



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

MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

**November 9, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Cranbrook Board Office**

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

Regrets: Trustee Patricia Whalen

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 (remotely)
District Principal/Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts
Executive Assistant (recorder) Sandy Gronlund

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Lento called the November 9, 2021 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

- Sent condolences on behalf of the Board to the families of the following former district members:
 - Judy Beaulac was a former teacher at Pinewood Elementary and TM Roberts Elementary Schools

- Ron Fowler was a former teacher of many years at Mount Baker Secondary School
- Marie Carignan was a former custodian, teaching assistant and then administration assistant at Fernie Secondary School
- Welcomed Laura Jackson to the meeting as a delegate today
- Congratulated Carol Johns, retired teacher in the district who recently received the BCTF Life Membership Award
- Chair Lento indicated that four individuals in our district have received this award to date and that a roll of honour plaque be placed in the Board room paying tribute to the individuals
- Other recipients include Muriel Baxter in 1964 and Bill Fite in 2009
- The third recipient is Trustee Chris Johns in 2009
- This marks the only husband and wife recipients
- Chair Lento unveiled a plaque on the “Honourary wall” in the Boardroom in honour of Carol and Chris Johns, along with Muriel Baxter and Bill Fite

1.4 Opening Round

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

1.5 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

MOTION R-21-171

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Bellina:

THAT the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of November 9, 2021 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of October 12, 2021.

MOTION R-21-172

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Johns:

THAT the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of October 12, 2021 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-21-173

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Johns:

THAT the Board accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of October 12, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.8 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1.8.1 Return of School Artifacts Update

Trustee Johns along with Operations Manager Tank and Derryl White, volunteer Historian at the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History, met to discuss a suitable place to store school artifacts. They were able to find a suitable room, requiring shelving, at the Union Labour building at 105 9th Ave S.

1.8.2 Employee Recognition and Class Acts

The Board of Education authorized the addition of a webpage to be added to the SD5 website that recognizes School District 5 employees and honours those who have passed on. Discussion on the term “class”.

1.8.3 Cranbrook History Center

Trustee Johns, with the participation of a couple trustees, were able to supply the information Keith Powell from the Cranbrook History Center was looking for.

2. RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Laura Jackson - Sparwood Bussing

Chair Lento introduced Laura Jackson, parent in Sparwood. He thanked her for the hard copy of the presentation she provided and for her educational passion.

Laura provided an overview of bussing changes:

- lower Sparwood bussing concerns
- impacts on children and increased safety risk
- conclusion asking that the bussing changes in Lower Sparwood be reconsidered

Chair Lento thanked Laura for her presentation and provided the trustees a chance to ask any questions.

Chair Lento explained the process of the Board’s consideration on this matter. The Board will discuss the matter at an in camera session and Secretary Treasurer Taylor will communicate the outcome to Laura.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

3.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the October 25, 2021 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R-21-174

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Johns:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Turner reviewed the minutes of the October 25, 2021 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R-21-175

Moved/Seconded by Turner/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 October 25, 2021 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

MOTION R-21-176

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/McPhee:

THAT the adequacy of our contract offers for Speech Language Pathology teachers be researched in a global setting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-21-177

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/Ayling:

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 October 25, 2021 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R-21-178

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the Board purchase a wreath from each of our SD5 communities as a donation to the Veterans on Remembrance Day as done in the past years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-21-179

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Kitt:

THAT the Board of Education approve Christmas donations to the Cranbrook and Fernie Salvation Army and the Jaffray, Sparwood and Elkford food banks, in lieu of holiday treats for staff at the SD5 worksites. The amounts will reflect the FTE of students in our school sites.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-21-180

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council

Trustee Bellina provided a brief verbal report.

MOTION R-21-181

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Kitt:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.6 Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling reported sending the following communication:

- Letter to Minister Whiteside re: Teacher Regulation Board
- Letter to Minister Whiteside re: Safe Routes to Schools
- Letter to BCSTA Stephanie Higginson re: School Life Cycle Funding

MOTION R-21-182

Moved/Seconded by

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.7 Mount Baker Secondary School (MBSS) Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns is awaiting the Long Range Facility Plan report from Stantec before moving forward with plans for MBSS.

MOTION R-21-183

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Kitt:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.8 Key City Theatre

Trustee Turner reported:

- School District 5 has a new representative on the Key City Theatre Board of Directors, former teacher Sue Leonard.
- Thank you to Trustee McPhee for his support on her first term on the Board of Directors.
- Colin James has agreed to do an additional performance to accommodate attendees.
- Passed around "Our year in review 2020-2021" complete with renovation projects.
- Mourning the loss of Rose Stevens.

MOTION R-21-184

Moved/Seconded by Turner/McPhee:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.9 Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns reviewed a summary of the work completed and ongoing. He thanked Chair Lento and Andrea Graham for the tour of the Kootenay Learning Campus and now has a good idea where to best display the donated TV screen.

MOTION R-21-185

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Kitt:

THAT the Board accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.10 French Advisory Committee

No report as Trustee Whalen was absent.

3.11 Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

4. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

4.1 Updates

Toured the Key City Theatre and expressed that the renovations look great.

4.2 Recommendations

4.2.1 2021-22 Amended Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021-22-CPSD5-03

The Board consented to hear three readings of the amended Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD05-03.

MOTION R-21-186

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Johns:

THAT the Board approve first reading of the amended Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD05-03, to accommodate the additional funds being provided as supplementary funding associated with the electric bus purchase.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-21-187

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Kitt:

THAT the Board approve second reading of the amended Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD05-03.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-21-188

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/Ayling:

THAT the Board approve third reading of the amended Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD05-03.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-21-189

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Ayling:

THAT the Secretary Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

The Pathway's report can be found on the School District's website at www.sd5.bc.ca.

5.1 Updates

- Director Tichauer provided a review of how overnight school field trips are being conducted during COVID-19.
- The Directors and District Principals each reported on their departments.

5.2 Recommendations

Nil.

MOTION R-21-190

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6.1 Updates

6.1.1 Dr. Sloan's call

Dr. Sloan sincerely appreciated the letter from the Board expressing gratitude to him for his support and counsel.

6.1.2 BCSTA Board Chairs/Superintendents/Secretary Treasurers Meetings

Chair Lento reported on the Partner Liaison meetings he attended in Vancouver October 14-15, 2021.

- A theme that resonated for him was the racism of low expectations.
- A phrase that resonated dealt with data. We should be focused on quality data and accurate data of convenience.

6.1.3 BCSTA Board Chairs/Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB)/Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings

- PAC meeting in Fernie – Homestay in Fernie increased from \$800 to \$1300 per month.
- Mandatory vaccine policy still in the fact finding stage.

6.2 Recommendations

Nil.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Business Arising from Delegations

MOTION R-21-190

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Kitt:

THAT the Board accept the Sparwood Bussing delegation presentation from Laura Jackson and that in the opinion of the Board the public interest requires consideration in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Nil.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R-21-191

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the November 9, 2021 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:31 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