Teachers and Teachers Teaching on Call
- BC Public Sector Management and Executive Compensation Freeze
- 2016/2017 District Organization
- Mount Begbie Elementary School Disposition

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: May 4th, 2016