



School District 19  
(Revelstoke)

## Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
Minutes

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### CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*We respectfully honour and acknowledge Aboriginal peoples, recognizing that our students come to us with Aboriginal ancestry from a variety of ancient homelands. We acknowledge and recognize the Métis people as one of Canada's distinct peoples. We would like to acknowledge and honour the four nations on whose traditional land we live and learn: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepmec, and the Syilx.*

### ATTENDANCE

Trustees: MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson, and Savage  
Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale  
and: Administrative Secretary Magarian  
Guests: Bob Rogers, RTA President; 1 RTA member, and 1 member of the media  
Regrets: Trustee Rorstad

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

16: R-86 Savage/Chell

"THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of *Item 8.1.2 C Vehicle Replacement* and *Item 8.3 D Revelestoke Review Education Supplement.*"

CARRIED

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16: R-87 Chell/Nicholson

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

### SPECIAL REPORTS

### NEW BUSINESS

### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

### SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Report highlighting the 5-year capital plan meeting, the series of Last Spike Volleyball Tournaments organized by Revelstoke Secondary

School teacher, Barry Rourke, the completion of the selection process for a new Secretary Treasurer, and the work of Ariel McDowell, District Principal, Support Services. He also brought trustees attention to his meeting with Gareth Jones, the prospective purchaser of the Mountain View Heritage Building on the progress of the Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the City of Revelstoke. He noted that the Heritage Revitalization Agreement, which is a condition of the sale of the building to Mr. Jones, is an agreement between Mr. Jones and the City, and that the district is not a party to the agreement and is therefore not a part of the negotiations.

16: R-88 Nicholson/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a thank you letter to Barry Rourke for the series of Last Spike Volleyball tournaments.”

Trustee Savage had questions related to the sale of the Mountain View Heritage Building, the Heritage Revitalization Agreement, and the implications of rezoning the property.

Communicating Student Learning

Superintendent Hooker provided an update on Communicating Student Learning noting the work being done by the Education Advisory Committee. The Education Advisory Committee is working in concert with the Communicating Student Learning Committee which is made up of teachers. He drew trustees' attention to the attached *Reporting Student Progress (Grades K-9): Guidelines for School Districts* document prepared by the Ministry of Education in particular the “Key Points to Remember about Options A and B” on page 9.

Trustees noted that there is a great deal of concern among teachers, parents and students with respect to the changes to the grade 10-12 curriculum and reporting, and how those changes will relate to post-secondary education. Trustee MacFarlane added that the three students on the Education Advisory Committee are vital members of the Committee and are passionate and very involved in the process.

**SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE**

2016/2017 Capital Plan

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale provided background on the modifications to the 2016/2017 Capital Plan. He advised that three items were submitted to the Ministry under the School Enhancement Program in addition to the bus requests submitted earlier.

16: R-89 Savage/Chell

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education confirm the approval of the 2016/17 Capital Plan containing three School Enhancement Program projects totaling \$635,000.”

CARRIED

Student Transportation Fund

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale provided a verbal update noting that approximately \$49,000 received from the Ministry. The funds will be used to complete the outfitting of the garage to allow more work to be done in house and that electronic block heaters will be installed in the school buses. The balance of funds will be returned to the transportation budget as some monies were reallocated to support other district programs for students.

## Vehicle Replacement

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale provided background information on the district's current dump truck and the need to replace it.

## **OTHER**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Superintendent Hooker presented the minutes noting that it is a great group of committed parents.

#### 16: R-90 Nicholson/Savage

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

#### Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Trustee Savage presented the minutes noting the changes to the wording of the acknowledgment of traditional lands and that the Committee will be providing the Board with the new acknowledgement wording following its November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 meeting. She also highlighted the work that has been undertaken so far with respect to the new Enhancement Agreement noting that district staff and students are being taught to say Hello (Way') and Thank You (Limlimt) as a small sign of respect.

#### 16: R-91 Savage/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

#### Communicating Student Learning Minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Superintendent Hooker presented the minutes noting the significant involvement of teachers on the committee.

#### 16: R-92 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Communicating Student Learning Committee meeting of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

#### Revelstoke Review Education Supplement

Trustee Nicholson highlighted the Education Supplement published by the Revelstoke Review noting that it was well done and very informative. Superintendent Hooker advised that it was being sent home with students as well as being distributed at various locations in the City.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

#### Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Received as information.

British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Fall Symposium of October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Trustee Chell, Superintendent Hooker, and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale attended the Symposium.

Second Annual Education Partner Liaison Meeting of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale, Superintendent Hooker and Trustees MacFarlane and Chell attended the meeting. Trustee MacFarlane provided an overview noting that the Ministry staff in attendance are dedicated and clearly focused on education. There was a great deal of discussion related to the redesigned curriculum and student reporting. He added that a cross-section of six high school students from Richmond spoke at the meeting about their high school experiences and their understanding of the upcoming changes.

Trustee MacFarlane also reported on the BC School Trustees' Association Board Chairs meeting held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Ministry of Education staff in attendance explained how capital plans are processed by the Ministry based on priorities set by the Ministry. He also noted that Christina Zacharuk, President and CEO of the Public Sector Employers' Council gave a brief overview of all public sector employers and Don Avison provided an update on the Auditor-General's report on the *Education of Aboriginal Students in the B.C. Public School System*.

British Columbia School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Meeting of October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Trustee MacFarlane provided his report on the Provincial Council meeting highlighting the presentation by Assistant Deputy Ministry of Education, George Farkas on *K-12 Sector Financial Health*. He noted that there was a great deal of discussion regarding the need for sustainable funding and that increases to compensation for excluded staff should be funded by government, just as it is for unionized staff. Trustee MacFarlane expressed the need for all employees to be treated fairly and with respect.

16: R-93 Chell/Savage

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance in support of the BCSTA's letter requesting that they provide full funding to school districts to pay for the salary increases which were recently approved by the Public Sector Employers Council for exempt and executive staff.”

CARRIED

Trustee MacFarlane added that there was also a discussion regarding the recent firing of the Vancouver School Board and the setting of a time limit for Specially Appointed Trustees. Trustee Chell provided background information and noted that the BCSTA will be requesting that a date be set for a by-election in the Vancouver School District as well as in the North Okanagan Shuswap School District.

16: R-94 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education support the BCSTA's letter urging the Ministry of Education to immediately include in the terms of

reference for official trustees: a date for a by-election which shall be set within six months of a board being fired, and that SD83 and 39 be affected by the said change immediately.”

CARRIED

Trustees then discussed the Ministry of Education’s timeline for implementing the redesigned curriculum for grades 10-12 and the concerns that have been raised by teachers, students and parents, noting that the BC Teachers’ Federation has requested that the implementation be extended.

16: R-94 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education collaborate with the Revelstoke Teachers’ Association to write a joint letter to the Minister of Education asking that the timeline on the revised grade 10-12 curricula be extended.”

CARRIED

**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 5:59 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

**CLOSED BOARD ITEMS**

- Student Suspensions – October 2016

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

DATED: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016