



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

MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

**April 13, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Meeting via Zoom**

Present: Chairperson Lento
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina
Trustee Damstrom
Trustee Johns
Trustee Kitt
Trustee McPhee
Trustee Turner
Trustee Whalen

Staff Present Superintendent, S. Yardley
Secretary Treasurer, A. Rice
Director of Instruction/Human Resources, B. Reimer
Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer
Director of Instruction/Student Learning and Innovation, D. Casault
District Principal/Student Services, D. Verbeurgt
District Principal/Transformative Learning, J. Roberts
Executive Assistant (recorder), S. Gronlund

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the April 13, 2021 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:15 p.m. and acknowledged that we have gathered here in the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

Chair Remarks:

- Chair Lento welcomed members of the public to the regular meeting and thanked them for their interest.
- Chair Lento, on behalf of the Board, expressed sadness on the passing of educational servants to our district.
 - Nadine Steele – former teacher at Elk Valley and Cranbrook Schools
 - Mike Taylor – former teacher/administrator at Cranbrook Schools
 - Lilio Colonello – former teacher/administrator in Sparwood and Elkford schools

- Chair Lento also expressed the Board's condolences and sincerest sympathies to Trustee Whalen and her family on the recent passing of her mother.
- Chair Lento took the opportunity to congratulate Irene Bischler recipient of the Medal of Good Citizenship award 2021 and Carol Johns, recipient of the Honourary Life Membership award.
- Chair Lento congratulated Trustee Kitt on the addition of a daughter to the Kitt family.

1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

MOTION R-21-64

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of April 13, 2021 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the public meeting of the Board of Education of March 9, 2021.

MOTION R-21-65

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of March 9, 2021 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-21-66

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of March 9, 2021.

CARRIED

1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1.5.1 District Learning (DL) Echo Report Update

Director Tichauer presented on the February funding count report for Distributed Learning (Kootenay Discovery School) and Continuing Education (Kootenay Learning Campus). These two schools are reported on three times per year. The third funding count will be at the end of May 2021.

MOTION R-21-67

M/S to accept the report of District Learning Echo Report presented by Director Tichauer.

CARRIED

1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

Nil.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

No meeting in March.

2.2 Policy Committee
No meeting in March.

2.3 Student Services Committee
No meeting in March.

2.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee
No meeting in March.

2.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council
Trustee Bellina mentioned that the Provincial Council meeting is coming up with the BCSTA AGM on April 15th and 16th, this Thursday and Friday.

She encouraged the other trustees to read the BCSTA Daily News emails and suggested if they have questions on any items to bring them forward for discussion.

MOTION R-21-68
M/S to accept the report of the BCSTA/Provincial Council.

CARRIED

2.6 Communications/Media Committee
Trustee Ayling has sent the SD5 Graduation Rates Media Release out to public. She has one letter pending to BCSTA regarding exempt staff compensation.

MOTION R-21-69
M/S to accept the report of the Communications/Media Committee.

CARRIED

2.7 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee
Trustee Johns is expecting to receive a report soon from Berry Architecture with recommendations on the renovation/or replacement options for MBSS.

MOTION R-21-70
M/S to accept the report of the Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee.

CARRIED

2.8 Key City Theatre
Trustee McPhee received a guided tour of the old Armond Theatre building that is currently being renovated. It looks to him like it will be something between the Key City Theatre and a night club.

MOTION R-21-71
M/S to accept the report of the Key City Theatre.

CARRIED

2.9 Legacy of Learning
Trustee Johns was pleased to report that School District No. 6 is now a partner with the Legacy of Learning. The Legacy is reaching out to the Key City Theatre for some posters that hung on their wall.

MOTION R-21-72

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED

2.10 French Advisory Committee

Trustee Whalen relayed that the local Canadian Parents for French Chapter has positions to be filled. To be able to receive funding, these positions must be filled. The hope is parents will come forward with interest in these positions.

Chair Lento mentioned parents want to know how they access the French Advisory Committee.

MOTION R-21-73

M/S to accept the French Advisory Committee report.

CARRIED

2.11 Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

3. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Secretary Treasurer Rice has been working with the accounting department on this year's financial progress and the budget for next year.

3.1 Stage 2 Restart Protocol Update - Secretary Treasurer

Secretary Treasurer Rice has received updates from the Provincial Health Officer last week with changes to the K-12 documents. The main changes were that staff must always wear a mask and the grade 4-6 students are now included in the mask mandate along with the recommendation for K-3 students.

We are waiting to hear more information on the COVID-19 vaccine roll out. The age bracket of 40 and over may be able to register soon for the vaccine. The district is encouraging SD5 employees to register and obtain the vaccine as soon as their age group is announced. We are looking at how we can support the employees to leave work to receive their vaccine if after work appointment is not available.

We are beginning to see a rise in COVID-19 cases in BC, so we need to be vigilant in keeping up with the safety protocols and adhere to the "no non-essential travel".

MOTION R-21-74

M/S that the April 13, 2021 Secretary Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

The Pathway's report can be found on the School District's website at www.sd5.bc.ca.

Superintendent Yardley thanked parents and staff for moving so quick with the new mask mandate.

We are updating the "Framework for Enhancing Student Learning" (FESL) every month. The FESL has been shared with the Board and will be shared with the principal and vice-principals on the Professional Development Day on Monday, April 26th. The Ministry of Education will also be in attendance reviewing the data.

We have six schools moving forward with a literacy project. From April – June they will be working in small groups on “*the summer slide*”. Students are working on literacy with teachers. There are some of the helpers from the “rocking readers” helping with this project also.

The district managers and district principals each reported on their departments.

Discussion included:

Trustee Johns asked if there will be a summary with the results of the East Kootenay Regional Science Fair 2021 (EKRSF). Director Verbeurgt replied that the opening and closing ceremonies have been posted online and that he would be sending out a summary on the results soon. Trustee Johns and the Board relayed their appreciation and thanked Director Verbeurgt for his many years of contribution to the (EKRSF).

Trustee Johns mentioned two funding letters that are pending. One is for student services and the other for apprenticeship funding. He would also like to see some photos of the Mount Baker Secondary School April 6th 70th birthday featured in the next Pathway’s report. MBSS students created a YouTube video, which can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jy0uagbPoPs>. Photo credits to the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History.

Chair Lento thanked everyone who contributes to the monthly Pathway’s report.

MOTION R-21-75

M/S that the April 13, 2021 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

5.1 Director Reimer Provincial Appointment

The Board approved Director Reimer’s appointment to the BCPSEA Tech Committee.

5.2 Employee COVID-19 Vaccines

Chair Lento pleaded; we need vaccines for our employees.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

6.2 Mount Baker Secondary School PAC Letter

Chair Lento recommended that the MBSS PAC letter be forwarded to the Finance/Operation/Personnel Committee meeting on April 27th and that a copy of the letter go to the MBSS administration.

6.3 SD5 Bus Transportation for Elk River Alliance Summer Camps

MOTION R-21-76

M/S that the Board recommend Secretary Treasurer Rice draft a response letter to the Elk River Alliance Summer Camps regarding the use of SD5 busses during the summer and bring back to the Board for review.

CARRIED

7. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

Trustee Bellina to Director Verbeurgt for his years of work with the East Kootenay Regional Science Fairs.

Trustee Johns to the employees that are out there everyday supporting students through out this pandemic.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

9. QUESTION PERIOD

- FDTA, no questions
- CDTA, no questions
- Public; Heather Halliday was offered an opportunity by the Board Chair to ask questions. She asked why her questions were not recorded in the minutes. She asked if employees are allowed time to read school safety plans?

Chair Lento indicated he thought the question would be best responded to by appropriate school district staff. He also indicated she has the option to appear as a delegate.

10. LATE ITEMS

Nil.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R-21-77

M/S that the April 13, 2021 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Frank Lento, Chairperson

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer