



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting March 1st, 2017 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

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, Nicholson, and Rorstad

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker, Secretary Treasurer Jummun and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale

and: Administrative Secretary Magarian

Guests: Bob Rogers, RTA President; one RTA member, and one member of the media

Regrets: Trustee Chell (as he is in negotiations with the Ministry of Education, BC Public School Employers Association and the BC Teachers Federation regarding the Supreme Court of Canada Ruling)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

17: R-20 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

17: R-21 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 15th, 2017, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker reviewed his Administration Report highlighting the recent interviews of teachers teaching on call candidates, and a joint meeting between the Revelstoke Board of Education and City Council to take place on April 10th, 2017. He noted that it has been a number of years since the Board and City Council have met and this meeting will be a great opportunity to update City Council on a number of items including the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre, joint use, school goals, and surplus school sites. He brought trustees attention to the enrolment data submitted to the Ministry advising that enrolment remains stable and that 63 Kindergarten students were registered last week. It is anticipated that more Kindergarten students will register before the Fall of 2017. He reminded Trustees of the Ministry of Education's Rural Education Regional Open House being held in the Macpherson Room at Revelstoke Secondary School on Friday, March 10th, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

2017/2018 District Calendar

Superintendent Hooker presented the draft 2017/2018 District Calendar and provided trustees with background information on the Ministry's changes to the School Calendar Regulation. He confirmed that the calendar was developed with input from the Revelstoke Teachers' Association, CUPE, the Parent Advisory Councils of each school and the District Parent Advisory Council and district staff and that they have all approved the calendar. He noted that he only received direct feedback from two parents who were concerned about the two week spring break.

17: R-22 Nicholson/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education adopt the 2017/2018 District Calendar as presented."

CARRIED

Memorandum of Agreement – Additional Staffing

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the additional staff added due to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Ministry of Education and the BC Teachers' Federation. He thanked Bob Rogers, RTA President for his involvement and explained that as staff requested additional release time to support assessment and reporting, the district has made provision for a bank of 24 release days over and above the funding provided under the Memorandum of Agreement.

MARK JUMMUN

Signing Authorities

Secretary Treasurer Jummun explained the need to update the district's authorized signatories at the Revelstoke Credit Union.

17: R-23 Rorstad/Nicholson

"THAT the Secretary Treasurer and the Board Chair or the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, or in the absence of the Board Chair

and the Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, the Secretary Treasurer and the Superintendent of Schools, be the signing authorities for the school district for bank signing purposes effective March 15th, 2017. The names and positions of the signing authorities are set out below:

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| Bill MacFarlane | Board Chair |
| Elmer Rorstad | Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee |
| Mark Jummun | Secretary Treasurer |
| Mike Hooker | Superintendent of Schools” |

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of February 15th, 2017

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes noting that the motion to approve the amended 2016/2017 Budget was passed at the February 15th, 2017 School Board Meeting.

17: R-24 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of February 15th, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Communications Advisory Committee Minutes of February 20th, 2017

Trustee Nicholson presented the Minutes noting that the list of organizations/groups/ businesses provided by Revelstoke Secondary School did not include those that sponsor the PERC cards or that provide scholarships. Those will be added to the list and the list will then be provided to the elementary schools for possible additions.

17: R-25 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Communications Advisory Committee meeting of February 20th, 2017 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustees’ Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Meeting of February 17th – 18th, 2017

Trustee MacFarlane provided an overview of the meeting noting that fees will be increased based on the consumer price index and that the BCSTA budget will be passed at the Annual General Meeting to be held in April. He advised that the major focus of the meeting was the “Education is Key” campaign to raise awareness of the importance of public education prior to the provincial election on May 9th, 2017. The board then watched a video of the presentation of Dr. Patricia Daley, Vice-President, Public Health and Chief Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health. Dr. Daley’s presentation was to the question “How does a strong public education system make a difference to your sector?”. Dr. Daley stressed the importance of early childhood development which she says “is the vaccine against mental illness and addiction”. She explained that most brain development occurs prior to Kindergarten and made three recommendations:

1. The Ministry of Education takes responsibility for early childhood development.
2. That 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day be mandated for students in grades Kindergarten to 12.
3. Teach students to live healthy lives.

17: R-26 Rorstad/Nicholson

“THAT Revelstoke Board of Education participate in the *Education is Key* campaign”.

CARRIED

British Columbia School Trustee Association Thompson Okanagan Branch
Meeting of February 24th – 25th, 2017

Trustees Nicholson and MacFarlane attending the meeting which was held in Merritt. Trustee Nicholson provided an overview noting that the meetings on Friday were held at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. He attended the Education Committee meeting which included a roundtable discussion of the implementation of the new curriculum. A Provincial Report was given which suggested that each branch should have aboriginal content at its branch meetings. After dinner at the historic Quilchena Hotel, Renzo Del Negro, Chief Executive Officer of the BC Public School Employers Association gave an excellent presentation on the complex issues involved in the Supreme Court of Canada ruling. The topic of the Saturday presentations was the *Education is Key* campaign.

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 5:44 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Rorstad.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Negotiations between the Ministry of Education, BC Public School Employers Association and BC Teachers Federation
- Mount Begbie View Elementary School Site Redevelopment

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: March 1st, 2017