



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, November 12, 2014 (6:00 PM)
District Education Office
Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice Chairperson – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Kathy Marshall
Trustee – Sarah Nelson
Trustee – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

Acting Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Acting Assistant Superintendent – David Vandergugten
Mgr. of Communication/Community Relations – Irena Pochop
Executive Assistant – Karen Yoxall

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Correspondence

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

- Frank Lento, Chair, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- Alan Chell, Chair, School District No. 19 (Revelstoke)
- Baljinder Narang, Chair, School District No. 41 (Burnaby)
- Denise Harper, Chair, School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)
- Bobbi Johnson, Chair, School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

Mr. Serra provided input on the use of averages in the Class Size and Composition Update. Mr. Serra commented that the Education Fund is currently not meeting staffing needs at either the elementary or secondary level.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 29, 2014 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Minutes of the October 29, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Casey Wright

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

Casey Wright presented his story and explained how he had coped with his struggle with cancer.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by Casey Wright, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Board Authorized Approved Course: Masonry – Level 1

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

The Acting Superintendent reported that as per the School Act, Boards of Education must approve Board authorized course, academies, trade and partnership programs proceeding their implementation.

The Acting Superintendent reported that the Education Committee had met, reviewed and approved the Masonry – Level 1 course outline and recommended implementation. To enable the course to be offered starting February 2015 all details will need to be agreed to by the Superintendent.

Clarification was requested on location, student interest, the involvement of the Katzie First Nation and the necessity of the course being cost neutral to the school district.

That the Board approve in principle the Board Authorized Approved Course: Masonry - Level 1 subject to the offering of such course being cost neutral to the Board.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees

a) Finance

i. Financial Statements Quarter Ended September 30, 2014

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2014. The Secretary Treasurer reported that the projections to June 30, 2015 included estimates for net strike savings clawed back by the Ministry of Education, Board approved budget carry forwards from 2013/14, estimated additional costs and expected Ministry of Education funding for the new MRTA collective agreement; estimated operating grant and cost increases related to the October 17, 2014 enrolment count; and other Board approved budget changes to date. These projections together with the Ministry of Education December funding announcement will form the basis for the Board's Amended Budget for 2014/15.

Clarification was requested on holdback funding, whether the Provincial Government will be fully funding the CUPE Collective Agreement and the use of prior year surplus funds.

THAT the Board: approve the Financial Statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

CARRIED

b) Budget

c) Board Policy Development

i. Policy 4203: Budget Planning and Reporting

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

The Secretary Treasurer presented Policy 4203: Budget Planning and Reporting and Procedure 4203.1 Budget Process.

Clarification was requested on the inclusion of partner group involvement in the budget process.

THAT the Board rescind Policy 4203: Operating Budget

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Board approve Policy 4203: Budget Planning and Reporting for implementation, and

THAT the attached Procedure: 4203.1 Budget Process be received for information.

CARRIED

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Class Size and Composition Update

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

The Acting Superintendent reported that each year after the 1701 enrolment information had been submitted to the Ministry, districts are requested to complete the Ministry of Education Class Organization Web Form which identifies classes in the district that are over 30 students and calculates

district class size averages. This information must be submitted to the Ministry of Education by November 14, 2014.

Discussion ensued on class size averages.

THAT the Board receive the Class Size and Composition Update for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - d) Education
 - e) Aboriginal Education
 - f) Inclusive Education
 - g) French Immersion Advisory
 - h) District Student Advisory
 - i) Round Table with Partners

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Joint Parks and Leisure Services

Trustee Rempel reported that budget issues were discussed.

Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported that approximately \$9,000 was distributed to students in bursaries.

Good News

Trustees reported on the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Trustee Nelson and Trustee Marshall thanked the Board.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting recessed at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 12, 2014 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Nelson

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Minutes of the November 12, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

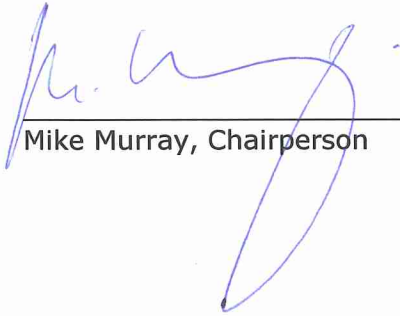
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer