



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

**MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**February 8, 2022, 3:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting as per SA and Board Procedures By-law**

Present: Chairperson Frank Lento  
Trustee Bev Bellina  
Trustee Krista Damstrom  
Trustee Chris Johns  
Trustee Kathryn Kitt  
Trustee Doug McPhee  
Trustee Patricia Whalen

Regrets: Trustee Trina Ayling  
Trustee Wendy Turner

Staff Present Superintendent Silke Yardley  
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  
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts  
Executive Assistant (recorder) Sandy Gronlund

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Chair Lento called the February 8, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:00 p.m.

**1.2 Greeting**

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

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

Condolences to Trustee Damstrom and her family on the passing of her grandmother, a long time prominent member of the Jaffray community.

**1.4 Opening Round**

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

**1.5 Consideration and Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION R-22-15**

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/McPhee:

THAT the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 8, 2022 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1.6 Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of January 11, 2022.

**MOTION R-22-16**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Damstrom:

THAT the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of January 11, 2022 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1.7 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings**

**MOTION R-22-17**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the Board accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of January 11, 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**1.8 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Nil.

**2. RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

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

**3.1 Advocacy/Education Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Whalen reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

**MOTION R-22-18**

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.2 Policy Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Whalen reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting of the Policy Committee.

**MOTION R-22-19**

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/McPhee:

THAT the Ad Hoc/Special/Select Committees template be forwarded to the February 8, 2022, Board of Education meeting for further discussion and consideration.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION R-22-20**

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/McPhee:

THAT the Board refer the Recommendation of the Ad Hoc/Special/Select Committee template back to the Policy committee in February.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION R-22-21**

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/McPhee:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Policy Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.3 Student Services Committee**

Co-chair Trustee McPhee reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

**MOTION R-22-22**

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Damstrom:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Student Services Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

**MOTION R-22-23**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council**

Trustee Bellina attended the BCSTA Provincial Council training session for the Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> AGM.

**MOTION R-22-24**

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Whalen:

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**

Trustee Johns commented that we have received the report from Stantec on an update on the Long Range Facility Plan they are providing for our district. He is eagerly anticipating the presentation to the Board from Stantec next week.

**MOTION R-22-25**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Whalen:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.8 Key City Theatre**

In the absence of Trustee Turner, Secretary Treasurer Taylor supplied a brief report on his attendance at a Key City Theatre Steering Committee meeting. He mentioned that meetings have been set for negotiations of the lease agreement between School District 5 and the Key City Theatre.

Secretary Treasurer Taylor will ask Key City Theatre Managing Director, Galen Olstead for an update on the Key City Theatre for our March Board meeting.

**MOTION R-22-26**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.9 Legacy of Learning**

Trustee Johns shared some photos of some inventory items that have been moved into the new storage room. There is an SD5 Legacy of Learning inventory report that the Secretary Treasurer's office will keep a copy of.

Monitor installed at the Kootenay Learning Campus and one installed at the First Perk Coffee Shop in Jaffray.

Trustee Johns reiterated there is only so much staffing and funding for the Legacy of Learning.

**MOTION R-22-27**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the Legacy of Learning report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.10 French Advisory Committee**

Trustee Whalen reported that with all the French Advisory Committee meetings she has attended there is a need for more funding the program. The committee plans to advocate for additional provincial funding to support release time for more professional development geared towards French teachers. A French Teacher Assistant in the classroom would be very beneficial.

**MOTION R-22-28**

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Johns:

THAT the Board accept the French Advisory Committee report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

- Trustee Bellina thanked staff for always rising to the occasion and Superintendent Yardley, Secretary Treasurer Taylor, Amanda Skene and Sandy Gronlund for their work.
- Trustee Johns wished Sandy Gronlund well in her retirement.

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

### **4.1 Updates**

#### **4.1.1 2021-22 Amended Annual Budget**

Secretary Treasurer Taylor mentioned the Amended Annual Budget Report will be ready to review with the Board next week. A meeting will be set with the Board to review and adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

Each employee will receive two COVID-19 Rapid Home tests. Thank you to the employees that helped to package, label and send the kits to the schools for distribution.

### **4.2 Recommendations**

Nil.

#### **MOTION R-22-29**

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Johns:

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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

### **5.1 Updates**

- Each District Manager and District Principal provided an update on their departments.
- Chair Lento thanked everyone for their dedication.

### **5.2 Recommendations**

Nil.

#### **MOTION R-22-30**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

### 6.1 Updates

The Board has approved a letter be sent to our stakeholders requesting their support for the new Fernie middle school that will be included in our draft Project Definition Report (PDR) to the Ministry of Education's Capital Management Branch.

### 6.2 Recommendations

Nil.

## 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

### 9.1 Upcoming Events

- BCSTA Provincial Council – Virtual – February 12, 2022
- High Ground 2022: Civic Governance Forum – March 25-26, 2022
- BCSTA AGM – April 24-25, 2022

## 10. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

### MOTION R-22-31

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the February 8, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn 4:01 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*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?*

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Frank Lento, Chairperson

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Nick Taylor, Secretary Treasurer