



**School District 19**  
(Revelstoke)

## Revelstoke Board of Education

### Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Minutes

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Trustees: Chell, Wilson, Nicholson, Hamilton

Senior Administration: Superintendent Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer Ross

Principals: District Principal, Support Services Smillie

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Jennifer Wolney Acting RTA President; Tracy Spannier, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, one parent, and two members of the media

Regrets: Trustee Morrone and District Principal, Operations & Technology Woodhurst

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

11: R-77      Wilson/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.4 B) British Columbia School Trustees Association – Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting September 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011”

CARRIED

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

11: R-78      Nicholson/Hamilton

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

#### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

##### World Teacher's Day

Trustee Chell on behalf of the Board acknowledged the role our teachers play in our district. He thanked Acting RTA President Jennifer Wolney for the reception held for World Teacher's Day.

##### Community/District Literacy Plan

Literacy Outreach Coordinator, Tracy Spannier presented the Community/District Literacy Plan and advised that the committee will continue to work on the goals set. She drew Trustees attention to Appendix IV, the Literacy Assets list, which is extensive and indicative of the support literacy programs

receives throughout the community. New this year was a brainstorming session regarding indicators of literacy, of which there are many, such as senior support (101 learners for computer tutoring), book exchange, EDI results, book distribution, Okanagan College is 300% busier, and waitlists for programs such as Mother Goose are high. Some of the indicators within the school district are, the Early Development Instrument results, Foundation Skills Assessment results, and graduation rates. Some of the challenges are the foreign workers with English as a second language and the adult literacy program, which is not yet running as the program is awaiting funding. Tracy wanted to recognize and thank the businesses in our community for their support of literacy.

Trustee Wilson commented that the plan is outstanding in depth and commended Mrs. Spannier on her leadership and the outstanding role that the Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee plays in the community. Superintendent Cooper thanked Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, the Ministry and the support from the community to improve the literacy of families and students. She also thanked Tracy Spannier for her work on the Plan. Trustee Chell noted that Tracy Spannier has been the Literacy Outreach Coordinator for 10 years and is considered a mentor in this area and he thanked her for her work and leadership.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT COOPER**

##### Administration Report: Superintendent Cooper

Received as information.

Superintendent Cooper provided her Administration Report highlighting the work all staff has done to make our schools a welcome place and a positive learning environment for students.

##### EDI Community Summary for Revelstoke

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the Early Development Instrument (EDI) results. Revelstoke at a vulnerability rate of 10% is well below the provincial average of 31%. The goal always is to reduce the vulnerability rate. Mrs. Spannier drew trustees attention to the Table of Critical Change, which is new to the summary. She noted that a lot of work is being done through early literacy programs before children get to school, which work is reflected in the EDI results. Trustee Chell commented that Revelstoke is seeing consistent results and the results show the value of the early learning programs and are an example of a community that puts a focus and emphasis on early learning. Tracy Spannier acknowledged the high level of parent participation in the early learning programs being offered, such as Mother Goose, which currently has a wait list.

##### School Organization Report 2011/2012

Superintendent Cooper presented the School Organization Report for 2011/2012, which was prepared and submitted, to the Ministry in compliance with 76.3 of the *School Act*. Superintendent Cooper noted that our district has smaller class size averages than is required at intermediate and secondary.

11: R-79      Wilson/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education accept School District #19 (Revelstoke) School Organization Report 2011/2012 as presented.”

CARRIED

RSS Occupancy/Transition Schedule

Superintendent Cooper explained the four-½ day plan for the transition of students into the new high school in an effort to make the move as least disruptive to students as possible. Currently, the target day is October 17<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Cooper acknowledged the work of Graham Construction in assisting with the move.

Revelstoke Secondary School Out of Town Trip

11: R-80      Nicholson/Hamilton

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) approve a group of Revelstoke Secondary School band students to participate in a school trip to Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. in April, 2012 subject to Policy 7.4 as well as subject to all participants having medical and travel insurance.

CARRIED

**SECRETARY-TREASURER ROSS**

**DISTRICT PRINCIPAL, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY WOODHURST**

Capital Projects Update

Superintendent Cooper presented the Capital Projects Update on behalf of Earl Woodhurst, District Principal of Operations & Technology and highlighted the landscaping and paving that has been done at both the new Revelstoke Secondary School and the new Elementary School site. She also pointed out that all of the systems in the school will be new and the staff will receive orientation on the new systems. Superintendent Cooper also noted that as the provincial legislature has resumed, Minister of Education Abbott will not be in Revelstoke on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for an official opening, so a new date within the first two weeks of November has been tentatively set.

**OTHER**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Received and filed.

Superintendent Cooper noted that Kathryn Tompkins stepped down as chairperson and acknowledged Kathryn Tompkins for her work on the District Parent Advisory Council.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Received and filed.

Superintendent Cooper noted that the holding of Ready, Set, Learn could be impacted by the teacher job action.

### Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee Minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Trustee Wilson reviewed the Minutes, highlighting the Reach a Reader fundraiser as well as the Decoda Literacy Solutions a newly formed organization that is a merger of Literacy BC and Literacy Now (a branch of 2010 Legacies Now). Trustee Wilson noted that the delay of funding for the adult literacy program is a concern.

### British Columbia School Trustee Association Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting September 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Four trustees from our district attended the meeting, which was held in Salmon Arm. Trustee Wilson noted that an informal Aboriginal Education Committee meeting was held and that the theme for the BCSTA annual general meeting in the spring will be Aboriginal Education. Our district will look at what we can share at that meeting. Trustee Nicholson discussed the tour of the new elementary school in Enderby and noted that the design incorporates heritage factors, L.E.E.D.<sup>®</sup> Gold Standard and contains a Neighbourhood Learning Centre. He also presented a report from our district to the Branch Education Committee. Trustee Hamilton noted that he provided the Aboriginal Education Committee with the Annual Report of our district's Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee. Trustee Chell advised that long serving trustees and trustees not seeking re-election were honoured at the meeting, which was a very nice gesture.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Wilson.

## **CLOSED BOARD ITEMS**

- Teacher Bargaining
- CUPE Bargaining

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

DATED: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011