



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

MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

**October 12, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Kootenay Learning Campus - Fernie**

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
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
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts (remotely)
Executive Assistant (recorder) Sandy Gronlund

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the October 12, 2021, regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:10 p.m.

1.2 Greeting

Chair Lento acknowledged that we have gathered here in the Homelands of the Ktunaxa and the Tobacco Plains people.

1.3 Chairperson's Opening Remarks and Recognitions

A special welcome to Nick Taylor, our new secretary treasurer. We look forward to your insight and contributions as we move this big ship forward.

1.4 Opening Round

Members of the Board and District Management shared personal reflections.

1.5 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

MOTION R-21-148

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Bellina:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of September 14, 2021

MOTION R-21-149

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Turner:

THAT the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of September 14, 2021, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-21-150

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Damstrom:

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 Review of Traffic Corridors

Once we have identified specifics of concerns in areas that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Transportation and Regional District.

MOTION R-21-151

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Damstrom:

THAT the Board refer the item of Reviewing Traffic Corridor Safety Concerns to the Finance/Operations/Personnel committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 27, 2021, meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R-21-152

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Turner:

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 September 27, 2021, meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R-21-153

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Ayling:

THAT the Board accept the revisions to Policy 2 Appendix A, the Board Annual Work Plan, dated September 23, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-21-154

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Damstrom:

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 27, 2021 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

MOTION R-21-155

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/McPhee:

THAT the Board obtain a report on the issue of student assessment in relation to school psychology.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-21-156

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/McPhee:

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 September 27, 2021 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R-21-157

Moved/Seconded by Kitt/Damstrom:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council

Trustee Bellina reported the following events upcoming.

- BCSTA Provincial Council - October 23, 2021 on ZOOM
- BCSTA Trustee Academy - December 2-4, 2021 in person in Vancouver

MOTION R-21-158

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 had nothing new to report.

MOTION R-21-159

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Damstrom:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.7 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns reported they are currently working on the District's Long Range Facility Plan.

MOTION R-21-160

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 McPhee reported the improvements to the fire suppression system at the Key City Theatre are almost complete. The front office is looking great with the renovations that are being done.

Trustee Turner announced that Sue Leonard is interested in representing the district with a seat on the Key City Theatre Society Board.

MOTION R-21-161

Moved/Seconded by Turner/McPhee:

THAT the Board put forward retired teacher Sue Leonard's name as a representative of School District 5 for a seat on the Key City Theatre Society Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-21-162

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Turner:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.9 Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns discussed the focus of the Legacy of Learning and will deliver updates as they proceed.

- plan to bring consulting teacher(s) on board to develop more useful application of materials for classroom work
- develop small school specific video clips for school website
- grade specific contest to find “best” photo of select topics like farming, transportation etc
- history essay contest for older grades (local history stressing original research)
- school specific photo galleries for school website
- mounting a yearbook that is at least 10 years old on school website (one per year)
- clarify three year goals for project

MOTION R-21-163

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.10 French Advisory Committee

Trustee Whalen reported the next meeting is October 26th.

MOTION R-21-164

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Kitt:

THAT the Board accept the French Advisory Committee report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.11 Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

4. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

4.1 Updates

Secretary Treasurer Taylor distributed the final student enrolment numbers as of September 30, 2021.

4.2 Recommendations

MOTION R-21-165

Moved/Seconded by Damstrom/McPhee:

THAT the October 12, 2021, 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

5.1.1 COVID-19

Superintendent Yardley delivered an update on COVID-19 in schools. The Interior Health information on cases in our schools is now available on the SD5 website.

The directors and district principals each delivered an update on their departments.

MOTION R-21-166

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Ayling:

THAT the Board write a letter to the organizing committee for the Indigenous Education District Day thanking them for their hard work on the October 1st professional development day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Recommendations

MOTION R-21-167

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Kitt:

THAT the October 12, 2021, Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6.1 Updates

6.1.1 Board Annual Work Plan

6.1.2 Cranbrook History Centre

Chair Lento received a letter from Keith Powell asking for input from the Board. Trustee Johns will organize a day and time for an ad hoc committee consisting of Cranbrook Trustees to meet and discuss these questions.

- World Teacher's Day (Thank you Gail Rousseau)
- Purposefully met with Tobacco Plains (Grasmere School)
- Board Chair's Meeting (Vaccines)
- Truth and Reconciliation - we need a daily offering (our own curriculum), a curriculum that reflects truth and while the emphasis should be on Indigenous truth, the immigrant truth should not be ignored. Our Enhancement Agreement is scholarly, we can do the same for a truth curriculum.

6.2 Recommendations

6.2.1 Return of School Artifacts

MOTION R-21-168

Moved/Seconded by McPhee/Whalen:

THAT an ad hoc committee consisting of Trustee Johns, Operations Manager Tank and a member of the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History be approved.

The general terms of reference being to make recommendations to our respective school communities regarding the return of school artifacts following documentation by the Institute. Consideration being given to display potential within schools and or community, to storage availability within schools and or communities and the return of artifacts to an appropriate community group or recipient.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2.2 Employee Recognition

MOTION R-21-169

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Damstrom:

THAT our website includes a monthly update of those employees and students that have been recognized regionally, provincially or nationally. (Pathways report to continue to recognize locally) The website page would also be used to pay our respects to the Class Acts. Submission of Class Acts would be the responsibility of individual trustees and employers, giving details to the website maintainer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

8. CLOSING ROUND

Members of the Board and District Management each shared a final comment on the meeting.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

Trevor Crawley, from the Cranbrook Daily Townsman, appreciated joining the meeting. Trevor inquired about the message from Premier Horgan delegating vaccines to school boards.

- What is the path forward for SD5 for vaccines mandatory in schools? Chair Lento reported that the Board is in the process of receiving information, guidelines and framework.
- From a Board and school district standpoint - when parents have a concern with COVID-19 in the schools, what is the message to parents? Superintendent Yardley answered stay safe and follow protocols.

- The protocols come from the Ministry of Education – are the protocols enough?
Superintendent Yardley answered that it is important to follow protocols inside the schools and outside of the schools.

Shelley Balfour, President of CDTA, asked – How can we get Interior Health to become better communicators?

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION R-21-170

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/McPhee:

THAT the October 12, 2021, regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 4:24 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