



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

MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

**March 8, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Kootenay Learning Campus - Fernie**

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

Regrets: Trustee Trina Ayling

Staff Present Superintendent Silke Yardley (remotely)
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director of Instruction/Human Resources Brent Reimer
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education Jason Tichauer (remotely)
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault
Executive Assistant (recorder) Sandy Gronlund
Executive Assistant (recorder) Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Lento called the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:04 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 Ayling on the passing of her mother
Welcome back to Trustee Turner

Welcome to new School District Executive Assistants – Kelly Armstrong, Jane Nixon and Amanda Skene

Acknowledgement of International Women's Day 2022

Recognition and thoughts to those affected by the invasion of Ukraine and to the Russian people of peace

Acknowledgement of Sandy Gronlund's retirement and presentation of the pink carnation from Chairperson Lento.

1.4 Opening Round

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

1.5 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

Additions: **4.1.4.1 Frank J Mitchell Elementary School request for additional counselling time**

MOTION R-22-37

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Whalen:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 8, 2022.
Minutes of the special public meeting of the Board of Education of February 17, 2022.

MOTION R-22-38

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Damstrom:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-22-39

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Turner:

THAT the minutes of the special public meeting of the Board of Education of February 17, 2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In the absence of Executive Assistant Gronlund at the February 17, 2022 special public meeting, Secretary Treasurer Taylor recorded the minutes.

1.7 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-22-40

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of February 8, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.8 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil.

2. RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- 2.1 Cranbrook Fernie Teachers' Association (CFTA) 2022-2023 Budget Input**
Fernie District Teachers' Association President Kielpinski and Cranbrook District Teachers' Association President Balfour presented in depth Budget Recommendations and supporting statements outlining the diverse needs of each school community in the District.

Trustee Turner asked for clarification on Recommendation 2, regarding learning assistance services available in every school. CDTA President Balfour will provide further details.

MOTION R-22-41

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Turner:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Cranbrook and Fernie Teachers' Association and refer the document to Secretary Treasurer Taylor for analysis and consideration in the 2022/2023 Annual Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- 3.1 Advocacy/Education Committee**
Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R-22-42

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Whalen:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 3.2 Policy Committee**
Acting Co-chair Trustee McPhee reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R-22-43

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Kitt:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Policy Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 3.3 Student Services Committee**
Co-chair Trustee Damstrom reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

MOTION R-22-44

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/Johns:

THAT the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education outlining our profound concerns around special education funding and THAT the draft letter be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-22-45

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/Johns:

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 February 22, 2022 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R-22-46

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Kitt:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council

Trustee Bellina looks forward to attending the BCSTA Annual General Meeting from April 21-24, 2022 in Vancouver.

She also briefly discussed the importance of promoting food literacy and healthy school food programs through the Great Big Crunch campaign on March 10, 2022.

MOTION R-22-47

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 as Trustee Ayling was not in attendance.

3.7 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns briefly outlined the ongoing process of the Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee and referred to the Long Range Facility Plan reports from Stantec and Berry Architecture.

MOTION R-22-48

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Damstrom:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.8 Key City Theatre

Operations update attached to the agenda from manager, Galen Olstead of the Key City Theatre.

MOTION R-22-49

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Johns:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.9 Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns provided the Legacy of Learning project update.

MOTION R-22-50

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the Board accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.10 French Advisory Committee

Trustee Whalen provided report from the District French Advisory Committee. The French Advisory Committee will submit a written presentation to the Board for consideration in the 2022-2023 Budget.

MOTION R-22-51

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 Bellina acknowledged the organization of the DSAC meeting

Trustee Damstrom thanked Sandy Gronlund for her work in the role of Executive Assistant

4. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

4.1 Updates

4.1.1 COVID-19

Secretary Treasurer reported that there have not been any significant changes to the current guidelines. The next update is expected by March 15. Schools continue to receive rapid tests and families are encouraged to understand the COVID-19 guidelines for international travel prior to spring break.

4.1.2 Isabella Dicken Elementary School Expansion

Received tender approval from the Ministry and the tender process will take approximately 5-6 weeks. Secretary Treasurer Taylor also discussed potential for partial tender approval in order for construction to start.

4.1.3 Fernie Transportation

Letter received from Isabella Dicken Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee regarding transportation issues as determined by the Elk Valley Transportation Ad Hoc Committee. Secretary Treasurer Taylor along with Manager of Operations and Assistant Manager of Operations reviewed the bussing schedules and produced possible solutions that would reduce ridership time. Chairperson Lento and the above SD5 management met with the Fernie Parent Advisory Committee Chairs and parent representatives to discuss scheduling and route solutions to the issues raised. The suggested changes will be implemented in September 2022 and will require the addition of two (2) new buses and (two) 2 bus drivers.

4.1.4 2022-2023 Budget Update

Three (3) days of budget meetings with Principals and Vice Principals were held March 2-4, 2022. There will be Board working sessions to discuss the 2022/2023 budget requirements. Funding guidelines to be announced after Friday, March 11.

4.1.4.1 Counselling Time at Frank J Mitchell Elementary School

This item will be taken into consideration in the 2022/2023 Budget process.

4.2 Recommendations

4.2.1 Approval of the 2023-2024 School Calendar

There was discussion of potential date conflicts in the calendar that will need further clarification.

MOTION R-22-52

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Damstrom:

THAT the Board table the approval of the 2023/2024 School Calendar until further input has been received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-22-53

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Whalen:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report can be found on the School District's website at www.sd5.bc.ca.

5.1 Updates

Updates provided to the Board from Directors and District Principals.

5.2 Recommendations

MOTION R-22-53

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Whalen:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6.1 Updates

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 Key City Theatre Informational Report (Item 3.8)

9.2 School District Spring Break
March 14-25, 2022

9.3 High Ground 2022: Civic Governance Forum
March 25-26, 2022 in Vancouver

9.4 Upcoming Committee Meeting
April 26, 2022 (Cranbrook Board Office)

10. QUESTION PERIOD

CDTA President Balfour will submit feedback on the 2023-2024 School Calendar.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R-22-54

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the March 8, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:47 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