



# Revelstoke Board of Education

## Regular Board Meeting January 21, 2025 Minutes

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We would like to respectfully honour the four nations on whose land we live and learn: The Sinixt, the Secwépemc, the Ktunxa, and the Syilx Okanagan.*

*JODIE ALLEN*

*"Last week, I had a unique task: to create a job description for an Indigenous Liaison Officer. This position had been filled by a contractor for the past two years, but with their departure, we decided to bring it in-house and make it part of the bargaining unit." I learnt that for Indigenous specific roles, we must recognize that traditional hiring practices may not reflect Indigenous values or experiences and that we must adapt the process to ensure it's culturally safe and inclusive – the goal is to remove as many barriers as possible. "This process not only helped me develop the job description but also challenged me to think critically about how we can make hiring practices more inclusive across the board. It was an eye-opening experience, and I am grateful for the guidance I received."*

*Trustees also acknowledged the passing of Linda Nicholson who was a gifted educator and who encouraged many young students to pursue teaching as their profession.*

### **ATTENDANCE**

Trustees:	Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh
Senior Administration:	Secretary Treasurer Tisdale, Jodi Wallach District Principal of Indigenous Education and K-12 Well-being
and:	Executive Assistant Fowlie
Guests:	Jason Stevens, RTA President & Evert Lindquist, Revelstoke Times Review Journalist
Absent:	Superintendent Kubik

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

24: R-98 Rota/Zimmer

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

**CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

24: R-99 Walsh/Rota

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be approved as presented.”

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS - Nil**

**SPECIAL REPORTS - Nil**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT KUBIK**

**8.1.1 Administration Reports: Superintendent Kubik**

**A) Superintendent’s Administration Report to the Board**

Jodi Wallach presented the Superintendent’s Administration Report highlighting:

- Community partner engagement – parent caregiver series (4 sessions) teen sexual health was one of the best attended sessions so far in the series. Hannah Beach is the next session presenter who has been highly anticipated.
- Jodi Wallach has been working on the audit this week, it has been an interesting process where staff are learning and finding ways to improve on in the future.

Superintendent Kubik’s Administration Report was received as information.

**B) Superintendent’s Strategic Plan Report to the Board.**

Jodi Wallach presented the Superintendent’s Strategic Plan Report for the Board

- Roberta visited RSS to meet with Sarah Vincent and Mary Catherine LaForest who presented to staff on student voice, discussed eloping from class (withdrawing or leaving class sometimes voluntarily or involuntarily) and ran an activity with staff on how to ask questions to help students and reimagine what their classrooms could look like. (Question – will street data be added to the website so that it is accessible to the parents and guardians).
- Susan Leslie has given 2 keynote speeches on Indigenous Knowing and Ways of Being. Meghan Doeber, Kindergarten teacher at BVE, has continued to meet with Susan to work to embed the Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being into Early Learning through Numeracy circles.

**C) Superintendent’s Memo to the Board – Draft Restriction of Personal Digital Device Policy for Final Reading**

The Policy Committee has requested the Superintendent inform the students and staff that that the policy will be rolled-out after spring break.

24: R-100 Zimmer/Rota

“THAT in accordance with the Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review the Revelstoke Board of Education give final reading of the new Restriction of Personal Digital Devices Policy.”

**CARRIED**

D) Superintendent’s Memo to the Board – How Are We Doing Report (HAWD)

The report has just come out this week, we recognize that the Revelstoke school district is a unique situation. Our indigenous students are outperforming our non-indigenous students in many areas.

**SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE**

A) Secretary Treasurer’s Memo to the Board – Arrow Heights Project Results

- Five tenders were received with one contractor ruled ineligible due to missing documentation.
- The successful contractor (TKI Construction Ltd.) has been selected.
- The planning process will start once a letter of intent has been sent to the successful contractor.

B) MOECC Final Funding Verbal Update

Mid-December is when the final funding is usually announced but that has been delayed until the end of January. There have been no dates provided so far for the extension of amended budget submissions, so the deadline is still February 28<sup>th</sup>. If the deadline is not changed a special Board meeting may be required to adopt the amended budget.

C) Compliance Audit Verbal Update

The compliance audit is done by the ministry, they are looking to make sure that the district is supporting the students with the money that they are claiming. They are looking for documentation to ensure that students are receiving cultural and academic supports are being claimed. Jodi Wallach has exceeded expectations during this process and the district thanks her for her dedication.

**TRUSTEE ROTA**

A) Ono Cho Visit Verbal Update

The visit is on track – 12 students, 4 delegates. The schedule has been tweaked to accommodate budget. They arrive in Revelstoke on Friday morning on January 31<sup>st</sup> and then a formal welcome ceremony at 5:00 PM, the farewell will take place at 5:00 PM on Monday night.

**8.2 OTHER - Nil**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS - Nil**

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

## **TRUSTEE ROUNDTABLE**

The kindergarten classes have been attending the library, so good to see them learning and growing. The climate action working group report is now on the BCSTA website. March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> BCSTA meetings in Vancouver.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A) 2024 Enhancing Student Learning Report Feedback  
The board received the new Deputy Minister's report on the 2024 Enhancing Student Learning Report which provides feedback.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Trustee Chell invited members of the audience to ask questions related to items on the agenda. No questions were asked.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Walsh/Sasha.

## **CLOSED BOARD ITEMS**

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

DATED: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025