



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

**MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**May 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m.  
Kootenay Learning Campus - Fernie**

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

Staff Present Superintendent Silke Yardley  
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor  
Director of Instruction/Human Resources Brent Reimer  
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education Jason Tichauer  
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault  
District Principal/Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt  
Executive Assistant, (recorder) Jane Nixon

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Chair Lento called the May 10, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:07 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 extended to the families of Paul Walsh, Bill Bell, Ben Warkentin and Peter Warland.

Best wishes for a quick recovery extended to Trustee Turner.

#### **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:**

##### **7.3 New Buses**

##### **MOTION R-22-68**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Damstrom:

THAT the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of May 10, 2022 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **1.6 Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of April 12, 2022.

##### **MOTION R-22-69**

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Bellina:

THAT the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of April 12, 2022 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **1.7 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings**

##### **MOTION R-22-70**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Whalen:

THAT the Board accept the closed records of the in-camera meetings of the Board of Education of April 12, 20, and 26, 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **1.8 Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

### **2. RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

The Parent Advisory Committee of Kootenay Discovery School was welcomed by Chairperson Lento. The delegation made a brief presentation to express concerns and provide input regarding the current educational space at the Kootenay Learning Campus.

Chairperson Lento thanked the Parent Advisory Committee and advised that their comments and questions would be reviewed and taken into consideration by the Board. He also advised they were welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting or leave at their own discretion and that Superintendent Yardley would respond to their concerns in due course. Subsequently it was determined to request the Parent Advisory Committee submit their comments and concerns in writing.

### **3. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**3.1 Advocacy/Education Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

**MOTION R-22-71**

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

THAT the BAA course synopsis for Mindfulness and Yoga 12 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION R-22-72**

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Turner:

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.2 Policy Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Ayling reviewed the minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting of the Policy Committee.

**MOTION R-22-73**

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/McPhee:

THAT the Board accept revisions to Policy 19 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION R-22-74**

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Turner:

THAT the Board approve Policy 23 Financial Planning and Reporting.

Policy 23 Financial Planning and Reporting Policy was referred back to the Policy Committee after additional amendments were received from the Senior Policy Analyst at the Ministry of Education. These revisions will be assessed by the Policy Committee on May 30, 2022, and a recommendation will be submitted for approval at the June 14, 2022 Board Meeting.

**MOTION R-22-75**

Moved/Seconded by Turner/McPhee:

THAT the Board refer Policy 23 Financial Planning and Reporting back to the Policy Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION R-22-76**

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/McPhee:

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 April 26, 2022 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

**MOTION R-22-77**

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/Johns:

THAT the District Principal of Student Services surveys stakeholders and presents a report of pros and cons on the 3-year pilot of the SELC program at the May Committee meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION R-22-78**

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Student Services Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Kitt reviewed the minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

**MOTION R-22-79**

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Johns:

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council**

Trustee Bellina reviewed the written report submitted with the agenda package.

**MOTION R-22-80**

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Damstrom

THAT the Board accept the report of the BCSTA/Provincial Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.6 Communications/Media Committee**

Trustee Ayling reviewed the media releases announcing the retirement of Superintendent Yardley and the appointment of Viveka Johnson as Superintendent effective August 1, 2022.

**MOTION R-22-81**

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Communications/Media Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.7 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee**

The Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee report is pending the review of the Stantec Long Range Facilities Plan as reported by Trustee Johns.

**MOTION R-22-82**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.8 Key City Theatre**

Trustee Turner reviewed the written submission from the Key City Theatre Committee. Trustee Johns shared information from the meeting regarding a reduction in funding from the City of Cranbrook.

**MOTION R-22-83**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Turner:

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.9 Legacy of Learning**

Trustee Johns submitted the following oral report from the Legacy of Learning Committee (the Committee):

- The USB stick of historical images for the Kootenay Learning Campus has been repaired
- The Committee has consulted on display images for the Kootenay Learning Campus and have prepared a sample package for preview
- The ARTiculate magazine article on work with School District No. 5 has been circulated throughout the Basin
- The Committee has worked with the Cranbrook History Centre on East Kootenay Heritage Fair
- The Committee has spoken to Grade 10 History class at Mount Baker Secondary regarding historic research
- The Committee has received five (5) new Parkland yearbooks.

**MOTION R-22-84**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the Board accept the Legacy of Learning report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3.10 French Advisory Committee**

Trustee Whalen gave a brief oral update on the French Advisory Committee.

**MOTION R-22-85**

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Turner:

THAT the Board accept the French Advisory Committee report.

### 3.11 Trustee Reports/Bouquets

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

- Trustee Johns commended student performers and District staff on the recent production of High School Musical.
- Trustee McPhee commented on looking forward to participating in year-end celebrations.
- Trustee Bellina thanked staff and administration for the technology that brings the Board meetings together virtually.
- Chairperson Lento expressed gratitude to Trustees Bellina and Ayling for their diligence and representation at the BCSTA Annual General Meeting.

## 4. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

### 4.1 Updates

#### 4.1.1 COVID-19 Update

Secretary Treasurer Taylor reported no significant updates to the COVID-19 mandates with the exception of the easing of travel requirements.

#### 4.1.2 Budget

The next Board Budget Working Session is planned for Thursday, May 12, 2022.

### 4.2 Recommendations

#### MOTION R-22-86

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Bellina:

THAT the Secretary Treasurer's report 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](http://www.sd5.bc.ca).

### 5.1 Updates

#### 5.1.1 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Update

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report to the Board of Education was accepted as presented. Superintendent Yardley reviewed the following items:

- District Literacy Teacher, Erin Jones, will make a presentation on May 30 at the Advocacy/Education Committee Meeting.

- The School District Facebook page is updated regularly by Executive Assistant, Amanda Skene and celebrates the students and staff across the District. She encouraged all Trustees to view the page.
- Upcoming session “Understanding the Teenage Brain” by Gary Anaka on May 24, 2022.

### 5.1.2 Other Updates:

- Director Tichauer reported that eighteen (18) students participated in Project Heavy Duty. This program will be held in Sparwood in 2023 and will rotate between the communities of Cranbrook and Sparwood.
- Director Reimer gave a general update on staffing and transfers.
- Director Casault discussed mental health supports in schools (youth care workers, counselors).
- District Principal Roberts gave a brief update on technology purchasing and inventories and also provided information on upcoming environmental education learning opportunities.
- District Principal Verbeugt gave an overview of the mental health and student services budgets.

## 5.2 Recommendations

### **MOTION R-22-87**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Ayling:

THAT the Superintendent's report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

### 6.1 Updates

Chairperson Lento suggested the formation of an ad hoc Trustee Honourarium Committee with recommendations prior to the Fall election.

### 6.2 Recommendations

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

### 7.2 School District Trustee Election Bylaw

The Trustee Election Bylaw 2022 was distributed with the agenda package.

### **MOTION R-22-88**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Damstrom:

THAT the Board allow three readings of the Trustee Election Bylaw 2022.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **MOTION R-22-89**

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Bellina:

THAT the Board read a first time the Trustee Election Bylaw 2022.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION-R-18-90**

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Whalen:

THAT the Board read a second time the Trustee Election Bylaw 2022.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION-R-18-91**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Turner

THAT the Board read a third time the Trustee Election Bylaw 2022.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 New Buses**

Trustee Bellina raised concerns about wheel chair accessible buses. Secretary Treasurer will review the needs and costs of wheel chair accessible buses and present to the Finance Operations Committee on May 30, 2022.

**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**

**10. QUESTION PERIOD**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION R-22-92**

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Damstrom:

THAT the May 10, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:09 p.m. and that the In-Camera meeting reconvene.

*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?*

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Frank Lento, Chairperson

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Nick Taylor, Secretary Treasurer