



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

MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

**February 17, 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 February 17, 2021 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:02 p.m. and acknowledged that we have gathered here in the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

Chair Lento welcomed our CDTA and FDTA Union Representatives, Shelley Balfour and Chris Kielpinski. He also welcomed members of the public attending and indicated a question period at item 9 of the agenda.

Chair Lento acknowledged the passing of Doug Stevely, former MBSS educator and relayed the Boards condolences to Doug's wife, Marianne Langin.

1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

Additions: 6.3 Kootenay Christian Academy Announcement

MOTION R-21-16

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 17, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of January 12, 2021.

MOTION R-21-17

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of January 12, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-21-18

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of January 12, 2021.

CARRIED

1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1.5.1 Trustee Stipends/Honorariums

Chair Lento had a brief discussion with a BCSTA table officer regarding taxable income to trustee stipends and honorariums.

1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

1.6.1 Graduated Student Funding

Director Tichauer introduced Mr. Brian Conrad, the Transition Co-ordinator for the College of the Rockies (COTR) and School District 5 (SD5). Director Tichauer discussed the letter of December 16, 2020 that School District 42 wrote to the Minister of Education advocating the reinstatement of funding for graduated students under 19 that are continuing their second year of their trades training program with school districts.

Director Tichauer and Mr. Conrad shared a "Funding for Graduated Students" presentation with the Board.

Mr. Conrad mentioned that the COTR reserves five seats for school aged students, which is not enough to fill the demand. He discussed the exceptional circumstances and local implications such as program availability, prerequisites, accessibility and cost.

The Board appreciated the presentation. They understand the importance for them to advocate to the Ministry of Education, to follow through with support for these trade programs and to address our districts unique issues. Chair Lento continues to pursue red seal programs in the Elk Valley.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Bellina/Whalen reviewed the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R-21-19

M/S that the District Student Advisory Council come together virtually using the appropriate technology.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-20

M/S that the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education similar to School District 72's letter of December 2, 2020 supporting and advocating for our school district employees through this Pandemic.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-21

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

CARRIED

2.2 Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Turner reviewed the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R-21-22

M/S that the Board approve changes to the Family Request for Student Placement form for use while COVID-19 protocols remain in place.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-23

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

CARRIED

2.3 Student Services Committee

Co-chair Trustee McPhee reviewed the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

MOTION R-21-24

M/S that the Board write a letter and send to the Ministry of Education outlining our concerns about the audit report specifically targeting the issue of adequate provincial funding.

CARRIED

Trustee Johns, Secretary Treasurer and District Principal Verbeurgt will draft a letter to the Ministry of Education outlining the districts concerns in the audit report and bring back to the Board meeting.

MOTION R-21-25

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

CARRIED

2.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Kitt reviewed the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R-21-26

M/S that the Board send a letter to the City of Cranbrook Council prior to their public hearing on February 1st, 2021 stating, please be advised that the Board of School Trustees, School District No 5 Southeast Kootenay, has considered the proposed zoning amendment for 209 16th Avenue North to accommodate a community temporary emergency homeless shelter. It is the consensus of the Board that our MBSS educational site and school operations will not be affected with the Proponent's commitment to protocols, monitoring and staffing levels.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-27

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

CARRIED

2.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council

Trustee Bellina will attend the virtual Provincial Council AGM on February 20, 2021.

MOTION R-21-28

M/S to accept the report of the BCSTA/Provincial Council.

CARRIED

2.6 Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling reported on two letters.

- The January 21st, 2021 letter to the City of Cranbrook re: rezoning for the temporary homeless shelter.
- Letter pending in support of the SD5 staff.

MOTION R-21-29

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

CARRIED

2.7 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns shared an article in the local paper of the options for the Mount Baker Secondary School facility and the link to the survey. He thanked Secretary Treasurer Rice and Sandy Gronlund for their work on the MBSS options survey. Trustee Johns has provided interviews to the media advocating for MBSS.

MOTION R-21-30

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

CARRIED

2.8 Key City Theatre

Trustee McPhee attended the January 21, 2021 Key City Theatre Board meeting. It is difficult to run a theatre with no audience due to the pandemic. Galen Olstead and the crew have had some time to give to the renovations at the theatre.

Julie Godsave has come up with innovative ideas for fundraising and membership drives. They continue to apply for grants. Trustee McPhee was happy to announce a

new creative member to the Key City Theatre Board, Will Ayling. Trustee Turner reported that Galen Olstead's contract is now completed and signed.

MOTION R-21-31

M/S to accept the report of the Key City Theatre.

CARRIED

2.9 Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns met with the Director of Student Learning at School District 6 to discuss the possibility of SD6 partnering with the Legacy of Learning. They are hoping to role out partnerships with school districts in all the school districts in the Columbia River Basin using SD5's Legacy of Learning experience. They all seem very enthusiastic and we are now waiting for a response.

The Province will be hosting a Virtual Town Hall on the Columbia River Treaty, February 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. MST. The Zoom link is posted on their webpage.

MOTION R-21-32

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED

2.10 French Advisory Committee

Director Casault mentioned that the committee has completed a survey regarding their budget. Their next committee meeting is March 16, 2021.

MOTION R-21-33

M/S to accept the French Advisory Committee report.

CARRIED

2.11 Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

Trustee Johns attended a virtual presentation February 16th on "Sexting", which was part of a 5-part series delivered by the White Hatter who teamed up with the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL). The final session is February 26th on the Dark Web. Registration is required for these presentations.

3. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

3.1 Stage 2 Restart Protocol Update -Secretary Treasurer

Secretary Treasurer Rice delivered a review of the latest updates from the Provincial Health Authority and the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) which have been posted on the SD5 webpage. He shared with the Board where the district is at with implementing the updates. The documents have been revamped providing more clarity. The school documents will be distributed by the Principals. A few more symptoms have been added to the self-assessment check list. There is a COVID-19 App available that asks the self-assessment questions. The App does not collect data of any kind. The link to the App is <https://www.thrive.health/bc-covid19-app>.

Secretary Treasurer Rice responded to questions from the Board.

3.2 2020-21 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

Secretary Treasurer Rice thanked his accounting department for their work on the amended budget.

MOTION R-21-34

M/S that the Board consent to three (3) readings of the Amended Annual Budget for 2020/21 on the 17th of February 2021 in the amount of \$81,726,816.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-35

M/S read a first time the Amended Annual Budget for 2020/21 on the 17th of February 2021 in the amount of \$81,726,816.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-36

M/S read a second time the Amended Annual Budget for 2020/21 on the 17th of February 2021 in the amount of \$81,726,816.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-37

M/S read a third time, passed and adopted, the Amended Annual Budget for 2020/21 on the 17th of February 2021 in the amount of \$81,726,816.

CARRIED

3.3 BCPSEA Employee (Care) Leave

Secretary Treasurer Rice reported on the directive from BCPSEA and stated that there will be more information at a future date.

3.4 Budget 2021-22 Budget Working Session

Secretary Treasurer Rice has been working on next years budget. There is an opportunity for stakeholders to contribute input into the 2021-22 budget at the next Board meeting on March 9th, 2021. Contact Sandy Gronlund if you would like to present or if you would like to submit a written request.

3.5 City of Cranbrook - Zoning Amendment

Secretary Treasurer Rice mentioned that Trustee Johns did attend the virtual City Council meeting February 4, 2021 on the proposed rezoning of property at 209 16th Avenue North to accommodate a temporary community emergency homeless shelter. The Board was happy to hear the rezoning bylaw was passed.

Secretary Treasurer Rice gave a brief update on the Isabella Dicken Elementary School expansion project.

MOTION R-21-38

M/S that the February 17, 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 delivered an update on where they are at with the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) collection of data and explained the processes involved.

The Directors and District Principals each reported on their departments.

MOTION R-21-39

M/S that the February 17, 2021 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

5.1 Policy Redevelopment (Draft Policy Handbook Session)

Chair Lento advised the Board that Dr. Sloan is currently working with his staff on the first draft of the SD5 Administration handbook. He will be contacting Superintendent Yardley and Secretary Treasurer Rice to confirm a date for a virtual meeting.

5.2 Partner Liaison Meetings January 22/February 5 (Strategic Planning)

Chair Lento attended these virtual sessions and noted they were very well presented. He expressed the need for a blue print for collaboration, which Superintendent Yardley will bring forward. The key is our alignments with the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL).

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Business Arising from Delegations

MOTION R-21-40

M/S that the Board develop a comprehensive response to the unique circumstances specific to all School District 5 communities and the provision of apprenticeship programs in general.

CARRIED

Chair Lento and Trustee Johns will draft a letter to the Minister of Education, with input from Director Tichauer and Mr. Conrad, regarding the provision of apprenticeship programs in our communities and bring it to the March Board meeting.

6.2 Draft School Life Cycle Funding - Discussion Paper

We are awaiting the final version from BCSTA. Trustee Johns urged the trustees to review the report by accessing the link provided in the attachment to the agenda.

6.3 Kootenay Christian Academy (KCA)

Trustee Johns commented on the announcement in the February 3rd addition of the Townsman. The KCA is starting a three-year rollout of expanding towards a full graduation program, with Grade 10 registration opening up for the 2021-22 school year.

MOTION R-21-41

M/S that Director Tichauer to provide a report on the Kootenay Christian Academy announcement of February 3, 2021 and bring back to committee day.

And further,

that Secretary Treasurer Rice will provide information on the funding private schools receive from the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

7. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

- Trustee McPhee to Chair Lento and our district managers collectively, for the days they spent in LRB hearings.
- Trustee Bellina shared her written bouquet with the Board.
- Trustee Damstrom to the Principal and Vice Principal at Jaffray school for their calm leadership during the last week.
- Chair Lento sent a challenge to all students at School District 5 to learn the art of juggling. He also suggested that given the times we are in and the minority and ethnic backgrounds etc. that the schools plant 4 trees each on their grounds. The trees would represent our past, present, future and our multi culturalism in the district.

Director Tichauer mentioned there will be a signage ceremony on the April Committee day which could tie into the tree planting at the Board office.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 2021-02-09 Letter Early Learning-Reno to SD5 Facility

8.2 Upcoming Events

BCSTA Provincial Council - February 20, 2021

BCSTA AGM 2021 - April 17, 2021

High Ground Conference - March 24,26 and 27, 2021

9. QUESTION PERIOD

- CDTA and FDTA presidents has no questions.
- A member of the public was invited for her questions and Chair Lento, after hearing the background, felt her question or concern would more appropriately be directed to himself or Superintendent Yardley, assuring a timely response. The member was grateful and complimentary on the meeting.

10. LATE ITEMS

Nil.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R-21-42

M/S that the February 17, 2021 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 5:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Frank Lento, Chairperson

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer