



**The Board of Education of  
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)  
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
February 12, 2013, 5:00 p.m.  
Cranbrook**

---

**Present:** Chairperson Lento  
Trustee Ayling  
Trustee Bellina  
Trustee Besanger  
Trustee Brown  
Trustee Damström  
Trustee Helgesen  
Trustee Johns  
Trustee Whalen  
B. Miller, 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)

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Chairperson Lento called the February 12, 2013 public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:03 p.m.

**1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda**

(a) *Acceptance of Agenda*

Additions:

Item 4.2 Online Kindergarten Registration

Item 6.2 Pink the Rink

Item 6.3 Music in the Park

**MOTION R – 13 - 15**

**M/S that the agenda for the Public Meeting of the Board of Education of February 12, 2013 be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

- 1.3 Approval of Minutes**  
(a) *Public Meeting of January 15, 2013*

**MOTION R - 13 - 16**

**M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of January 15, 2013 be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

- 1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings**  
(a) *In-camera Meeting of January 15, 2013*

**MOTION R - 13 - 17**

**M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of January 15, 2013**

**CARRIED**

- 1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**  
Nil

- 1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations**

(a) *Karen Deibert, Learning Through the Arts*

Diane Casault, Director of Instruction/Student Learning, introduced Karen Deibert, an art teacher at Parkland Middle School. Ms. Diebert shared a powerpoint presentation on art-based learning.

Superintendent Miller shared her observations of peer mentoring in one of Ms. Deibert's classes.

Trustees thanked Ms. Deibert for sharing her talent and passion with students.

(b) *Laurie Harris, Crisis Line Administrator*

Trustee Whalen introduced Laurie Harris, Administrator, Volunteer & Information Services, Volunteer Kootenays.

Ms. Harris highlighted links on the Volunteer Kootenays website and distributed and reviewed materials re Safe Communities Cranbrook and East Kootenay and Interior Crisis Line Network. Discussion included:

- Increased student awareness of available services
- Need for Crisis Line volunteers
- Inclusion of Crisis Line information in crisis response booklet currently being revamped for District counsellors

Trustee Besanger introduced Ulli Murtagh, a guest attending the Board meeting who is a parent of District children as well as an employee of the District.

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

**2.1. Advocacy Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Whalen reviewed the January 28, 2013 minutes of the Advocacy Committee meeting.

**MOTION R - 13 - 18**

**M/S that the ad hoc Special Education Sub-committee be dissolved and a formal Special Education Student Services Standing Committee be formed and that "Beyond the Purpose" forms part of the Terms of Reference of the Special Education Student Services Standing Committee.**

**CARRIED**

Trustees Ayling, Bellina, Besanger, Johns and Whalen will be the trustee representatives on the Special Education Student Services standing committee.

**MOTION R - 13 - 19**

**M/S that a letter of support be written and sent to Bill Standeven, Director of Diversity, Equity and Early Learning regarding government initiatives on current funding practices for special education.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R - 13 - 20**

**M/S that School District 5 become a member of the East Kootenay Regional Network for Humanity.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R - 13 - 21**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.2. Education/Policy Committee**

**MOTION R - 13 - 22**

**M/S that Policy 1.4 Terms of Reference - Education/Policy Committee be renamed 'Terms of Reference - Policy Committee' and that Policy 1.6 Terms of Reference - Advocacy Committee' be renamed Terms of Reference Advocacy/Education Committee' and the wording in each policy be modified to reflect these procedural changes.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R - 13 - 23**

**M/S that the Board of Education approve BAA Course - Trades Work 12.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R - 13 - 24**

**M/S to accept the report of the Education/Policy Committee.**

**CARRIED**

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

**MOTION R - 13 - 25**

**M/S to accept the report of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.**

**CARRIED**

**2.4. Communications/Media Committee**

Trustee Ayling distributed copies of a draft Cooperative Gains press release.

**MOTION R - 13 - 26**

**M/S to approve the release of the 'Government Backs off 1.5% Cut to School Budgets' press release.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R - 13 - 27**

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

**CARRIED**

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

Trustee Johns provided a verbal update.

**MOTION R - 13 - 28**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.6. Legacy of Learning**

Trustee Johns distributed and reviewed a status report and a copy of "the Basin Record".

**MOTION R - 13 - 29**

**M/S that School District No. 5 send a letter of support for the second year of the Legacy of Learning project to the Columbia Basin Institute.**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R - 13 - 30**

**M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.**

**CARRIED**

**2.7. Trustee Reports**

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

Rocky Mountain Elementary School will celebrate their 30th anniversary on February 28th.

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

Superintendent Miller reviewed her report of February 12, 2013 including:

- Superintendent's Activities
- Meeting with Elders
- Update from Director of Instruction/Student Learning
  - Professional Development February 1st
  - Strong Start Centres
  - Numeracy Working Group
  - Senior Math IRP Group
- Finance/Operations Updates
- District Development Officer's Report
- Update from Director of Instruction/Safety
  - Aboriginal Education
  - Cooking with Kokum
  - Michif Presentations
  - Fiddling Presentations
  - Metis Cultural Craft
- Update from the District Principal/Student Services
- Update from the Director of Instruction/Human Resources
- Important Dates for Trustees
- Enrolment Report

The death of UBC professor Clyde Hertzman was acknowledged.

#### **MOTION R - 13 - 31**

**M/S that the Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

### 4. **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **4.1. Business Arising from Delegations**

Nil

#### **4.2. Online Kindergarten Registration**

Trustee Whalen requested that the District consider online Kindergarten registration. The proposal will be discussed at committee meetings.

### 5. **TRUSTEE BOUQUETS**

#### *5.1. February 12, 2013*

*Trustee Bellina* - to Trustee Johns for the work he has done on the Legacy of Learning project, sympathies to Clyde Hertzman's family

*Trustee Johns* - sympathy to Clyde Hertzman's family and recognition of his contribution to the field of early childhood development

*Trustee Whalen* - to Trustee Damstrom for dinner, to delegates Laurie Harris and Karen Deibert for their presentations, to remaining audience members Ulli Murtagh and Shelley Balfour for attending the Board meeting

*Trustee Lento* - to Trustee Damstrom for dinner, to Ulli Murtagh for attending the Board meeting

**6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1. Minister of Education Letter re WiFi Equipment**

**6.2. Pink the Rink**

Trustees wishing to order pink t-shirts may do so through Trustee Johns/Gail Rousseau. Schools are organizing attendance at the game and three school will receive school spirit prizes.

**6.3. Music in the Park**

Music Monday will be sponsored by CBC with an antibullying day at Rotary Park on May 6th

**7. QUESTION PERIOD**

Nil

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION R - 13 - 32**

**M/S that the public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 6:46 p.m.**

**9. LATE ITEMS**