



**The Board of Education of  
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)  
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
February 11, 2014, 5:00 p.m.  
Board Office**

Present: Chairperson Lento  
Trustee Ayling  
Trustee Bellina  
Trustee Besanger  
Trustee Brown  
Trustee Damstrom  
Trustee Johns  
Trustee Whalen  
L. Hauptman, Superintendent of Schools  
R. Norum, Secretary Treasurer  
B. Reimer, Director of Instruction/Human Resources  
D. Casault, Director of Instruction/Student Learning  
D. McPhee, Director of Instruction/Aboriginal Education/Safety Officer  
D. Verbeurgt, District Principal/Student Services  
J. Skerik, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Regrets: Trustee Helgesen

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Lento called the February 11, 2014 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:06 p.m., and thanked Jean Skerik and Doug McPhee for their service to the Board and the District.

**1.2. Consideration and Approval of Agenda**

Additions: Item 4.1 Physical Literacy  
Item 6.2 RSA Day

**MOTION R-14-18**

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 11, 2014 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of January 14, 2014.

**MOTION R-14-19**

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of January 14, 2014 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.4. Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings**

**MOTION R-14-20**

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of January 14, 2014.

**CARRIED**

**1.5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

**1.5.1. 2014-2015 School Calendar**

Superintendent Hauptman advised the Board that she did not recommend they follow the two requests received from the public.

Mr. Reimer advised that he has a letter of understanding with the CFTA regarding the provisions that are outside of the Collective Agreement.

**MOTION R-14-21**

M/S to approve the 2014-2015 school calendar as distributed at the January Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**1.6. Receiving of Delegations/Presentations**

**1.6.1. Physical Literacy - Karen Kettenacker, MBSS**

Mrs. Hauptman introduced Mt. Baker Secondary School teacher Karen Kettenacker and Andrea Carey, Director of ViaSport BC.

Ms. Carey shared a powerpoint presentation, a copy will be attached to the agenda as a late item.

Ms. Kettenacker noted that this area has the smallest percentage of athletes participating in the BC Games.

Discussion included:

- Funding for a partnership with ViaSports
- Mentorship opportunities
- Inclusion of StrongStart children
- Connection of learning outcomes

**1.6.2. MBSS Trip to Vienna - Evan Bueckert**

Mr. Bueckert was not in attendance and will be invited to make a presentation at a future Board meeting.

**2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**2.1. Advocacy/Education Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Whalen reviewed the minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

A discussion regarding Mr. Lento's letter to the RCMP included:

- Mr. Lento's clarification with RCMP re concerns about the letter
- Article in Townsman indicating RCMP are reviewing student safety
- Letter sent in response to RCMP request
- Trustee Whalen to review safety zone issues at Cranbrook in Motion committee meeting

**MOTION R-14-22**

M/S that the Board send a letter to the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) outlining our interest for our students to participate in the MDI survey and offer our support with advocating for future funding for districts.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-14-23**

M/S that Trustees Ayling, Brown and Whalen work together to write a media release commending Kindergarten teachers who work with the EDI, outlining their successes and how they overcome their challenges and to outline how the MDI could also benefit future planning for students.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-14-24**

M/S that the Board approve a draft letter written to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure signed by School District 5, the City of Fernie, Isabella Dicken Elementary PAC Chair, Fernie Secondary PAC Chair and the District Parent Advisory Council outlining concerns regarding pedestrian (student) safety at the intersection of Highway 3 and 13th Street in Fernie, B.C.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-14-25**

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.2. Policy Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Brown reviewed the minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting of the Policy Committee.

**MOTION R-14-26**

M/S that the revised Policy 3.32 Allergies and Life Threatening Allergies in Schools be approved by the Board of Education.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-14-27**

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Policy Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.3. Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

**MOTION R-14-28**

M/S that the Board of Education submit feedback regarding campaign finance reform for local elections by January 31, 2014.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-14-29**

M/S that the Board draft a letter urging government to explore energy options for student transportation in the future for school districts.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-14-30**

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.4. Student Services Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Besanger reviewed the minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

**MOTION R-14-31**

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Student Services Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.5. Communications/Media Committee**

Trustee Ayling reviewed her Communications/Media Committee report.

Discussion regarding the draft EDI media release ensued.

**MOTION R-14-32**

M/S that the Board approve the media release on EDI/MDI as amended.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-14-33**

M/S to accept the report of the Communications/Media Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.6. Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee**

Trustee Johns provided a verbal report including a meeting planned for February 21st with MP David Wilks and RDEK Chair Rob Gay.

**MOTION R-14-34**

M/S to accept the report of the Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.7. Legacy of Learning**

Trustee Johns provided a verbal report that staff continue to process material, a visit to Jaffray Elem. Jr. Secondary school is planned, and a presentation will be made to DPAC on March 12.

**MOTION R-14-35**

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

**CARRIED**

**2.8. Trustee Reports**

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

Trustee Ayling - unable to attend CDTA executive meeting.

Trustee Johns - City Wellness & Heritage committee - first meeting tomorrow.

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

Superintendent Hauptman's report of February 4, 2014 included:

- Superintendent's Activities
  - School Improvement Plans
  - Anti-bullying activities
  - Family Literacy evening
  - Invitation to apply to enter into some small group conversations with David Albury and Amelia Peterson, Global Education Leaders' Program, to help bring about innovative, transformational change
- Finance/Operations Updates
  - Main focus is budget meetings
  - Enrolment projections to the Ministry this week
  - Staffing configuration moving along well

- Transitional activities for Technology Plan with Doug McPhee leaving, over last three years have spent about \$1.6 million, now will purchase equipment for schools, trying to pay as we go
- Requested permission from the Ministry to utilize \$350,000 of restricted capital for Tech Plan infrastructure - denied
- Discussion included
  - Ministry support for technology upgrades
  - Additional request by Secretary Treasurer or the Board
  - Highlands PAC letter (Trustee Johns)
  - BC Ed plan, BYOD
  - Request for support for Tech Plan, perhaps a letter to Minister of Education of the MLA
- Update from Director of Instruction/Student Learning
  - Swim to Survive
  - Ready, Set, Learn Fairs
- Update from Director of Instruction/Safety/Aboriginal Education
  - 1701, City Reporter online system for safety reports from schools
- Update from District Principal/Student Services
  - Alternate review
- Update from Director of Instruction/Human Resources
- Important Dates for Trustees
- Enrolment Report

Superintendent Hauptman distributed and reviewed school plans for anti-bullying.

**MOTION R-14-36**

M/S that the February 4, 2014 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1. Business Arising from Delegations**

**4.2. Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2013/2014**

Discussion included:

- Reduction of library services
- Special Education budget
- Increased Special Education spending indicates an increased number of Special Education students
- Interfund transfers - recognizing a portion of spending as capital rather than operating

**MOTION R-14-37**

M/S read a third time, finally passed and adopted the 11th day of February, 2014.

**CARRIED**

**5. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS**

Trustees thanked Mr. McPhee and Mrs. Skerik for their years of service in the District.

**6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1. BCSTA AGM**

Trustees Bellina, Ayling, Besanger, Brown and Whalen would like to attend the BCSTA AGM.

**6.2. RSA Day**

Trustee Johns reminded trustees of local opportunities.

**7. QUESTION PERIOD**

- SD6 RSA day for 2014-2015 calendar

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION R-14-38**

M/S that the February 11, 2014 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

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Frank Lento, Chairperson

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Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer