



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

**March 8, 2016, 3:00 p.m.  
Fernie Secondary School**

Present: Chairperson Lento  
Trustee Ayling  
Trustee Bellina  
Trustee Blumhagen  
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 Student Learning and Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer  
Recorder, Corinne Burns  
Recorder, Sandy Gronlund

Regrets Trustee Brown

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Chairperson Lento called the March 8, 2016 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:21p.m.

**1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda**

Additions: 5.2 Long Form Census

**MOTION R-16-27**

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of March 8, 2016 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**1.3 Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of February 9, 2016.

**MOTION R-16-28**

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 9, 2016 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

#### **1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings**

##### **MOTION R-16-29**

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of February 9, 2016.

**CARRIED**

#### **1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Nil

#### **1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations**

##### **1.6.1 IDES Growth Plan**

Superintendent Hauptman introduced IDES Principal Dawn Voysey and Vice Principal Nicole Neufeld who presented to the Board the IDES Growth Plan Highlights included:

- Goal: to improve all IDES students' achievement in reading, writing, and numeracy.
- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Vice Principal Nicole Neufeld presented a 179 Days of Learning Blog. The intention of the Blog is to focus on different activities within the school that promote learning such as:

- sound connections
- literacy stations
- multiplicative thinking

Looking forward to the new curriculum. It is apparent we are already implementing.

Discussion included:

Trustees thanked IDES for the tour today.

Chairperson Lento thank them for a wonderful tour. He mentioned the qualitative things Vice Principal Neufeld is doing with this Blog.

##### **1.6.2 FSS Growth Plan**

Superintendent Hauptman introduced Principal Bill Johnson and Vice Principal Linda Christensen from FSS who and presented to the Board the FSS Growth Plan Highlights included:

- Response to intervention (RTI) regarding behavior.
- Attendance problems starting in grade 10.
- Recognize the importance that teachers get the right information.
- School based teams meet at more regular times.
- Working on making school a place students want to be – more clubs.
- Expanded leadership program.
- Implemented mental health workshops. Students that are identified as needing the help. Healthy ways to deal with anxiety. Greater intervention.

Discussion included:

Trustee Bellina liked the sign the students made "Protect this house".

Chairperson Lento thanked Principal Johnson and Vice Principal Christensen for their presentation. Well done!

### **1.6.3 Budget Presentation**

Shelley Balfour and Christina Smith presented to the Board the following nine CFTA Budget recommendations.

- That the Board prepares and adopts a budget that adequately funds the schools in our district, especially in light of the massive curriculum changes in our Province.
- That the Board provides schools with release time for school-based team meetings and IEP meetings.
- That the Board hire a second School Psychologist to further serve the needs of the students in School District 5.
- That the Board provides funding to allow all teachers including TTOCs and part time teachers to attend the Curriculum Implementation days as scheduled.
- That the Board institute some initiatives to TTOCs.
  - Bi-weekly wages
  - Minimum guarantees for callout
  - Guaranteed placement on the recall list
  - Seniority based call out
  - Regular TTOC in-service at the district's expense
- That the Board continues to share the cost with the BCTF of the Living with Balance Program.
- That full-time Educational Assistant support be provided in all Kindergarten classrooms for the month of September.
- That the Board fund an Early Learning teacher
- That the Board fully commit to addressing class composition concerns by:
  - Providing funding to support teachers with more than 3 IEPs in the class
  - Reduce class size limits to at or below the maximums set prior to January 28, 2002.

Mr. Reimer commented that we need something in place to support new teachers as they start their careers. The Mentorship program will do this.

Trustee Helgesen commented that he would like to know costs on some of the items. Mentorship program the board would like to hear more about to find ways to support.

Chairperson Lento asked Mr. Norum to come up with some figures on the cost of some of these recommendations.

## 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

### 2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Blumhagen reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

#### **MOTION R-16-30**

M/S that the Board write a letter to all Boards to forward any responses to letters received from the Ministry of Education through the BCSTA for distribution to all Boards.

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION R-16-31**

M/S that the Board write a letter to Mike Roberts requesting him to forward any Ministry responses to Board letters to all Boards.

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION R-16-32**

M/S that the Board send a letter to government expressing our concerns regarding the provincial budget, the report of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services (SSG), the “prosperity fund” and education funding.

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION R-16-33**

M/S that the Board send a letter to the BCSTA expressing our profound disappointment with the media release regarding the 2016 Provincial Budget and our concerns regarding the BCSTA “media strategic plan”.

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION R-16-37**

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

**CARRIED**

### 2.2 Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Ayling reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting of the Policy Committee.

#### **MOTION R-16-38**

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

**CARRIED**

### 2.3 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Helgesen reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

#### **MOTION R-16-39**

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

**CARRIED**

### 2.4 BCSTA /Provincial Council

Trustee Bellina reported on BCSTA/Provincial Council she attended

Motions carried:

- Presentation on what performance and financial audits look like

- The BCSTA urged Ministry of Education to invest in the new BC ED plan
- Funding – Block and Holdback
- First Nations Language Curriculum Approval
- Support for Refugees

Motion defeated:

- Support for K-12 Curriculum Revisions

## **2.5 Communications/Media Committee**

Trustee Ayling reported on the Cranbrook Chamber of Commerce Luncheon she attended. She also explained her rationale with the cc's on the letters that will be sent out after the meeting.

### **MOTION R-16-40**

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

**CARRIED**

## **2.6 Mt. Baker / Key City Theatre Replacement Committee**

Trustee Johns asked if anyone knows of the exact date that Ryan Spillett will be in Cranbrook. Superintendent Hauptman will be inquiring as to when Minister Bernier will be visiting.

### **MOTION R- 16-41**

M/S to accept the report of the Mt. Baker / Key City Theatre Replacement Committee.

**CARRIED**

## **2.7 Legacy of Learning**

Trustee Johns reported they are putting together a presentation for the RSA day being held at MBSS on April 11, 2016.

### **MOTION R- 16-42**

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 8, 2016 included:

Superintendent's Activities

- Pink shirt day
- planning for next year
- Science Fair

Superintendent Hauptman reported she met with all schools last week for the budget process. She also reported the Science Fair was a huge success again this year.

#### Finance/Operations Updates

Mr. Norum reported he met with all the schools last week for the budget process. He welcomed his new Executive Assistant Sandy Gronlund. He is also working on:

- School Budget Sessions
- Budget estimates ready
- Capital Projects

#### Director of Instruction/Student Learning Update

Ms. Casault's report is attached

#### Director of Instruction/Safety/Aboriginal Education Update

Mr. Tichauer reported he has been busy working with DSAC. He has also been working on:

- Skills Training Grant
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement
- Safe School Coordinator

#### Director of Instruction/Human Resources Update

Mr. Reimer reported he has been working on the preliminary talks with schools for staffing projections for next year. He has also been working on:

- Mentorship program
- Health and Safety meetings

#### District Principal/Technology and Transformative Learning Update

- Important Dates for Trustees  
BCSTA AGM – April 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
BCPSEA Regional Meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Graduations

SSS – June 4

ESS – June 23

FSS – June 24

MBSS – June 24

- Enrolment Report

Discussion included:

Trustee Johns encourages trustees to attend the RSA day on April 11<sup>th</sup>. There will also be information that day from Jan Unwin regarding the new Graduation Program.

#### **MOTION R-16-43**

M/S that the March 8, 2016 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Lento reminded trustees about in-camera confidentiality.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Business Arising from Delegations**

Nil

**5.2 Long Form Census**

Trustee Ayling reported that the government is returning to the Long Form Census. The Board did a lot of advocacy for this to be returned; she suggested a media release stating how happy the Board is with this decision.

**MOTION R-16-44**

M/S that the Board of Education send a Media Release stating how happy the Board of Education is with the return of the Long Form Census.

**CARRIED**

**6. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS**

Trustee McPhee appreciated the opportunity to attend the Metis kitchen party. Trustees thanked Mr. Norum for his hard work on the Budget meetings. Trustees thanked the IDES for the tour and Kristi for the fabulous lunch. Trustees thanked the principal at MBSS for her work with handling this past week. Trustee Helgesen thanked everyone involved with making the Basketball tournament in Elkford a success when the power was out. Trustees wished all the best to Corinne Burns, Executive Assistance, as she leaves School District 5.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**8. QUESTION PERIOD**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION R-16-45**

M/S that the March 8, 2016 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 5:27 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**10. LATE ITEMS**

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Frank Lento, Chairperson

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Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer