



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

**MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**March 9, 2021, 3:00 p.m.  
Meeting via Zoom**

Present: Chairperson Lento  
Trustee Ayling  
Trustee Bellina  
Trustee Damstrom  
Trustee Johns  
Trustee Kitt  
Trustee McPhee  
Trustee Turner  
Trustee Whalen

Staff Present Superintendent, S. Yardley  
Secretary Treasurer, A. Rice  
Director of Instruction/Human Resources, B. Reimer  
Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer  
Director of Instruction/Student Learning and Innovation, D. Casault  
District Principal/Student Services, D. Verbeurgt  
District Principal/Transformative Learning, J. Roberts  
Executive Assistant (recorder), S. Gronlund

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Chairperson Lento called the March 9, 2021 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:02 p.m. and acknowledged that we have gathered here in the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people. He also acknowledged all ancestors who have changed the face of Big Village through their hard work and sacrifice.

Chair Lento acknowledged the passing of former teachers:

- Noreen Aikman teacher in Cranbrook and a former member of the legendary Girls' Bugle band.
- Don Rivers for his shining service over the decades at Central, Parkland and Mount Baker School.

**1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION R-21-43**

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of March 9, 2021 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### **1.3 Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of February 17, 2021.

#### **MOTION R-21-44**

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 17, 2021 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **MOTION R-21-45**

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of February 17, 2021.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **1.5.1 Kootenay Christian Academy Announcement**

Director Tichauer shared a report with the Board outlining information regarding enrolment and funding for Independent schools in our district area. He included a sample of two district learning schools (DL) and included information on which (DL) school some of our former students enrolled with.

Report information included:

- The Kootenay Christian Academy and ʔaᑭamnik' Elementary School.
- Schools have both announced that they plan to offer education up to grade 12.
- A Baragar report showing the number of students in our public schools.
- Over-all, approximately 85% of kindergarten students attend a public school.
- Director Tichauer discussed the funding for Independent schools.

Chair Lento asked about SD93 students in our district. Director Tichauer indicated 51 students in Fernie, as well as 283 students at the Fernie Academy.

#### **MOTION R-21-46**

M/S that the Board refer the Kootenay Christian Academy Announcement item to the April Advocacy Committee meeting for further discussion.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **1.6.1 Tanya Malcolm**

Tanya introduced herself as a mother of three children in the SD5 school system and a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) member at Fernie Secondary/Isabella Dicken Elementary and a member on the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC). She is an active coach volunteer and a manager of the Youth Steam Program.

Tanya presented in two areas she would like the Board to consider in the 2021-22 budget process.

**1. UX Design & Interactive Learning Portal (UX=User Experience)**

Tanya shared her ideas on where the SD5 student portal could use updating, become more user friendly and contain standard documentation across the district on how to use the portal.

**2. Classroom Live Stream Capability**

Tanya shared ideas on how to establish a successful, budget-conscious live streaming setup for SD5 classrooms. Online education is important. We can accelerate education with technology and utilize the full ability of the technology we currently have.

Chair Lento thanked Tanya for her insightful ideas and passion of her presentation and that she would receive a response regarding her proposal in due course. Trustee Bellina also thanked Tanya for a great presentation.

**1.6.2 CFTA 2021-22 Budget Input**

Shelley Balfour and Chris Kielpinski, co-chairs of the Cranbrook and Fernie Teachers' Association (CFTA), submitted and reviewed the 16 recommendations they would like the Board to consider in the 2021-22 budget process.

The Board thanked Shelley and Chris for their presentation and their due diligence.

Questions/Comments:

- Trustee Johns mentioned that there has been progress made on the CFTA recommendations with the district leadership.
- The Board asked if the CFTA has received a response from their 20-21 Budget recommendations?
- Shelley replied that she and Chris met with the district management team and had an in-depth discussion on each recommendation. Both parties found this very helpful.
- Shelley and Chris are happy with the communication that is occurring.

**2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

**MOTION R-21-47**

M/S that Trustee Kitt serve as the Board representative on the 2020/2021 Scholarship Committee and that Trustee Whalen serve as the alternate representative.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-21-48**

M/S that the Board rename the Cranbrook SD5 Top Student award to the "Dr. Arnold Lowden Top Student Award".

**CARRIED**

Trustee Johns will speak with Mount Baker Secondary School Admin and Counsellors to find out if this is possible for the 20-21 scholarships.

**MOTION R-21-49**

M/S that the Board write a letter to BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) requesting BCSTA write a letter to the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) asking the Provincial Government to exempt School Districts from the Public Sector Executive Compensation Freeze Policy. This is in recognition of Executive Staff performance, efforts and resiliency in maintaining quality public education during the Pandemic.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-21-50**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.2 Policy Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Turner reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting of the Policy Committee.

**MOTION R-21-51**

M/S to accept the BCSTA Child Care Policy Template be used as the draft policy by the Board of Education of School District 5.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-21-52**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.3 Student Services Committee**

Co-chair Trustee McPhee reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

**MOTION R-21-53**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Kitt reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

**MOTION R-21-54**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council**

Trustee Bellina reported that she has forwarded a written report to the Board after the Provincial Council AGM she attended in February. Trustee Bellina shared information on deadlines for late motions to be submitted for the BCSTA AGM April 15-17, 2021.

**MOTION R-21-55**

M/S to accept the report of the BCSTA/Provincial Council.

**CARRIED**

## **2.6 Communications/Media Committee**

Trustee Ayling reported on two letters.

- February 21, 2021 letter to Minister Whiteside re: COVID Vaccine for SD5 staff
- letter pending to Minister Whiteside re: provision of apprenticeship programs in our communities

### **MOTION R-21-56**

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

**CARRIED**

## **2.7 Mount Baker Secondary School (MBSS) Replacement Committee**

Trustee Johns announced that (MBSS) will be 70 years old on April 6, 2021. MBSS students will be making a digital gallery and will be posted on the (MBSS) website.

The (MBSS) Facility Survey had a great response from the students, staff and community. Trustee Johns will be meeting with Secretary Rice, Superintendent Yardley and Berry Architects to discuss the planning process.

### **MOTION R-21-57**

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

**CARRIED**

## **2.8 Key City Theatre**

Trustee McPhee attended a Key City Theatre Society Annual meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> and was happy to welcome Will Ayling to the Board. Stay tuned for a raffle coming in April. Motions are going forward with securing funding grants. The Society has begun work on the Mission and Vision of the Theatre and will be meeting March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Trustee Turner reported that the Columbia Basin Trust grant was spent on a tilt zoom camera. They are designing the back stage renovation and are currently fundraising for new curtains for the stage.

### **MOTION R-21-58**

M/S to accept the report of the Key City Theatre.

**CARRIED**

## **2.9 Legacy of Learning**

Trustee Johns reported the Legacy of Learning is currently working with SD6. They are meeting and we are expecting a positive outcome. The Legacy's annual general meeting is on March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Legacy is wanting to partner with the Cranbrook History Centre and strengthening partnerships with other historical centres including the one in Fernie.

### **MOTION R-21-59**

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

**CARRIED**

## **2.10 French Advisory Committee**

Trustee Whalen had nothing to report except to draw attention to the French Learning in the CFTA Budget recommendations presented today.

**MOTION R-21-60**

M/S to accept the French Advisory Committee report.

**CARRIED**

**2.11 Trustee Reports**

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

**3. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

Secretary Treasure Rice has a budget working session scheduled with the Board on March 12<sup>th</sup> to review where we are at with the schools and student services. They will also review the budget submissions received. The Ministry of Education will be making their budget announcement on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**3.1 Stage 2 Restart Protocol Update - Secretary Treasurer**

Secretary Treasurer Rice reported that there were minor COVID safety updates and they have been provided to all schools. The site checklist has been completed and sent into the Ministry of Education as per their requirement.

An update will be shared with the Board on the Federal funding received for COVID expenses at the April committee meeting. These funds must be spent by June 30, 2021. We are hopeful that with the vaccine rollout we will be in a better place come September.

Secretary Treasurer Rice expressed how proud he is to be a part of SD5 and all the work that has been accomplished. He thanked all staff including the Board for their continued efforts and support.

**MOTION R-21-61**

M/S that the March 9, 2021 Secretary Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

The Pathway's report can be found on the School District's website at [www.sd5.bc.ca](http://www.sd5.bc.ca).

Superintendent Yardley thanked Shelley and Chris from the CFTA for their presentation today. She also thanked Gail Rousseau for the work she does in putting the Pathway's report together each month and is happy to see all the good things that are happening in our district. She is proud and impressed with all that the schools are doing for their students.

Each Director and District Principal reported on their departments.

**MOTION R-21-62**

M/S that the March 9, 2021 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chair Lento shared some thoughts.

- The Cranbrook Colts 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is in December.
- The Board will be meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Sloan re: the SD5 policies.
- Completing a MoE Rapid Renovation Fund application.

- Pursue child care/early learning centers for other communities as New Spaces funding becomes available.
- There is a need for an emotional curriculum to offer staff and students during this pandemic.
- Our thoughts are with Trustee Kitt who will be welcoming a new gift to her family.
- Thoughts and prayers to all our employees experiencing difficult times and fighting tough battles. Particularly to Shelley Balfour and her husband as they seek another victory in the medical game.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

## 7. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

- Trustee Bellina to all staff for providing the in-depth reports to share with the Board. Jennifer Roberts for the climate change resource.
- Trustee Johns to Shelley and John Balfour and wish them the best. To all our family on spring break and trust they come back healthy.
- Trustee Whalen to Shelley and John Balfour and also to Shelley Balfour and Chris Kielinski for their budget recommendations.
- Trustee Turner wishing all staff for rest and relaxation over the spring break and to Shelley Balfour and Chris Kielinski for their recommendations.

## 8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

High Ground Conference - March 24,26 and 27, 2021  
BCSTA AGM 2021 April 15-17, 2021

## 9. QUESTION PERIOD

Shelley Balfour thanked everyone for their well wishes and for the journey she is on. Shelley announced she is running for BC Teacher Regional Council.

Carol Johns retired after the BCTF 2020 honorary life membership teaching award. She will be acknowledged on Monday, March 22, 2021 during the BCTF AGM. Shelley Balfour will send the link for the ceremony to the Board.

## 10. LATE ITEMS

Nil.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

### MOTION R-21-63

M/S that the March 9, 2021 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 5:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Frank Lento, Chairperson

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Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer