



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting April 12th, 2017 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

SWEARING IN OF TRUSTEE ELECT, AMANDA RICHARDSON

Amanda Richardson read the oath of office and was sworn in as trustee. She was welcomed to the Revelstoke Board of Education by Trustees who noted that they are excited to have her join the Board.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the nations on whose traditional territory we are gathering: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad and Richardson
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker, Secretary Treasurer Jummun and Associate Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
Principals/Vice-Principals:	Andy Pfeiffer, Principal of Columbia Park Elementary School
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Bob Rogers, RTA President; one RTA member and one member of the media.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17: R-27 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

17: R-28 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 1st, 2017, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Columbia Park Elementary School 2016/2017 Annual Report to the Board

Andy Pfeiffer, Principal of Columbia Park Elementary School presented his report noting that he has found his first year as Principal of Columbia Park Elementary School, challenging, taxing and very rewarding. He began his presentation with the school's focus of the year, which has been Growth Mindset. The philosophy behind a Growth Mindset is that anyone can learn anything and that struggling in your learning is better than immediately picking up on something and failure should be embraced as FAIL means "First Attempt in Learning". Mr. Pfeiffer added that he uses twitter/social media to share ideas such as Growth Mindset, to communicate with parents, to promote activities at the school with the community and beyond. He then provided trustees with an example of one of his tweets about Growth Mindset.

The next topic of the presentation was the school's goal "To enhance levels of health and well-being for all students". He advised that the Middle Years Development Instrument is used as an assessment tool which helps the staff determine what strategies to use to improve student health and well-being. Mr. Pfeiffer noted that a number of staff, on their own time and initiative, have been able to access various grants and donations of equipment etc. A couple of the projects the staff was able to raise funds for are an outdoor learning space which will hopefully be ready for use in the Fall, and a donation of laptops from SetBC. One of the projects the Grade 6 students used the laptops from SetBC for was a project related to body image.

Mr. Pfeiffer discussed the redesigned curriculum, and how it has been implemented in the past year with such things as Exploration Fridays. Exploration Fridays take place on Friday afternoons for students in Grades 5, 6 and 7. The students are placed into three mixed grade level groups. Over a three month period groups rotate through three categories, Art, Drama and Technology. The categories are based on teacher strengths and the students are able to choose their activities which cross the curriculum. He added that students are now excited to come to school on Fridays.

He concluded by highlighting that everything is built on connectedness and relationships can happen with simple things like a smile. He thanked his "amazing" staff and concluded the presentation with a slide show.

Trustees and Superintendent Hooker thanked Principal Pfeiffer for his presentation noting the school's focus on the positive is creating a fun, active and engaging environment for students.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his highlighted activities noting the series of meetings with RTA President Bob Rogers regarding the Memorandum of Agreement and the discussions that are taking place with staff as the district is receiving input from staff to ensure that the decisions are made in the best interest of students. He also noted the work of the Communicating Student Learning Advisory Committee in determining the new reporting guidelines for 2017/2018 and the Committee's focus on what is important to communicate and how best to communicate that information to parents. He concluded his report with a brief summary of the Rural Education Regional Open House adding that Ministry staff noted the positive atmosphere that exists within our district.

Policy 2.3 Public Participation

17: R-29 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 2.3 Public Participation.”

CARRIED

Policy 3.2 Home Schooling Support

Superintendent Hooker advised that the policy had to be revised due to significant changes to the *School Act*.

17: R-30 Chell/Richardson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 3.2 Home Schooling Support.”

CARRIED

Policy 5.7 Maintenance of Order in Schools, on School Grounds and at District Events

Superintendent Hooker presented the new policy noting that the Policy Review Committee developed the policy as recommended by the BC School Trustees Association due to changes to the *School Act*.

17: R-31 Richardson/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policy 5.7 Maintenance of Order in Schools on School Grounds and at District Events.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER JUMMUN

2017/2018 Provincial Funding Announcement

Secretary Treasurer Jummun reviewed the updates to provincial funding as well as the summary of Operating Grant Comparisons for 2016/17 and 2017/18. He noted that our enrolment numbers projected earlier by the Ministry are higher (970) than up to date projections by the district (955) which will impact the district's budget for 2017/18. Budget Committee meetings have been scheduled for April and May with RTA, CUPE, Principals and district staff.

2017/18 Capital Project Approval

Secretary Treasurer Jummun gave a brief overview of the three capital projects that were approved for the 2017/18 school year. He noted that the district was fortunate to have the projects approved and that the projects must be completed by March 2018.

17: R-32 Chell/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give first, second and third reading to the attached Capital Project Bylaw No. 2017/18 CPSD19-01."

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of December 14th, 2016

Associate Secretary Treasurer Tisdale explained that it was just recently discovered that the Minutes were not included in the January 18th, 2017 board meeting agenda package.

17: R-33 Rorstad/Chell

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for July and August, 2016 in the amount of \$1,009,415.89 be approved.”

CARRIED

17: R-34 Rorstad/Nicholson

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for September and October, 2016 in the amount of \$2,689,617.58 be approved.”

CARRIED

17: R-35 Rorstad/Richardson

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of December 14th, 2016 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Minutes of February 27th, 2017

17: R-36 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of February 27th, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of February 28th, 2017

Trustee MacFarlane gave a brief overview of the meeting noting that the committee looked over the draft “Arts Education” and “Career Education and Capstone Project” curriculum and spent time planning for the information session which will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Library at Revelstoke Secondary School.

17: R-37 Nicholson/Richardson

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 28th, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of March 1st, 2017

17: R-38 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of March 1st, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of March 2nd, 2017

Superintendent Hooker presented the minutes noting that time is spent at each meeting reviewing the ongoing work on the implementation of the Enhancement Agreement.

17: R-39 Nicholson/Richardson

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of March 2nd, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee Meeting of March 13th, 2017

Trustee Chell presented the meeting summary noting the discussion regarding the damage to the theatre caused by the water main break. He added that the Arts Council members in attendance at the meeting were complimentary on the handling of the theatre restoration and that they were able to relocate events. He highlighted the continued increase in attendance and the sub-committee that has been formed to review the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the Arts Council and the District.

17: R-40 Chell/Nicholson

“THAT the meeting summary of the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee meeting of March 13th, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Communicating Student Learning Advisory Committee Working Session of March 13th, 2017

Superintendent Hooker noted that a significant amount of work is being done by the committee in preparation for 2017/2018 with respect to “reporting” guidelines.

17: R-41 Chell/Richardson

“THAT the meeting summary of the Communicating Student Learning Advisory Committee working session of March 16th, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of April 4th, 2017

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes noting the Public Information Session on the 2017/2018 Budget will be at 4:00 pm on May 3rd, 2017 in the Library at Revelstoke Secondary School.

17: R-42 Rorstad/Chell

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for November and December, 2016 in the amount of \$2,467,269.28 be approved.”

CARRIED

17: R-43 Rorstad/Nicholson

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for January and February, 2017 in the amount of \$2,476,616.29 be approved.”

CARRIED

17: R-44 Rorstad/Richardson

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of April 4th, 2017 received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of February 20th, 2017

Trustee Chell highlighted the upcoming April 22nd, 2017 Children’s Clothing Exchange, and the May 4th and 5th, 2017 presentations by Dr. Brokenleg.

British Columbia Public School Employers’ Association Representative Council Meeting of March 10th, 2017

Trustee MacFarlane reported that both he and Trustee Chell attended the meeting and that trustees were provided with a detailed presentation of the Memorandum of Agreement.

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 6:05 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Rorstad.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Capital Project Total Completion
- Surplus Schools Update
- Student Suspensions – February 2017

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: April 12th, 2017