



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**October 11, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Cranbrook Board Office**

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

Staff Present Superintendent Viveka Johnson
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
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts
Executive Assistant (Recorder) Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Lento called the October 11, 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

Lamented the recent loss of long-time Jaffray Elementary teacher, Roger Toogood.

Offered ongoing well wishes to Trustee Turner and welcomed her presence at the public meeting.

Acknowledged the retiring trustees for their years of service to the Board of Education and offered best wishes to the incumbents in the October 15, 2022 election.

1.4 Opening Round

Members of the Board, District Management, District Staff and local Union Presidents shared a reflection of gratitude.

1.5 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

Additions:

7.2 Area Standards Letter

7.3 CDTA/FDTA FSA Letter

MOTION R-22-137

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Ayling:

THAT the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of October 11, 2022 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Approval of the Minutes

MOTION R-22-138

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Whalen:

THAT the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of September 13, 2022 be approved as circulated.

THAT the minutes of the regular special meeting of the Board of Education on September 26, 2022 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-22-139

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Damstrom:

THAT the Board accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of September 13, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.8 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1.8.1 2022/2023 Annual School Calendar (Revised)

The revised 2022/2023 calendar was presented with the April 24 date change for the regional RSA day. It was noted that the day of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II on September 19, 2022 did not necessitate additional calendar changes.

MOTION R-22-140

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Whalen:

THAT the Board accept the revisions to the 2022/2023 School Calendar.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.8.2 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement

Secretary Treasurer Taylor reported that no response has been received as of the meeting date.

1.8.3 Trades Funding

Secretary Treasurer Taylor reported that no response has been received as of the meeting date.

2. RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

3.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

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

MOTION R-22-141

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

THAT the Board send a letter supporting the concerns raised by School District No. 68 in their letter to Minister Whiteside of July 5, 2022, regarding capital funding, Ministry processes for operating and special purpose funding approvals and additional supports and strategies for mental health.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-22-142

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Johns:

THAT the Board send a letter supporting the concerns raised by the BCSTA in their letter to Minister Whiteside of August 29, 2022, regarding an increase in school life-cycle funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-22-143

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

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 September 26, 2022 meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R-22-144

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Whalen:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Policy Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 Student Services Committee

Co-chair Trustee McPhee reviewed the minutes of the September 26, 2022 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

MOTION R-22-145

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Damstrom:

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 September 26, 2022 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R-22-146

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Kitt:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.5 BCSTA/Provincial Council

Trustee Bellina reported on the BCSTA/Provincial Council.

MOTION R-22-147

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Damstrom:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.6 Communications/Media Committee

Nil

3.7 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns reported that the Board is still awaiting a response from the Minister of Education and Child Care regarding the request for the Minister to visit Mount Baker Secondary School in Cranbrook.

MOTION R-22-148

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

Minutes were reviewed from the September 2022 Key City Theatre meeting.

MOTION R-22-149

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 provided a written submission from the Legacy of Learning. This submission was emailed to Trustees prior to the meeting. The Legacy of Learning continues to expand its archives collection in the School District No. 5 archive room. Trustee Johns also reminded the Board of the 40 year anniversary of schools in Elkford.

MOTION R-22-150

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.10 French Immersion Update

Trustee Whalen advised that there will be a French meeting on October 25, 2022.

MOTION R-22-151

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Kitt:

THAT the Board accept the French Immersion update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.11 Trustee Reports/Bouquets

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

- Trustee Bellina thanked the entire Board for their support
- Trustee Bellina thanked the students at the DSAC meeting and also acknowledged the work of the StrongStart and Early Years committee
- Trustee McPhee acknowledged Amy Woodland Elementary teacher, Kayla Smaldon for keeping the children in her class safe while crossing the road
- Trustee Johns acknowledged the ongoing work of the Legacy of Learning
- Trustee Johns thanked district journeyman painter, Bernie Primbs, for re-painting the rainbow sidewalk
- Trustee Ayling offered gratitude to Pinewood Elementary teacher, Barbara Belisle, for inviting her to make a presentation on the work of a school trustee
- Trustee Turner recognized and thanked members of the Board of Education for their mentorship over her first term as trustee
- Trustee Damstrom thanked executive assistant Nixon for the ongoing organization and administration for the Board of Education

4. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

4.1 Updates

4.1.1 Jaffray Speed Zone Information

Secretary Treasurer Taylor has requested an update from the Ministry of Transportation on the request to extend the seventy kilometre per hour zone through Jaffray.

4.1.2 Student and Family Affordability Fund

Stakeholder feedback meetings will be finished by the end of October. Stakeholders include DPAC, PAC and Indigenous community representatives. This feedback will assist in the distribution of the \$700,000 students and families in need. Secretary Treasurer Taylor advised that school-based personnel are

aware of the funding and have been asked to reach out and communicate to families in need of support.

4.2 Recommendations

MOTION R-22-152

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Johns:

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.

5.1 Updates

5.1.1 School Staffing

Superintendent Johnson reported that the District's total number of student fulltime equivalent (FTE) is 5,881 based on the enrolment verification 1701 data collection on September 29, 2022. Total enrolment headcount eligible for funding in the District was 5,990 up from 5,909 reported in the same period in 2021 (September 30, 2021). She also reviewed staffing numbers across the District.

5.2 Recommendations

MOTION R-22-153

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the Superintendent's Report be presented as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6.1 Updates

6.1.1 Presentation of Certificates of Recognition from BCSTA

Chairperson Lento presented Trustees with Certificates recognizing their terms of service as School District No. 5 Board of Education Trustees.

6.2 Recommendations

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

7.2 Area Standards

MOTION R-22-154

Moved/Seconded by Johns/McPhee:

THAT the Board send a strongly worded letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care asking them to amend the Area Standards document to include a space designated for an Indigenous Meeting place in new school builds and renovations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Ayling will draft this letter.

7.3 CDTA/FDTA FSA Letter

MOTION R-22-155

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Turner:

THAT the Board supports parents who choose to withdraw their child from the FSA for extenuating circumstances related to COVID 19.

Following discussion, it was duly moved/seconded by Turner/Johns:

THAT the Board of Education amend Motion **R-22-155** by deleting “for extenuating circumstances related to COVID 19”.

The Chair indicated that the vote was on the amendment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-22-155 (AMENDED)

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Turner:

THAT the Board supports parents who choose to withdraw their child from the FSA.

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

9.1 October 15 - General Election

9.2 October 20 - Secretary Treasurer Evaluation

9.3 November 8 - Inaugural Meeting

9.4 December 1-3 Academy and New Trustee Orientation

10. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R-22-156

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Johns:

THAT the October 11, 2022 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 4:27 p.m.

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