



**The Board of Education of
School District No. 19 (Revelstoke)
Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
May 5th, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Chell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Chell, Hamilton, Morrone, Nicholson and Wilson;
Superintendent Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer Ross, District Principal of Operations &
Technology Woodhurst and District Principal of Support Services Morris;
Principal Hicks, RTA President MacFarlane, Principal Wilson, four parents, one teacher,
four Grade 7 students, two members of the media and Confidential Secretary Glen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10: R-31 Wilson/Hamilton

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10: R-32 Nicholson/Morrone

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April
13th, 2010 be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

SPECIAL REPORTS

Arrow Heights Elementary School

Principal Hicks introduced four Grade 7 students who presented Trustees with a report on the classroom activities that are part of the student leadership program. Trustee Chell thanked the students for their informative report and advised that the leadership skills that they have learned make them excellent role models for the younger students and will assist them in their transition to high school.

Principal Hicks then provided highlights of his report to Trustees. He reviewed the revised Code of Conduct – C.A.R.E.S. for Arrow Heights Elementary School. He reported on some of the new initiatives at the school such as the Spelling Bee, Athletics and the Gifted Programming and he advised of plans for the future like the new logo for the school and the student recognition card. He thanked the staff at Arrow Heights Elementary School, the parents and the many community partners for working together to provide a great learning experience. “It takes a community to raise a child.”



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Arrow Heights Elementary School cont.

Trustees thanked Principal Hicks for a comprehensive report and commended the community partner initiatives such as Read With Me and Elmer the Safety Elephant. Trustee Wilson commented on the outstanding artwork throughout the school.

Superintendent Cooper acknowledged the hard work of Arrow Heights Elementary School staff along with the parents and community partners for creating a great learning environment for children. She thanked Principal Hicks for a comprehensive annual report.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT COOPER

Administration Report: Superintendent Cooper

Received as information.

Superintendent Cooper took the opportunity to thank the media for their coverage of the New Schools Open House both before and after the event on April 15th, 2010.

Policy Manual – Section 3 Changes

Superintendent Cooper presented the housekeeping changes made to Policies 3.4 Graduation Ceremony and 3.6 Aboriginal Education Vision. She advised that the committee is continuing their work reviewing and updating the Policy Manual.

10: R-33 Nicholson/Morrone

“THAT the Board of Education approve changes to Policies 3.4 – Graduation Ceremony and, 3.6 – Aboriginal Education Vision and Goals in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review.”

CARRIED

Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw

The policy was amended to move the Board meetings to Wednesday evenings every third week.



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Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw cont.

10: R-34 Wilson/Morrone

"THAT the Board of Education give first reading to the attached revised Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw in accordance with section 9.4 of the current Policy 2.1."

CARRIED

Provision of Full Day Kindergarten

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the Kindergarten enrolment and budget implications with Trustees and the recommendations of the Early Childhood Development Committee.

10: R-35 Hamilton/Morrone

"THAT the Board proceed with half day Kindergarten for the 2010/2011 school year in anticipation for universal delivery of full day Kindergarten when fully funded by the Ministry of Education in 2011/2012."

Trustee Chell commented that the basic fundamental of public education is equality; it would be impossible to make a fair choice as to who would benefit from full day Kindergarten if it is not implemented universally.

CARRIED

DISTRCT PRINCIPAL, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY WOODHURST

Capital Projects Update

District Principal Woodhurst highlighted his report and described the process of the 25% project design review. This is an important milestone as allows for Graham Design Builders to order materials and mobilize their crews.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Meeting of April 19th, 2010

10: R-36 Nicholson/Morrone

"THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of April 19th, 2010 be received as presented."

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COMMITTEE REPORTS cont.

Finance and Facilities Meeting of April 26th, 2010

10: R-37 Wilson/Morrone

“THAT the Reports on Bills Paid for the months of January – February 2010 and March 2010 be approved in the amount of \$3,548,563.62.”

CARRIED

10: R-38 Wilson/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Meeting of April 26th, 2010 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting, April 23rd – 25th, 2010

Four Trustees attended the British Columbia School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting held in Victoria. The common concern amongst all districts seemed to be delivering balanced budgets. Some areas struggle more than others for various reasons. A motion was passed at the meeting to request a Royal Commission to review the funding formula. Trustee Morrone commended our district staff for careful planning. He commented that we seem to be in a better position than many other districts. Trustee Nicholson attended the Provincial Council meeting, held on the same weekend, and reported that there would be no increase in BCSTA fees and services would be maintained.

CORRESPONDENCE

Revelstoke Teachers' Association Letter dated April 27th, 2010 re: Education Funding

Received as information.

Trustee Chell thanked President MacFarlane for the letter and advised that the Board and the BCSTA shared their concerns regarding education funding. Work is underway to find a funding model that will benefit all districts.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Revelstoke Community Energy Corporation



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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Nicholson.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

DATED May 5th, 2010