



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

**March 11, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Fernie Secondary School**

Present: Chairperson Lento
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina
Trustee Brown
Trustee Damstrom
Trustee Helgesen
Trustee Johns
Trustee Whalen
L. Hauptman, Superintendent of Schools
R. Norum, Secretary Treasurer
B. Reimer, Director of Instruction/Human Resources
D. Casault, Director of Instruction/Student Learning
D. Verbeurgt, District Principal/Student Services
Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Corinne Burns, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Regrets: Trustee Besanger

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the March 11, 2014 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 4:57 p.m.

Welcome to Corinne Burns, Executive Assistant to the Secretary Treasurer
Acknowledge Josh Dueck, Silver medal at Paralympic
Salute Gail Brown, Woman of the Year!

1.2. Consideration and Approval of Agenda

Additions: Item 5.3 Budget Presentation BCPVPA
Item 5.4 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126684 Carbon Neutral Capital Program

MOTION R- 14-39

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of March 11, 2014 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of February 11, 2014.

MOTION R- 14-40

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 11, 2014 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.4. Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R- 14-41

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of February 11, 2014.

CARRIED

1.5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

1.6. Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

1.6.1. District Learning Centre

Diane Casault introduced ladies from the Distributed Learning Program run out of KDS at KOES and FLC in Fernie – Andrea Graham, Donna Cameron, Miriam Saville.

- Distributed Learning School for students K – 12
- 60 different grade 10-12 courses
- Accommodate students that travel, sports etc.
- This is a way for parents to be the teacher to the student and we provide the support and curriculum
- Teacher responsible for approx. 20 different courses
- Emphasis is on flexible pacing.
- Offer courses to students that have not graduated and students wanting to upgrade.
- Find them on Learn Now BC
- All courses meet all learning outcomes in the irp's.
- Eases timetabling, improves graduation rate.
- Blended learning: The new Model is about blending both worlds online and traditional combine both.

Discussion Included:

- Can provide computers etc. Come in and work through the course.
- Statistics show that numbers are growing. 5 years ago much smaller, every year growing 2008-9, 60 FTE and latest 102 FTE
- Funding is available for internet. Activities as groups are ongoing.

1.6.2. Budget Presentation - BCPVPA

Scott Holt presented the following information to the board, with Shelly Green, president of the BCPVPA in attendance

- Administration ratio to student 300-1, 350-1 for Secondary
- Funding has not changed in 13-15 years
- The time that they are giving to teachers, support workers and students is down.
- Safety and Education Leadership is neglected
- PVP, there is not enough time to put in the proper effort to survive, could be more effective with more time.

Discussion Included:

- Board supportive of the Administration in the District.
- Curriculum implementation? Assist those staff members that need help with the new curriculum.
- BCPVPA advocates to the Ministry.
- Board would like options from Senior Staff.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1. Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Whalen reviewed the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R- 14- 42

M/S that the Board write a letter of support for the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEEN).

CARRIED

MOTION R- 14- 43

M/S that the Board write an urgent, open letter to the Premier and Minister of Education requesting that:

1. Government directs BCPSEA and its appointed negotiator to immediately begin genuine, good-faith bargaining with the BCTF.
2. Government assure all school boards that government will take full financial responsibility for any costs arising from grievances, arbitrations and legal actions against boards that are now not in compliance with the Collective Agreements with teachers due to the recent ruling of the BC Supreme Court.
3. Government provides adequate funding to districts to enable them to be in compliance with the Collective Agreements that are now back in effect.
4. Government restore education funding to a level that enables school districts to restore all service levels to the equivalent of those provided in 2002, adjusted for enrolment and inflation.

5. Government make sincere efforts to bargain and resolution for any retroactive claims for board non-compliance with CAs due to Bill 2, 28, 27 or 22.

CARRIED

MOTION R- 14- 44

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

CARRIED

2.2. Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Damstrom reviewed the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R- 14- 45

M/S that the Board of Education approve the revised policy 3.15 French Immersion.

CARRIED

MOTION R- 14- 46

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

CARRIED

2.3. Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R- 14- 47

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

CARRIED

2.4. Student Services Committee

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

Policy 3.10 to be referred to the next Policy Committee Meeting.

MOTION R- 14- 48

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

CARRIED

2.5. Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling reported media releases:

Key City Theatre partnership

Woman of the year

Years of service

Jason Tichauer, Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education.

MOTION R- 14- 49

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

CARRIED

2.6. Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns

Meeting Feb 1, 2014 with chair RDEK and MP David Wilks; replacing theater with new one that would be rebuilt with new school. Presentation will be April 4th.

MOTION R- 14- 50

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

CARRIED

2.7. Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns reported that we have uncovered a photo of the high school girl's hockey team in 1928. Team is with Wilson Cup. He presented a few more hockey photos mentioning that these old cups must still be out there somewhere.

He is also working with the Secretary Treasurer to bring history photos into the board rooms.

MOTION R- 14- 51

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED

2.8. Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Hauptman's report of March 11, 2014 included:

Superintendent's Activities -

School visits

Professional development opportunities

Regional Science Fair Apr 11 and 12th at the College of the Rockies, Cranbrook Campus

Finance/Operations Updates

Update from Director of Instruction/Student Learning

Update from District Principal/Student Services

Update from Director of Instruction/Human Resources

Update from Director of Instruction/Aboriginal Education

Important Dates for Trustees

Enrolment Report

Discussion included:

- Kootenay Regional Skills Canada. Superintendent Hauptman and Trustee Johns and Ayling attended. Ask Brian Conrad and Paul Knipe for a report.

Motion R- 14- 52

M/S that the Board ratify the appointment of Jason Tichauer as the Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education.

CARRIED

MOTION R- 14- 53

M/S that the March 11, 2014 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Lento provided a verbal report including a response to the letter written to the RCMP. Passed onto Trustee Whalen for the Advocacy Committee.

MOTION R- 14- 54

M/S to accept the chairperson's report of March 11, 2014.

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Business Arising from Delegations

Trustee Helgesen would like to see the PVP ratios on enrollment for each school.

5.2. Tech Plan Update

Mr. Norum distributed and reviewed hand out, explaining implementation in regards to the Technology Acquisition Plan. Any surplus; would be allocated to the Tech program. 3 year replacement suggested by IBM. 5 year plan is more feasible.

Reviewing software licenses we pay for. Smart boards need yearly updates.

Scholantis -

Websites ready to go March 31, 2014

Good idea to do an in-service at the Committee meeting on Apr. 1, 2014 for trustees.

5.3. Capital Project Bylaw

- Approval for recomissioning.
- Will we get a report to see what we are going to spend the money on?
- Hire a firm to run tests on heating and air conditioning. Make sure they are running together, not against. Tendering will be considered if appropriate?
- Paid out \$240,000, getting back \$160,000
- Are we committed to \$40,000? If tender is low we can put in less.
- We could realize 4-6% savings. Is it worth spending money
- Request was submitted and chosen as the best choice that meets the needs of the district.

MOTION R- 14- 55

M/S to allow three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 126687, Carbon Neutral Capital Program

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R- 14- 56

M/S read a first time the 11th day of March, 2014.

CARRIED

MOTION R- 14- 57

M/S read a second time the 11th day of March, 2014.

CARRIED

MOTION R- 14- 58

M/S read a third time, passed and adopted, the 11th day of March, 2014

CARRIED

6. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

- Trustees thanked presenters.
- Fernie Secondary School for hosting the board meeting and dinner.
- Mount Baker for Pro-D day, organizers Karen Kettenacker and Brian Conrad, Kootenay Regional Skills Canada

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. 2014/2015 Budget Presentation

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Kate Noakes – Does our Board have a position on the regionalization of school boards? Bill Bennett chairing core review. Board has no position at this time.

10. LATE ITEMS

10.1. Capital Project Bylaw

Frank Lento, Chairperson

Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer