



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

MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

**January 11, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting as per SA and Board Procedures By-law**

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

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
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 January 11, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:05 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

- Congratulations to Amanda Skene replacing Gail Rousseau who has retired. A special thanks to Gail for her loyalty, kindness and dedication she has given to the district over the years.
- Congratulation to Dawn Wyatt and Erik Reid in their new position as Assistant Operations Managers.

- Congratulations to Nell Smith, student at Fernie Secondary School, who with her great musical talents debuted on the Stephen Colbert Tonight Show with the band “Flaming Lips”. The Board will invite her to a Board meeting in the future.

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

- Additions:
- 7.1 Letter of support for the Columbia Basin Institute of History for the “Green Cup”**
 - 7.2 Letter of Support for Sparwood Secondary School for the Initiative of a Ninja Playground.**

MOTION R-22-01

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of January 11, 2022 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of December 14, 2021.

MOTION R-22-02

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Johns:

THAT the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of December 14, 2021 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-22-03

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Damstrom:

THAT the Board accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of December 14, 2021.

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

No meeting in December.

3.2 Policy Committee

No meeting in December.

3.3 Student Services Committee

No meeting in December.

3.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

No meeting in December.

3.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council

Trustee Bellina reminded the Trustees to read the BCSTA Daily News.

MOTION R-22-04

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Kitt:

THAT the Board accept the report of the BCSTA/Provincial Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.6 Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling sent the Board Motions out from the December Public meeting.

MOTION R-22-05

Moved/Seconded by

THAT the Board accept the report of the Communications/Media Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.7 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns continuing to wait for the Stantec report.

MOTION R-22-06

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.8 Key City Theatre

Trustee Turner reported on the following:

- Governance and steering committees have had meetings.
- Key City Theatre is doing well with start up at 50% capacity.
- There will be a cooling effect on sale with a loss in revenue that funding grants, if received, would help.
- Memberships are doing well with many renewed this year.
- The theatre is looking for storage area. A shed would work but would need a spot to place it.
- A meeting has been scheduled to discuss the renewal of the lease agreement renewal between School District 5 and the Key City Theatre.

MOTION R-22-07

Moved/Seconded by Turner/McPhee:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.9 Legacy of Learning

- Trustee Johns report that the monitor at the Kootenay Learning Campus has been set up. The unveiling is on hold for now due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- The First Perk in Jaffray will also have a monitor installed to highlight the community of Jaffray.
- The Legacy of Learning has leased space for a storage room for School District 5 school artifacts.
- The plans of the Legacy of Learning in School District 6 are on hold for now due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

MOTION R-22-08

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.10 French Advisory Committee

Trustee Whalen reported the French Advisory Committee meeting will be held later this month. The Canadian Parents for French meeting is on Thursday and she will report back at the next Board meeting on both of these meetings.

MOTION R-22-09

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Bellina:

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 Turner attended the Kootenay Orchards PAC meeting. They will be soon looking at the process for acquiring new playground equipment for the school.
- Trustee Bellina gave a bouquet to Gail Rousseau for her kind support and hard work over the years.
- Trustee Ayling gratitude to the staff for their continued work for our students.
- Trustee McPhee for the technology we are using for virtual meetings.
- Trustee Johns for the staff's perseverance in these times.
- Trustee Damstrom for the School District 5 staff and Mainroads Contracting for keeping the roads up in the South Country with all the snow we had.
- Trustee Kitt for the teachers and administrators for keeping the schools open.

4. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

4.1 Updates

4.1.1 Long Range Facility Plan

Has provided information to Stantec as requested for them to continue with the Long Range Facility plan. Operations Manager Joe Tank has toured each of the schools with Heather from Stantec.

4.1.2 2022-23 Preliminary Budget Timeline

Secretary Treasurer Taylor gave a brief review of the 2022-23 Budget Timeline attached to the agenda.

4.1.3 Communicable Disease Plan

The Board Office plan is being updated. The schools have updated theirs last week. Health and Safety guidelines remain unchanged. Should vaccinate, masks, daily health checks, stay home when sick.

4.2 Recommendations

Nil.

MOTION R-22-10

Moved/Seconded by Mcphee/Damstrom:

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.

5.1 Updates

5.1.1 COVID/Omicron

The District Management has been working on the Communicable Disease check list, including the Continuity of Learning, along with many other safety plans.

- There is a plan on how to support parents and students in learning.
- A plan on technology support is in place if required for students and teachers if online learning becomes necessary.
- Student absences are similar to last year for yesterday.
- Staff absences are similar to last year for yesterday.
- A plan is being reviewed for continued meals support for students if online learning becomes necessary.
- A plan is being reviewed for learning for students if online becomes necessary.
- A plan is being reviewed for supporting vulnerable students if online learning becomes necessary.

School District 5 has a good communication plan with School Messenger working well. There will be further training for more schools and staff in using School Messenger.

5.2 Recommendations

Nil.

MOTION R-22-11

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6.1 Updates

Chair Lento received an email message from Mike Roberts, former executive director at BCSTA, informing him that he is starting a new venture as a consultant.

6.2 Recommendations

Nil.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Letter of support for the Columbia Basin Institute of History for the "Green Cup"

MOTION R-22-12

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the Board of Education write a letter of support for the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History for the researching of the "Green Cup" emblematic of high school hockey in the East Kootenay.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Letter of Support for Sparwood Secondary School for the Initiative of a Ninja Playground.

MOTION R-22-13

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Secretary Treasurer write a letter to the Columbia Basin Trust in support of the Sparwood Secondary School pursuit of funding for a new playground at Sparwood Secondary School with the School Board receiving the funds to hold in trust for the purchase of the new playground equipment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

BCPSEA AGM January 27-28, 2022 (to be held virtually)

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting February 11, 2022 (to be held virtually)

BCSTA AGM April 21-24, 2022

10. QUESTION PERIOD

The Board office remains open to the public although trying to limit in person visitors.
CFTA Bargaining is on hold for January.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R-22-14

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Damstrom:

THAT the January 11, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:09 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?

Frank Lento, Chairperson

Nick Taylor, Secretary Treasurer