



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
May 14, 2013, 5:00 p.m.
Elkford Secondary School**

Present: Chairperson Lento
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina
Trustee Besanger
Trustee Brown
Trustee Damström
Trustee Helgesen
Trustee Johns
Trustee Whalen
B. Miller, Superintendent of Schools
R. Norum, Secretary Treasurer
B. Reimer, Director of Instruction/Human Resources
D. Casault, Director of Instruction/Student Learning
D. McPhee, Director of Instruction/Aboriginal Education/Safety Officer
J. Skerik, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Regrets: D. Verbeurgt, District Principal/Student Services

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the May 14, 2013 public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:09 p.m.

Chairperson Lento thanked the staff and students at Rocky Mountain Elementary School for the tea and their musical performances, and thanked Tami Chechotko for preparing snacks and a meal for the Board.

1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

(a) *Acceptance of Agenda*

Additions:

Item 4.3 Tennis Courts

Item 4.4 Humanities Network

Item 4.5 Carbon Trust

MOTION R – 13 – 65

M/S that the agenda for the Public Meeting of the Board of Education of May 14, 2013 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.3 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

(a) *Student Council - Shelby Wurmlinger, Scott Takenaka and Rachel Bullock - Overview of the Year's Activities*

Superintendent Miller introduced Lewai Ratudradra, a senior member of the Elkford Secondary School student council.

Lewai provided a verbal report on student council fundraising activities including Valentine's Day sale of hearts - proceeds to Children's Hospital, Rockarama - proceeds to Relay for Life, Bake sale - AIDS Awareness Day; school spirit days and school trips.

1.4 Approval of Minutes

(a) *Public Meeting of April 9, 2013*

MOTION R – 13 - 66

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of April 9, 2013 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.5 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

(a) *In-camera Meeting of April 9, 2013*

MOTION R – 13 - 67

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of April 9, 2013.

CARRIED

1.6 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Mr. McPhee provided a verbal update regarding online Kindergarten registration.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS / TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1. *Advocacy/Education Committee*

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the April 29, 2013 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R - 13 - 68

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

CARRIED

2.2. *Policy Committee*

Co-Chair Trustee Brown reviewed the minutes of the April 29, 2013 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R - 13 - 69

M/S that the revised Policy 3.35 Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity be approved by the Board of Education.

CARRIED

MOTION R - 13 - 70

M/S that the revised Policy 3.12 Video Surveillance be approved as amended by the Board of Education.

CARRIED

MOTION R - 13 - 71

M/S to accept the report of the Policy Committee.

CARRIED

2.3. *Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee*

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the April 29, 2013 public meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R - 13 - 72

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

CARRIED

2.4. *Special Education Student Services Committee*

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the April 29, 2013 meeting of the Special Education Student Services Committee.

MOTION R - 13 - 73

M/S to accept the report of the Special Education Student Services Committee.

CARRIED

2.5. *Communications/Media Committee*

Trustee Ayling advised that there will be an additional item for the Humanities Network website, Item 4.4.

MOTION R - 13 - 74

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

CARRIED

2.6. *Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee*

Trustee Johns provided a verbal update - an architect and theatre consultant will meet to review the theatre as an integral part of the new school. Following the meeting the PIR will be amended to include the Key City Theatre.

MOTION R - 13 - 75

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

CARRIED

2.7. *Trustee Reports*

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Miller's report of May 14, 2013 included:

- Superintendent's Activities
- Finance/Operations Updates
- Update from Director of Instruction/Student Learning
- Update from Director of Instruction/Safety
- Update from Director of Instruction/Human Resources
- Update from District Principal/Student Services

Discussion included:

- Students learning through experience and partnerships, engaged bringing their passions to life
- Music Monday
- Crisis Response booklet revisions, inclusion of outside agencies
- Continuance of Regional Transitions Coordinator's position
- Decreased enrolment at MBSS

MOTION R - 13 - 76

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

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. *Business Arising from Delegations*

Nil

4.2. *Annual Budget Bylaw - Second Reading*

Mr. Norum noted that second reading is in the amount of \$51,512,853. Chairperson Lento noted that the Board is anticipating a balanced budget in June.

MOTION R - 13 - 77

M/S Read a second time the 14th day of May, 2013.

CARRIED

The Board will entertain submission of a needs budget at the June Board meeting.

4.3. *Tennis Courts*

Trustee Whalen noted that the new tennis courts on the Mt. Baker property look lovely. Mr. Norum will organize formal recognition/photos.

4.4. *Humanities Network*

Trustee Ayling reviewed a description of SD5 that will be posted on the Humanities Network Website.

MOTION R - 13 - 78

M/S to approve the write-up description of SD5 that will be posted on the Humanities Network Website.

CARRIED

4.5. *Carbon Trust*

Trustee Helgesen noted that some communities are choosing to retain funds for local use.

MOTION R - 13 - 79

M/S that the Board direct staff to research the development of a School District No. 5 reserve fund for the allocation of funds that would be the equivalent to the annual carbon credit off-set purchase in order to be considered carbon neutral under Provincial Legislation; and further that these funds be held in reserve to be used towards carbon footprint reducing measures within School District No. 5 operations, as approved by the board; and further that prior to future carbon offset purchases by School District No. 5, the Secretary Treasurer report back to the Board on the status of carbon offset purchases by other School Districts and/or Municipalities.

Discussion included:

- Local government angle
- District political level to avoid repercussions at the staff level
- Opportunity to invest locally
- Motion to be shared with BCSTA and other Boards of Education
- Need to obey the law

CARRIED

5. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

Trustee Johns - to all involved in the Public Input Survey/press release

Trustee Brown - to Jean Skerik and Rob Norum for supporting Make a Future in the superintendent process, to Trustee Bellina for her dedication, to Chairperson Lento for his work on behalf of the Board, to Trustee Ayling for press releases that promote public understanding of the Board

Trustee Whalen - to Trustee Ayling for her press releases, to staff and students at RMES for the tea, to Doug McPhee for work on online Kindergarten registration, to Trustee Johns for his support

Trustee Ayling - to PMS for raising over \$2000 for Hungry for Life, to the Board and MBSS for providing bus transportation

Trustee Bellina - to those involved in the hiring process for administrative staff

Trustee Damstrom - to all involved with the Kikomun run

Trustee Helgesen - to RMES for the spring tea, to participants in the Rockarama
Trustee Brown - to Tami Chechotko for the lovely dinner

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. *Invitation to PQT Celebration from Trustee Johns*
Trustee Johns distributed copies of an invitation.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

- Living with Balance program
- Loss of teaching positions

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R - 13 - 80

M/S that the public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 6:01 p.m.

9. LATE ITEMS

- District description for Humanities Network website
- Invitation to Program for Quality Teaching celebration