



**The Board of Education of  
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)**

**MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**April 12, 2022, 3:00 p.m.  
Cranbrook Board Office**

Present: Chairperson Frank Lento  
Trustee Trina Ayling  
Trustee Bev Bellina (remotely)  
Trustee Krista Damstrom  
Trustee Chris Johns  
Trustee Kathryn Kitt  
Trustee Doug McPhee

Regrets Trustee Wendy Turner  
Trustee Patricia Whalen  
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts

Staff Present Superintendent Silke Yardley (remotely)  
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor  
Director of Instruction/Human Resources Brent Reimer  
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education Jason Tichauer  
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault  
District Principal/Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt  
Executive Assistant, (recorder) Jane Nixon

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Chair Lento called the April 12, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:02 p.m.

**1.2 Greeting**

Chair Lento acknowledged that we have gathered on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

**1.3 Chairperson's Opening Remarks and Recognitions**

Best wishes for a quick recovery extended to Trustee Turner.  
Acknowledgement of Fernie Secondary girls and boys basketball teams at provincial tournament.

**1.4 Opening Round**

Members of the Board, District Management and local Union Presidents shared a reflection of gratitude.

**1.5 Consideration and Approval of Agenda**

Additions:

**4.1.6 Highlands PAC Letter**

**4.1.7 BC School Food Guidelines 2022**

**MOTION R-22-55**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of April 12, 2022 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1.6 Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of March 8, 2022.

**MOTION R-22-56**

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Damstrom:

THAT the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of March 8, 2022 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1.7 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings**

**MOTION R-22-57**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the Board accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of March 8, 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1.8 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

**1.8.1 Approval of the 2023-2024 School Calendar**

**MOTION R-22-58**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Kitt:

THAT the Board take from the table, the 2023-2024 School Calendar.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION R-22-59**

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Bellina:

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**3.1 Advocacy/Education Committee**

No meeting in March.

**3.2 Policy Committee**

No meeting in March.

**3.3 Student Services Committee**

No meeting in March.

**3.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee**

No meeting in March.

**3.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council**

Trustee Bellina reported that she and Trustee Ayling will be attending the BCSTA Annual General Meeting in Vancouver from April 20-23, 2022.

**MOTION R-22-60**

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Damstrom:

THAT the Board accept the report of the BCSTA/Provincial Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.6 Communications/Media Committee**

No Report

**3.7 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee**

No Report

**3.8 Key City Theatre**

During Trustee Turner's absence, the Board has requested that Mr. Doug Mitchell be the ad hoc representative for the Key City Theatre Committee. Mr. Mitchell has graciously accepted this role until the return of Trustee Turner.

**MOTION R-22-61**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the Board appoint Doug Mitchell as ad hoc representative to the Key City Theatre Committee in the absence of Trustee Turner.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION R-22-62**

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Key City Theatre.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3.9 Legacy of Learning**

Trustee Johns reported that the Legacy of Learning will make presentations for grant funding at the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives Program (CIP) meetings during the month of April.

Trustee Johns also reported that School District 6 will be participating in the Legacy of Learning.

#### **MOTION R-22-63**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Kitt:

THAT the Board accept the Legacy of Learning report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3.10 French Advisory Committee**

No Report

### **3.11 Trustee Reports/Bouquets**

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

Trustee Johns extended congratulations to executive assistant Jane Nixon for her recent designation as a Canadian Certified Administrative Professional.

## **4. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

### **4.1 Updates**

#### **4.1.1 COVID-19**

Secretary Treasurer Taylor gave a brief update of the changes to the COVID-19 mandates including the lifting of capacity constraints and the shift from daily health checks to health awareness checks.

#### **4.1.2 Facilities Bookings - Joint Use**

Due to the removal of COVID-19 restrictions, Secretary Treasurer Taylor recommended that the Board open joint use bookings in School District facilities. Chairperson Lento reiterated that the Board would continue to follow the direction of the provincial health officer and provincial mandates would be diligently monitored. All facility users will be made aware of the District's mandate to operate within the public health guidelines.

#### **MOTION R-22-64**

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Kitt:

THAT the Board approve the Secretary Treasurer's recommendation to open joint use bookings in School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) facilities to community user groups as per the joint use agreements and subject to provincial guidelines.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **4.1.3 Isabella Dicken Elementary School Expansion**

The Isabella Dicken Elementary School expansion project is pending permits from the City of Fernie. A public consultation meeting on traffic

and bus movement patterns around the school was held on Monday, April 11, 2022.

#### **4.1.4 2022-2023 Budget Update**

The first budget working session was held on March 30. The next session will be held on April 28, 2022. The deadline for the Board to adopt the annual budget for 2022/2023 is June 30, 2022.

#### **4.1.5 School Bus Purchase**

The District will be purchasing 3 diesel buses (2 for the Elk Valley and 1 for Cranbrook). Discussions regarding the choice of diesel over electric buses included: maintenance issues, battery range and charging infrastructure.

Chairperson Lento suggested that the District look into smaller buses (less than 88 passenger buses).

#### **4.1.6 Traffic Safety Committee Update**

Trustee Johns discussed the traffic safety concerns, needs and issues in the communities of Fernie, Jaffray and Cranbrook. He presented a letter from the Highlands Elementary School PAC and also mentioned the Pedestrian Crossing Control Manual for British Columbia that was referenced in the City of Cranbrook letter included in the agenda package.

The traffic concerns involving school zones, pick up and drop off circumstances and bus routes were recognized. It was the consensus of the Board that the Secretary Treasurer present an Ad Hoc Committee format for the Board's consideration.

#### **4.1.7 BC School Food Guidelines**

Discussion regarding the implementation of the new (2022) BC School Food Guidelines for Food and Beverages in K-12. These guidelines may potentially negatively impact school PAC fundraising. All PAC's, Trustees and other stakeholders are encouraged to complete the online survey.

### **4.2 Recommendations**

#### **MOTION R-22-65**

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/Bellina:

THAT the Secretary Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report can be found on the School District's website at [www.sd5.bc.ca](http://www.sd5.bc.ca).

### **5.1 Updates**

#### **5.1.1 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report**

The Ministry of Education has evaluated the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning and feedback is pending. Superintendent Yardley informed the Board that grade 2 reading assessment data will be due to the District by June 1, 2022. She also updated the Board on student progress and success in each of the learning outcomes. Director Casault acknowledged the implementation of the Developmental Indicators for Assessment of Learning (Dial IV) training for Kindergarten screening. District Principal Verbeurgt reported on the virtual Science Fair held in March and congratulated grade 10 student Keanu Chan. Chan will represent the District at the Canada-wide virtual Science Fair. District Principal Verbeurgt also informed the Board of the planning and pre-approval of designations and transitions for students for the 2022-2023 school year.

**5.2 Recommendations**

**MOTION R-22-66**

Moved/Seconded by Mcphee/Ayling:

THAT the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**6.1 Updates**

No regular agenda updates

**6.2 Recommendations**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Business Arising from Delegations**

Nil

**8. CLOSING ROUND**

Trustees, District Management and local Union Presidents were offered an opportunity to share a final comment on the meeting.

**9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. QUESTION PERIOD**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*What have we done at this meeting to help our students become more interested in school and to support them in their personal learning journey?*

**MOTION R-22-67**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the April 12, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:32 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Frank Lento, Chairperson

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Nick Taylor, Secretary Treasurer