



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

**MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**November 12, 2019, 3:00 p.m.  
Cranbrook Board Office**

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

Regrets: Trustee Turner

Staff Present Superintendent, S. Yardley  
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) Sandy Gronlund

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Chairperson Lento called the November 12, 2019 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:02 p.m.

**MOTION R-19-156**

M/S that the Board under section 69 (4) of the School Act appoint Mrs. Yardley the responsibilities of the Secretary Treasurer in his absence at this meeting.

**CARRIED**

**1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION R-19-157**

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of November 12, 2019 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of October 8, 2019.

#### **MOTION R-19-158**

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of October 8, 2019 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **MOTION R-19-159**

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of October 8, 2019.

**CARRIED**

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

#### **1.6.1 Lois Ehman and Nicole Neufeld - Australia**

Lois Ehman, Principal at Frank J. Mitchell Elementary and Nicole Neufeld, Principal from Isabella Dicken Elementary had the chance to travel to Australia this past July to attend the LEAP 2019 International Symposium.

Three principals from BC joined 3 principals in Australia. Lois and Nicole shared a power point presentation with the Board and shared ideas they learned from other schools in Australia and are planning to incorporate into their own schools.

#### **Some Highlights and Take Aways:**

- High School Students shared their academic courses participated in staff meetings.
- Lois and Nicole spent some time teaching about Fernie and Canada.
- Aboriginal Education Week was on while they were there.
- A "Fathering Project" to get fathers more involved in the schools.

They were both grateful to be able to attend this conference and thanked the Board.

Trustee McPhee inquired about students with special needs in the Australian schools.

Lois reported:

- work with special needs students in Australia are a bit behind us
- they have special classes for the students
- they do not have the inclusion that we have here
- they are looking at heading in the same direction as us but the process is slow

## 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

### 2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Whalen reviewed the minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

#### **MOTION R-19-160**

*M/S that the Board form a working group to work with DPAC/PACs to increase their support and function.*

**CARRIED**

The first session will be tomorrow night during the DPAC meeting at the Board Office if any Trustees are available to attend the meeting.

#### **MOTION R-19-161**

*M/S that the Board examine what climate action initiatives the School District is currently undertaking and whether or not a policy needs to be put in place.*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION R-19-162**

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

**CARRIED**

### 2.2 Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Whalen reviewed the minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting of the Policy Committee.

#### **MOTION R-19-163**

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 October 28, 2019 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

#### **MOTION R-19-164**

*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 October 28, 2019 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

#### **MOTION R-19-165**

*M/S that the Board have School District 5 Management look into the feasibility of reopening the Grasmere School.*

**CARRIED**

#### **MOTION R-19-166**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council**

Trustee Bellina sent her report on the BC Provincial Council AGM she attended on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26, 2019.

**MOTION R-19-167**

*M/S that the Board accept the report of the BCSTA/Provincial Council.*

**CARRIED**

**2.6 Communications/Media Committee**

Trustee Ayling reported the Board has a media release regarding Isabella Dicken Elementary School that will be sent to media once Mr. Rice has ensured the Ministry of Education has reviewed it.

**MOTION R-19-168**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.7 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee**

Trustee Johns reported that Stantec has visited Mount Baker Secondary School (MBSS) and is now in the process of completing the assessment report on MBSS which will hopefully help Mount Baker Secondary School be scheduled for replacement.

**MOTION R-19-169**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.8 Key City Theatre**

Trustee McPhee gave an up date on the renovations at the Theatre.

**MOTION R-19-170**

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

**CARRIED**

**2.9 Legacy of Learning**

Trustee Johns reported they are still working towards gathering historical information on other schools who they were named after.

**MOTION R-19-171**

*M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.*

**CARRIED**

**2.10 Trustee Reports**

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

Trustee Whalen attended the Board Chair's meeting and Partner Liaison meeting in Vancouver as a delegate for Chair Lento and gave an update to the Board.

Trustee Bellina attended the Remembrance Day Assembly at Sparwood Secondary School and was impressed on how respectful the students were.

Trustee Johns thanked Joanne Lees the time she spent to help him get his wireless printer working with his laptop.

Trustee McPhee attended the Remembrance Day Assembly at Parkland Middle School and noted the phenomenal job they did.

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

Mr. Rice was absent from this meeting.

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

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

Mrs. Yardley and District Management shared their highlights from the "Pathways to Learning" report.

**MOTION R-19-172**

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

**CARRIED**

**5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chair Lento received a copy of the BCTF magazine and noticed with great delight that Larry Hayes, a past Burnaby School District Trustee, had a one page article on his "favorite teacher" from his school days.

Chair Lento would like the Trustees to come up with a page of their own, sharing one of their favorite teachers.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Christmas Hamper Program - Salvation Army**

**MOTION R-19-173**

*M/S that the Board donate to the Salvation Army's Christmas Hamper program in the amount of \$1500 in Cranbrook and \$1050 in Fernie. This represents a donation of \$150 on behalf of each of the School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) schools in lieu of a gift to the staff of each school.*

**CARRIED**

Chair Lento would like to see the Donation Letters to the Salvation Army be from SD5 staff, students, and trustees as opposed to him signing them.

**7. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS**

Trustee Bellina for Mrs. Yardley for visiting all of the schools and for Principal Sopko and staff for the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Sparwood Secondary School.  
Trustee Johns for the presentation by Principal Ehman and Neufeld today.

**8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**8.1 Remembrance Day -Laying the Wreath at Cenotaph**

Cranbrook - Trustee McPhee  
Fernie - Chairperson Lento  
Sparwood - Trustee Bellina  
Elkford - Trustee Kitt

**9. QUESTION PERIOD**

Shelley Balfour introduced her colleagues that were in attendance wearing red shirts as a silent protest for the lack of funding in BC Schools and the on going bargaining. They will continue to attend Board meetings until an agreement has been reached.

**10. LATE ITEMS**

Nil.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION R-19-174**

M/S that the November 12, 2019 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Frank Lento, Chairperson

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Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer