



**School District 19**  
(Revelstoke)

## **Revelstoke Board of Education**

### **Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 23rd, 2012 Minutes**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Chell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Trustees: Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad, and Dubasov

Senior Administration: Superintendent Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer Ross

Principals/Vice Principals: District Principal, Operations & Technology Woodhurst and District Principal, Support Services Smillie

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Jennifer Wolney, Acting RTA President

Regrets: Trustee Morrone

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

12: R-01 Dubasov/Nicholson

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented"

CARRIED

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

12: R-02 Nicholson/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the Inaugural Board meeting of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, be approved as amended with the correction that Secretary-Treasurer Ross called the meeting to order as Interim Chair."

CARRIED

12: R-03 Nicholson/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT COOPER**

#### Administration Report: Superintendent Cooper

Received as information.

Superintendent Cooper summarized her activity report highlighting the orientation for new trustees, the work on the performing arts centre management plan including another meeting with user groups on January 16<sup>th</sup>, her December attendance at the Deputy Minister's Meeting and her joint presentation with Trustee Chell at the December British Columbia School Trustees Association Trustee Academy.

#### Middle Years Development Instrument District Report

Received as information.

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the purpose of the Middle Years Development Instrument noting that it was a pilot and only conducted in three districts last year with Revelstoke being the only rural district. Superintendent Cooper said she was pleased to see that our students have high self-esteem, high academic self-concept and that all students feel connected to an adult at home. Areas that are of some concern are the numbers of students that feel sadness and worry and are not getting enough sleep. Superintendent Cooper advised that Revelstoke will be participating in the MDI again this year and that as more districts participate and Revelstoke has another year of data, Revelstoke will have a larger context to reflect upon. Superintendent Cooper thanked Jennifer Wolney, Acting RTA President for facilitating the 2012 Middle Years Development Instrument.

#### 2011/2012 Arrow Heights Elementary School and Revelstoke Secondary School Growth Plans

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the growth plans for Arrow Heights Elementary School and Revelstoke Secondary School noting that due to the current teacher job action, there has been very little change to the growth plans as the district is unable to obtain the input from staff.

12: R-04      Dubasov/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the School Growth Plans for Arrow Heights Elementary School and Revelstoke Secondary School for the 2011/2012 school year."

CARRIED

#### **DELEGATIONS**

The presentation by Jennifer Wolney, Acting RTA President was moved to after Superintendent Cooper's administration report to give any press planning to attend the meeting extra time to arrive.

Jennifer Wolney, Acting RTA President handed out a brochure titled "Better Schools for BC" prepared by the BC Teachers' Federation and provided a presentation on the seven building blocks for positive change. The seven areas of concern are class-size and composition, child poverty, specialist teachers in every school, authentic student assessment, respect for diversity and equal opportunities for all, increased investment in public education and full-scope collective bargaining rights. Ms. Wolney expanded on each of the seven areas providing examples from her own teaching experiences. Trustees thanked Jennifer Wolney, Acting RTA President for her presentation. Trustee Nicholson

noted that the high child poverty rate in BC is a disgrace and that the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) provides valuable information to make improvements in the Province. Trustee Chell complimented the BC Teachers' Federation on the "Better Schools for BC" document and clarified that the government and boards do not rank schools, nor do they support the ranking of schools, but that it is the Fraser Institute that takes the FSA results and then ranks the schools.

#### **DISTRICT PRINCIPAL, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY WOODHURST**

##### Capital Projects Update

Received as information.

#### **OTHER**

##### 2011/2012 Committee and Representative Appointments

Chairperson Chell reviewed the 2011/2012 Committee and Representative Appointments and confirmed there were no changes.

##### 12: R-05 Nicholson/Rorstad

"THAT the Board approve the 2011/2012 Committee and Representative Appointments for the balance of the 2011/2012 school year as presented."

CARRIED

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

##### 12: R-06 Rorstad/Dubasov

"THAT the Report on Bills Paid for October to November, 2011 in the amount of \$3,815,177.89 be approved as presented."

CARRIED

##### 12: R-07 Rorstad/Nicholson

"THAT the Performing Arts Centre Management Plan be approved in principle and a final version be presented at the next regular board meeting for approval"

CARRIED

##### 12: R-08 Rorstad/Nicholson

"THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be received as presented."

CARRIED

12: R-09      Dubasov/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 be received as amended with the date for the Carousel of Nations being February 4<sup>th</sup>.”

CARRIED

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### British Columbia School Trustees' Association Meeting of December 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Trustee Nicholson commented on the keynote speaker Martha Piper's presentation on *Creating Global Citizens, Educating children for the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Trustee Dubasov added that he enjoyed Ms. Piper's presentation and Trustee Rorstad noted that Revelstoke is held in high regard by other districts as to how well everyone works together. Trustee Chell reminded trustees of the “New Trustee Academy” on February 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 put on jointly by the British Columbia School Trustees' Association and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association.

### British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Conference and Annual General Meeting of January 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Trustees Chell and Dubasov attended the annual general meeting. Trustee Chell summarized the meeting noting that Ron Christensen, a founding member of the British Columbia Public School Employers Association was honoured, a labour relations symposium was held, elections for the Board were completed and the budget was passed. Trustee Dubasov added that Trustee Chell was elected as Vice-Chair of the British Columbia Public School Employers Association.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Minister of Education Abbott dated December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 regarding the changes to the funding formula for 2012/2013.

British Columbia Public School Employers Association news release regarding CUPE Bargaining.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Nicholson.

## **CLOSED BOARD ITEMS**

- Teacher Bargaining Update
- CUPE Bargaining Update
- Student Suspensions – December, 2011

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

DATED: January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012