



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting (held virtually) January 12th, 2022 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane 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 Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	MacFarlane, Chell, Rorstad, Zimmer and Pendergast
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Barry Rourke, RTA President, and one member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22: R-01 Pendergast/Chell

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

22: R-02 Pendergast/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 15th, 2021, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Report highlighting the ongoing meetings taking place between the school district and the Ministries of Health and Education. The Ministries are keeping districts up to date on any changes to health and safety guidelines for schools and providing advance notice prior to changes taking place. Superintendent Hooker advised that he has been out in schools, as has RTA President Barry Rourke, to meet with staff

to ensure they are comfortable with the January 10th, 2022 restart as there is understandably higher levels of stress and anxiety due to the high rate of infection in Revelstoke. The safety plans currently in place are working and students continue to participate in regular activities such as lunch time sports, downhill skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, etc. There has been a slight increase in student absences since January 10th, but staff attendance remains consistent.

Trustees expressed their appreciation to staff recognizing the challenges they continue to face on a daily basis. Although there is fatigue with the virus, the district will continue to follow provincial health and safety guidelines.

Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw

Paragraph 2.4.1 of the Bylaw was amended to change the words “Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Aboriginal Territories to “Call to Order and Recognition of Territory”. Trustee Zimmer suggested changes to the policy to amend the gender specific language to inclusive language. The changes will be incorporated into the bylaw.

Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw

22: R-03 Zimmer/Chell

"THAT the Board of Education give second and third reading to the Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw in accordance with section 9.4 of the current Policy 2.1 with amendments to the gender specific language to gender neutral language."

CARRIED

Vaccination Policy Update

Superintendent Hooker presented the memorandum explaining that the motion set out in the memo was passed by the Revelstoke Board of Education at an “In Camera” meeting on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022. The memo provides background information on the vaccine policy implementation process as well as a copy of the motion passed. He confirmed that he has had conversations with the Deputy Minister of Education and Dr. Karin Goodison, Medical Health Officer regarding the Board’s decision to implement a vaccination policy, both are supportive of the process the district is following. Dr. Goodison noted the high vaccination rates in Revelstoke and advised that Interior Health will support the district in any way possible in its implementation of the policy.

Trustees noted that Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale have followed the K-12 Sector Guidelines for Vaccination Policies provided by BC Public School Employers Association and Ministry of Education and that the Board has been discussing a vaccination policy since October 2021 when the Guidelines were provided to district. Trustees expressed their thanks to district staff and to the BC Teachers’ Federation and CUPE for their support of vaccination policies in school districts to support the health and safety of students.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2021/2022 Final Funding Announcement

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented his memorandum noting that over the next 6 weeks the 2021/2022 budget will be amended and presented to Trustees at a Finance and Facilities meeting for approval before submitted the amended Budget to the Ministry of Education. He does not anticipate many changes to the Budget.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of December 8th, 2021

Superintendent Hooker presented the minutes,

22: R-03 Rorstad/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of December 8th, 2021 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of December 9th, 2021

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting the Committee is continuing to work on Policy 3.6 *Indigenous Learning and Equity* with some of the language added to the policy now moved to the Committee’s Terms of Reference. She noted the letter the First Nations Leadership Council sent to the Ministry of Education regarding the value of the Foundation Skills Assessment in assisting districts in determining if any supports are needed for Indigenous students.

22: R-04 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of December 9th, 2021 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 5:30 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Pendergast.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- COVID Vaccination Policy
- Teacher Bargaining
 - Provincial Bargaining
 - Local Bargaining
- Student Suspensions – December 2021

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: January 12th, 2022