



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting May 25th, 2016 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:02 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:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Jason Stevens, RTA Vice-President; and one member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16: R-47 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.1.1 E RSS
Out of Town Trip – BC Provincials.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16: R-48 Nicholson/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 4th,
2016, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Revelstoke Secondary School 2015/16 Annual Report to the Board

Principal Kenyon and Vice Principal Pfeiffer presented the Revelstoke Secondary School Annual Report to the Board. Principal Kenyon began by recognizing the efforts of students, staff, parents and the community. He specifically thanked Andy Pfeiffer, Vice Principal, for his

contributions to Revelstoke Secondary School as Andy will be moving on to the principal position at Columbia Park Elementary School. He noted that the past year has been a year of change as teachers have begun to experiment with the redesigned curriculum. Principal Kenyon reviewed the data noting that in provincial exam results for grade 10, 11 and 12 provincial exams, Revelstoke is consistently above the provincial average by 4% to 6% and that overall 75% of students have grades of C+ or better. He also noted the growth in community partnerships such as the garden boxes created through the local food initiative, the OPT Clinic, the Child and Youth Mental Health Substance Use Collaborative (CYMHSU) and the new partnerships created with Downie Timber and Revelstoke Mountain Resort for apprenticeships for students.

Andy Pfeiffer, Vice-Principal RSS, then highlighted the many ways the school connects with students, such as the Twitter feed, the mentorship program, the international student program and the office spaces created for community partners such as Community Connections. He provided trustees with background on the school's very popular twitter feed. He began using twitter as a way to connect more with students and soon realized that it wasn't just students, but parents and the community that became involved. He added that it has been a wonderful way to enhance the connectedness of students, parents and the community to the school. He also discussed the value of the international student program, noting that Revelstoke Secondary School has become such a popular choice for international students that they have to turn students away.

Trustees thanked Principal Kenyon and Vice Principal Pfeiffer for the comprehensive report and presentation noting the inspirational and passionate leadership the staff provides on a daily basis. Their commitment and leadership allows the students to excel in a variety of areas and be successful once they are finished school.

Superintendent Hooker added that the district is extremely proud of the staff and students.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information. Superintendent Hooker highlighted the Redesigned Curriculum Information Session held on April 27th, 2015 noting the excellent presentations by the students and parents. He also brought trustees attention to the "Out in Schools" event adding that DailyXtra, a Canadian Gay and Lesbian newspaper, contacted him wanting some more information about the event. Trustee MacFarlane added that he too was contacted by the newspaper and is proud of the work that our district has done on sexual orientation and gender identity. Superintendent Hooker also highlighted the Mobile Technology Project meeting he attended, noting that there are 20 teachers involved in this voluntary project adding that the program has been very successful in using technology as a learning tool.

Policy 4.7 Facilities

Superintendent Hooker presented the policy noting that it was circulated for feedback and no feedback was received.

16: R-49 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Policy 4.7 Facilities.”

CARRIED

Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw

Superintendent Hooker advised that as per the request of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, the policy was amended to add an acknowledgement of the Métis people as one of Canada’s distinct peoples to the traditional aboriginal territories acknowledgement at the commencement of board meetings.

16: R- 50 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT the Board of Education give first reading to the attached revised Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw in accordance with section 9.4 of the current Policy 2.1.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Secondary School Out of Town Trip, Ono Cho, Japan

Superintendent Hooker presented the memorandum and Trustee Chell noted that he had the privilege of going to Ono Cho a number of years ago.

16: R-51 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve, in principle, a trip to Ono Cho Japan in March 2017 for Revelstoke Secondary School students.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Secondary School Out of Town Trip – BC Provincials

Superintendent Hooker presented the memorandum noting that although the school has the smallest student population it has every had, it also has the largest track and field team that it has ever had. He added that Andy Pfeiffer has done an excellent job, along with staff and community coaches, in making RSS Track and Field so successful.

16: R-52 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve a group of Revelstoke Secondary School Track and Field team members to travel to Nanaimo, BC and participate in BC Provincials from June 2nd to 4th, 2016 subject to Policy 7.4”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2016/17 Annual Budget

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the 2016/17 budget noting that as 85% of the budget is salaries and benefits, the district is limited in the areas that can be adjusted. He thanked the Budget Committee members for their attendance at the early morning meetings and their contribution to the budget process.

Trustees thanked Secretary Treasurer Tisdale and the Budget Committee for their work noting that it is becoming more and more difficult to balance the budget while maintaining existing services to students. Trustee Chell added that the British Columbia School Trustees

Association continues to strongly advocate the Ministry of Education for an increase in funding, particularly in funding currently unfunded expenses such as contracted salary increases and the next generation network.

16: R-53 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the Board of Education give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached the 2016/2017 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$13,311,249.”

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of April 26th, 2016

16: R-54 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of April 26th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Budget Committee Minutes of May 4th, 2016

16: R-55 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Budget Committee meeting of May 4th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of May 4th, 2016

Trustee Rorstad highlighted the Revelstoke Food Recovery noting that the purpose of the program is to increase food security and availability and that Coopers (now Save-On Foods) is presently the main donor to the program and that volunteers continue to work to recruit more donors.

16: R-56 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of May 4th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of May 5th, 2016

Trustee Savage noted that most of the meeting was spent reviewing the Enhancement Agreement which will be signed on Thursday, May 26th, 2016 in a signing ceremony taking place from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Revelstoke Secondary School.

16: R-57 Savage/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of May 5th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Communications Advisory Committee Minutes of May 9th, 2016

Superintendent Hooker noted that the meeting consisted of brainstorming a communication plan for the 2016/17 school year.

16: R-58 Savage/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Communications Advisory Committee meeting of May 9th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of May 11th, 2016

Trustee Rorstad noted that the main purpose of the meeting was to review the draft 2016/2017 Annual Budget.

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale advised that the Ministry has just approved phase two of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system upgrade at Arrow Heights Elementary School as well as the replacement of another school bus.

16: R-59 Rorstad/Chell

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for November and December 2015 in the amount of \$2,880,441.54 be approved.”

CARRIED

16: R-60 Rorstad/Chell

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for January and February 2016 in the amount of \$2,025,163.50 be approved.”

CARRIED

16: R-61 Rorstad/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of May 11th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

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 6:23 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Exempt Staff Compensation
- Student Suspensions – April 2016

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: May 25th, 2016