



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**March 10, 2015, 3:30 p.m.
Fernie Secondary School**

Present: Chairperson Lento
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina
Trustee Blumhagen
Trustee Brown
Trustee Helgesen
Trustee Johns
Trustee McPhee
Trustee Whalen
Superintendent of Schools, L. Hauptman
Secretary Treasurer, R. Norum
Director of Instruction/Human Resources, B. Reimer
Director of Instruction/Student Learning, D. Casault
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer
District Principal/Student Services, D. Verbeurgt
Recorder, Corinne Burns

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the March 10, 2015 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:42 p.m.

1.2. Consideration and Approval of Agenda

MOTION R- 15-47

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of March 10, 2015 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of February 10, 2015.

MOTION R- 15-48

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 10, 2015 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.4. Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R- 15-49

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of February 10, 2015.

CARRIED

1.5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

1.6. Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

1.6.1. Jodie Parker, Dawn Voysey, Nicole Neufeld - Ready Set Learn

Ms. Casault introduced Ms. Voysey, Ms. Neufeld and Ms. Parker from IDES and Strong Start. Ms. Parker provided a verbal presentation to the Board on Strong Start which included the following key points:

- The program works closely with Ready Set Learn initiative.
- The program provides support to parents and children before they enter the school system.
- This program works well for Kindergarten readiness.
- Older students participate with younger children.

Discussion included:

- Program runs in Jaffray once a month.
- How do we get funding so this program is in all our communities?
- Parents from communities that do not have Strong Start are encouraged to come to communities that do and participate.

Chairperson Lento thanked the ladies for their enthusiasm and for making the program a success.

1.6.2. Budget Presentation - Erika Rieve-Palmer & Leena Wright

Mrs. Wright presented to the Board their request that the 2015/16 school calendar return back to 5 day week instruction. The key points were:

- Daycare for students
There is not sufficient daycare available for families that would only require one day per week nor can parents afford daycare.
- Academic achievement
There is a research paper from the US that suggests academic achievement is less for those students that have less school days in session.
- Students break time - lunch hour
With shortened lunch hours it is difficult for students to eat their lunch in the time that is allotted.

Discussion included:

- The request is not for another altered calendar but to return to the former standard calendar eliminating the red days.

Chairperson Lento thanked the ladies for presenting and advised the Trustees would take their request into consideration.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1. Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Blumhagen reviewed the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R- 15 - 50

M/S that the Board write a follow-up letter to the Minister of Finance with a copy to the usual stakeholders requesting a progress update on Recommendations 22-36 from the Report on the Budget 2015 Consultations from the Select Standing Committee.

CARRIED

MOTION R- 15 - 51

M/S that the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education with a copy to the usual Stakeholders regarding the exempt staff compensation freeze, as a matter of morale.

CARRIED

MOTION R- 15 - 52

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 February 23, 2015 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R- 15 - 53

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

CARRIED

2.3. Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

It was noted that the following motion was approved in the in-camera meeting:
M/S that the Board approve Secretary Treasurer Norum to proceed with an agreement with the City of Cranbrook to split the cost 50/50 for a flashing pedestrian sign that will be installed at MBSS. Total cost will be approximately \$5400.00.

MOTION R- 15 - 54

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

CARRIED

2.4. Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling reported that all letters will now be sent out to all Boards.

Discussion included:

- Letters that are sent out need to be tracked for responses.
- All letters are placed on the web page.

MOTION R- 15 - 55

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

CARRIED

2.5. Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns reminded Trustees that he now chairs the Key City Theatre Board meetings. He is pursuing ways to promote the Key City Theatre. He advised all Key City Theatre posters show SD5 as a supporter.

MOTION R- 15 - 56

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

CARRIED

2.6. Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns reported there is 2 new photo panels in Board Room 1.

MOTION R- 15 - 57

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED

2.7. Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Hauptman's report of March 10, 2015 included:

Superintendent's Activities

- Budget meetings
- School visits
- School Calendar

Superintendent Hauptman reported she has had the opportunity to witness the Strong Start program in action when she has been out visiting schools. April is Science Fair month and there is always a need for judges if you have time to spare.

Finance/Operations Updates

Mr. Norum reported that the Budget meetings with the PVP's went well.

He has also been working on:

- Licensing for Dog Park
- School Calendar

Update from Director of Instruction/Student Learning

Ms. Casault reported she has been meeting with those involved in Ready Set Learn and Strong Start. The programs are full and they continue to have conversations with the

Ministry about how to better serve isolated communities. We have been informed that there are no new strong starts at this time.

Update from Director of Instruction/Safety/Aboriginal Education

Mr. Tichauer reported they are gathering people together to help build the athletic report. Mr. Tichauer reported he completed a report for the Ministry on how to better disperse the Ministry of Education's scholarship monies.

He has also been involved with:

Aboriginal Perspectives and Worldviews in the Classroom

PVP Meeting

Skills Canada

Update from District Principal/Student Services

Mr. Verbeurgt reported that he has attended the Response to Instruction and Intervention workshop and the SET - BC workshops.

Mr. Verbeurgt reported that a team of 6 staff members from BC Children's hospital visited Cranbrook to talk about children with eating disorders.

Update from Director of Instruction/Human Resources

Mr. Reimer reported advertising for TTOC's, Educational Assistants and Clerical staff for next year is ongoing. Post and fill will soon be done electronically.

Important Dates for Trustees:

Science Fair - COTR - April 10th - 11th

BCSTA AGM April 16th - 19th

PARTY Program - April 8, 15, 22, 29

Fernie Hospital 8:45 am - 3:15 pm

Retirement Dinner - June 11, 2015, St Eugene

Graduations:

MBSS June 25 - 5pm

FSS June 26 - 2pm

SSS May 30 - 6pm

ESS June 25 - 1pm

Enrolment Report

Discussion included:

- A presentation on what the new grad requirements may look like will be made at the April Board meeting.
- Trustees would like to see a copy of the report Mr. Tichauer sent to the Ministry regarding scholarships.
- More school control was asked for in regards to scholarships.
- Cranbrook Library is researching the possibility of a library on wheels for isolated communities.
- Important to advocate for our Strong Start program.

MOTION R- 15 - 58

M/S that the March 10, 2015 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Lento requested the Boards approval to explore blueprints for the replacement of IDES and FJMES.

MOTION R- 15 - 59

M/S that Chairperson Lento explore a blueprint and business plan for the replacement of FJ Mitchell and Isabella Dickens elementary schools.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

5.2. Calendar 2015/16

MOTION R- 15 - 60

M/S that the Board approve the distribution of a draft calendar to our stakeholder groups for input and feedback.

CARRIED

6. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

Trustees thanks Fernie Secondary School for the tour and a great lunch. Trustee Johns and Ayling were thanked for their work with the Key City Theatre.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

8. QUESTION PERIOD

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R- 15 - 61

M/S that the March 10, 2015 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 5:34 p.m.

CARRIED

10. LATE ITEMS

Frank Lento, Chairperson

Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer