



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
September 11, 2012, 5:00 p.m..
Board Office**

- Present:** Chairperson Lento
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina
Trustee Besanger
Trustee Brown
Trustee Damström
Trustee Helgesen (by telephone)
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:** B. Gook, Superintendent of Schools

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the September 11, 2012 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:05 p.m.

Chairperson Lento congratulated Debbie Therrien, DPAC Chair, for receipt of the Bev Hosker Motivational Award, acknowledged senior staff's work preparing for September, and welcomed new Superintendent, Bendina Miller. Both Mrs. Miller and Mr. Lento are recipients of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

(a) *Acceptance of Agenda*

Additions:

Item. 4.6 LIF Funding Proposals

Item 4.7 Follow up on Board/City of Cranbrook Issues

- TMRES Dog Issue and Rec Plex Rental Increase

Item 4.8 School Road Signage in the Communities

Deletions:

Item 1.6(a) Receiving of Delegations - Mr. Nutini is unable to attend the meeting

MOTION R - 12 - 103

M/S that the agenda for the Public Meeting of the Board of Education of September 11, 2012 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of Minutes

(a) *Public Meeting of June 12, 2012*

MOTION R - 12 - 104

M/S that the minutes of the Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Education of June 12, 2012 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

(a) *In Camera Meeting of June 12, 2012*

MOTION R - 12 - 105

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of June 12, 2012.

CARRIED

(b) *Special In Camera Meeting of July 24, 2012*

R - 12 - 106

M/S to accept the closed records of the special in camera meeting of the Board of Education of July 24, 2012.

CARRIED

1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

(a) *Endorsement of Cranbrook Connected*

Mr. Norum will ensure that the City receives a letter of endorsement.

Key City Theatre – reports will be received from the trustee representative.

1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

Nil

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS / TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1. *Communications/Media Committee*

Trustee Ayling apologized for the media release regarding the superintendent prior to staff being informed and distributed copies of a current media release regarding DPAC Chair Debbie Therrien's receipt of the Bev Hosker Motivational Award.

Pending releases include city council's response to the Board's letter on school speed zones, and District award winners of Diamond Jubilee medals.

MOTION R - 12 - 107

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

CARRIED

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

Trustee Johns provided a verbal report including a meeting September 17th with members of the Key City Theatre.

MOTION R - 12 - 108

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

CARRIED

2.3. *Trustee Reports*

Trustees reported on their activities for the summer.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

3.1. *Superintendent's Report*

Mrs. Miller thanked everyone for their support and noted that her priority will be communication and the sharing of good news. Highlights of her written report included:

- Communication
- Board Retreat
- Enrolment
- International Education
- Dogwood District/Authority Award Scholarships
- Presentation by Jane Goodall
- Update from District Principal/Student Services
- ACE-IT (Accelerated Credit Enrolment to Industry Training)
- Summer School
- ERASE (Expect Respect and a Safe Education)
- Finance/Operations Updates
- Update from the Director of Instruction/Student Learning
- Update from the Director of Instruction/Human Resources
- Important Dates for Trustees

Discussion included:

- Anticipated successful year for students with support from the trustees, unions and DPAC
- Decreased preliminary enrolment
- Enrolment at private schools

- Alternate school calendar
- Exit interviews for staff leaving a position

MOTION R - 12 - 109

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. *Capital Project Bylaw No. 126438 - Carbon Neutral Capital Program*

R - 12 - 110

M/S to allow three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 126438 - Carbon Neutral Capital Program

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R - 12 - 111

M/S Read a first time September 11, 2012.

CARRIED

R - 12 - 112

M/S Read a second time September 11, 2012.

CARRIED

R - 12 - 113

M/S Read a third time, finally passed and adopted the 11th day of September, 2012.

CARRIED

4.3. *Capital Project Bylaw No. 126492 - Repair, Upgrade or Replacement of Existing Playground Equipment*

R - 12 - 114

M/S to allow three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 126492 - Repair, Upgrade or Replacement of Existing Playground Equipment

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R - 12 - 115

M/S Read a first time September 11, 2012.

CARRIED

R - 12 - 116

M/S Read a second time September 11, 2012.

CARRIED

R - 12 - 117

M/S Read a third time, finally passed and adopted the 11th day of September, 2012.

CARRIED

4.4. 2012 Educational Leadership Conference

Trustees Bellina, Whalen, Besanger, Brown and Ayling are registered to attend this conference as part of their ProD.

4.5. 2012/2013 Student Achievement Contract

Mrs. Casault distributed hard copies of the Achievement Contract which is also available on the District website and provided a powerpoint overview.

R - 12 - 118

M/S that the Board of Education approve the 2012-2013 Student Achievement Contract.

CARRIED

4.6. Learning Improvement Fund Funding Proposals

Mrs. Miller advised that once updates have been received from schools (by September 18th) the revised draft will be submitted to the Board for approval at the October meeting. The proposal must be submitted for Ministry consideration/approval the first week of November and can be implemented once it has been approved.

4.7. Follow-up on Board/City of Cranbrook Issues - TMRES Dog Issue and Rec Plex Rental Increase

Trustee Ayling noted Mr. Gook advised that he had discussed the Rec Plex issue with Mayor Stetski and that it would be referred to City council.

Mr. Norum will discuss the TMRES Dog Issue with Joe Tank, Manager of Facilities.

4.8. School Road Signage in Communities

Trustee Damstrom shared concerns about speed zone signs in school areas during summer vacation.

Trustee Lento is concerned about the lack of warning lights for the crosswalk on Highway 3 in Fernie.

This issue will be discussed at the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee meeting.

5. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

Trustees welcomed Superintendent Bendina Miller to the District.

Trustee Whalen – to fellow trustees for the strategic planning session

Trustee Johns – to teaching and non-teaching staff for the great school start-up

Trustee Ayling – to award winners

Trustee Bellina – to custodians at FJMES for the sparkling clean school

Trustee Brown – to Chairperson Lento for summer work, to administration for their reports, to the audience for attending

Trustee Damstrom - to staff for getting the school year underway, especially Human Resources and payroll

Trustee Besanger - to Mr. Lento for mentoring in the summer, to trustees for attending strategic planning session

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

6.1. *Aboriginal Education Enhancement Report*

Mr. McPhee shared a powerpoint presentation on cultural awareness and provided an overview of the Enhancement Agreement Annual Report Aboriginal Education.

Discussion following his presentation included:

- Joint opportunities with the Ktunaxa school, Joe Pierre to be liaison
- School activities during National Aboriginal Week
- Cultural learning online
- Board's role with respect to goals outlined in the presentation

R – 12 - 119

M/S to receive Mr. McPhee's Aboriginal Education Enhancement Report.

CARRIED

Mr. McPhee will provide the Board with updates as the recommendations are implemented.

6.2. *Letter from Minister Abbott re CommunityLINKS Funding*

7. QUESTION PERIOD

- International students – number enrolled, ESL teacher

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R – 12 - 120

M/S that the public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Frank Lento, Chairperson

Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer