



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
October 9, 2012, 5:00 p.m.
Sparwood Secondary School**

Present: Chairperson Lento
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina
Trustee Besanger
Trustee Brown
Trustee Damström
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
D. Verbeurgt, District Principal/Student Services
J. Skerik, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Regrets: Trustee Helgesen

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the October 9, 2012 public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 4:58 p.m.

1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

(a) *Acceptance of Agenda*

Additions:

Item 4.2 Legacy of Learning

Item 4.3 College of the Rockies

Item 4.4 2012-2013 Five Year Capital Plan

MOTION R – 12 - 121

M/S that the agenda for the Public Meeting of the Board of Education of October 9, 2012 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of Minutes

(a) *Public Meeting of September 11, 2012*

MOTION R – 12 - 122

M/S that the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education of September 11, 2012 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

(a) *In Camera Meeting of September 11, 2012.*

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of September 11, 2012.

CARRIED

1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

(a) *Learning Improvement Fund*

Superintendent Miller reviewed the process senior staff followed to determine the allocation of the Learning Improvement Fund including spring and fall consultation, input from staff and union co-chairs and use of other available resources.

Discussion included:

- Legislated increase in EA time
- Additional support for students of aboriginal ancestry
- Difference of approximately \$135,000, inadequacy of funds
- CFTA proposals/concerns
- Mike Biafore, teacher, SSS – budget for shop consumables

MOTION R – 12 - 123

M/S to receive the Superintendent's report regarding Learning Improvement Fund Proposal Details and to submit the report to the Ministry for approval.

CARRIED

(b) *Dog Issue at TMRES*

Mr. Norum noted that the Operations Manager has contacted the City of Cranbrook re signage, bylaw enforcement.

1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

(a) *Connor Stewart, Staples Business Depot - School Supplies*

Mr. Norum introduced Connor Stewart, General Manager of Staples in Cranbrook. Mr. Stewart introduced Hillarie Callaghan and Kelsey Vocat and announced that Staples had raised \$3900 through an in-store program that would be distributed to five schools to aid in the purchasing of school supplies. Mr. Stewart presented gift cards to Chairperson Lento.

Mr. Stewart extended an invitation to attend a Chamber of Commerce presentation on local spending Tuesday, October 16 at the College of the Rockies.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS / TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1. *Advocacy Committee*

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting of the Advocacy Committee.

MOTION R – 12 - 124

M/S that whereas children benefit from high quality early care and learning services; and integrating early care and learning services is an effective way to meet the needs of children and working families; and we value quality early childhood education in our community; and we are encouraged by the potential of the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning to make a real difference for BC children, families and communities; be it resolved that School District 5 urges the province to commit to the Plan's vision, allocate adequate funds and work with school boards and communities to immediately begin its implementation.

CARRIED

MOTION R – 12 - 125

M/S that the Board send a letter to the Regional District of East Kootenay asking them for their support for the amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act to expand and/or erect school speed zone signs in our district/communities.

CARRIED

MOTION R – 12 - 126

M/S that the Board approve to have an independent consultant undertake a review of the International Education Program.

Discussion included:

- Cost of consultant
- Response to program review questions
- Support for independent review
- Internal day with District and trustees followed by an independent review if required

DEFEATED

MOTION R – 12 - 127

M/S that the matter of the review of the International Education program be referred to the Superintendent with advice to be provided to the Board at the October committee meetings and/or the November Board meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION R – 12 - 128

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

CARRIED

2.2. Education/Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Damstrom reviewed the minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting of the Education/Policy Committee.

MOTION R – 12 – 129

M/S that the Board of Education approve the draft policy French Immersion.

CARRIED

MOTION R – 12 - 130

M/S that the Board of Education approve deletion of Policy 3.26 Home Education.

CARRIED

MOTION R – 12 - 131

M/S that the Board of Education approve deletion of Policy 3.15 Selection and Challenge of Learning Resources.

CARRIED

MOTION R – 12 - 132

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

CARRIED

2.3. Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R – 12 - 133

M/S that the Board of Education send a letter in support of SD8 and the concerns that have been raised in their letter of September 6, 2012 to Honourable Don McRae.

CARRIED

MOTION R – 12 - 134

M/S that the Board of Education invite the new Minister of Education, Don McRae, to tour our District.

CARRIED

MOTION R – 12 - 135

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

CARRIED

2.4. *Communications/Media Committee*

Trustee Ayling reviewed her report of October 9th, 2012

MOTION R – 12 - 136

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

CARRIED

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

Trustee Johns provided a verbal report – a Memorandum of Understanding will be drafted indicating a partnership between Key City Theatre, the City of Cranbrook and the School District

MOTION R – 12 - 137

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

CARRIED

2.6. *Trustee Reports*

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

- Superintendent's Activities
- Graduation Program Review
- Enrolment
- Presentation by Jane Goodall
- Update from the Director of Instruction/Student Learning
- EARS - Education Analytics Reporting System
- Workshop Wednesday
- Finance/Operations Updates
- Update from Director of Instruction/Safety
- Dance of the Data
- Update from District Principal/Student Services
- Update from the Director of Instruction/Human Resources
- Important Dates for Trustees

A brief discussion included decreased enrolment at LMS, qualified French teachers on call, and the lack of qualified casual Education Assistants.

MOTION R – 12 - 138

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. *Legacy of Learning*

Trustee Johns distributed and reviewed a letter from Derryll White.

4.3. *College of the Rockies*

Mr. Norum noted that the College of the Rockies had requested a letter in support of the PACWEST Provincial Volleyball Championships in February 2013.

MOTION R – 12 - 139

M/S to provide support in principle, at no cost to the Board, the PACWEST Provincial Volleyball Championships held at the College of the Rockies in February 2013.

CARRIED

4.4. *2012-2013 Five Year Capital Plan*

Mr. Norum reviewed the 2012/2013 Five Year Capital Plan.

MOTION R - 12 - 140

M/S that the Board of Education of School District No. 5 Southeast Kootenay approve the Capital Plan as outlined on the attached summary.

CARRIED

4.5. *Key City Theatre Representative*

MOTION R – 12 – 141

M/S to appoint Trustee Ayling as the Key City Theatre board representative.

CARRIED

5. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

Trustee Bellina – to all teachers in the District in recognition of International Teachers Day, to trustees and staff for attending the meeting in Sparwood, to staff for work mentioned in the Superintendent's report, to Superintendent Miller for the detailed LIF proposal

Trustee Whalen – to audience for their attendance, to Doug McPhee and Joe Tank for their presentation on technology, to Fran Kellington and Frank Sopko for hosting the meeting

Trustee Johns - to Jean Skerik for work done to support the Board, to supporting staff, to caterer for dinner

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. *Remembrance Day Services*

Elkford – Curtis Helgesen

Sparwood – Bev Bellina

Fernie – Frank Lento

Cranbrook – Gail Brown

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R – 12 - 142

M/S that the public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 6:40 p.m.