



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting June 18th, 2012 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Chell, Nicholson, Morrone, 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: Bill MacFarlane, RTA President; and one member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12: R-61 Dubasov/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.4 Response to Revelstoke Community Poverty Reduction Strategy.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12: R-62 Morrone/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 23rd, 2012, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement – Annual Report

District Principal, Support Services Smillie presented the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Annual Report for 2011-2012. She reviewed the many activities noting that a field trip to Vancouver for Revelstoke Secondary School students attending the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Education Series was a highlight for the students. District Principal Smillie also reviewed the mission statement and the four goals which were: to increase aboriginal students' knowledge and pride of their heritage and language; increase every students' awareness of the culture and heritage of Aboriginal peoples; increase the academic success of Aboriginal students with increased literacy, numeracy and technological competencies; and increase aboriginal students' successful completion of their secondary

education. She reported on the strategies used to support each of the goals and the performance indicators/evidence of the goals. District Principal Smillie expressed her thanks to the Committee members including Chairperson Margaret Verhaeghe, Trustees Morrone and Dubasov, Lynne Barisoff, Supervisor of Aboriginal Student Services and Lisa Moore, Aboriginal Student Assistant.

Trustees Morrone and Dubasov noted the hard work of the committee over the years and complimented District Principal Smillie on an excellent job. Superintendent Cooper expressed her thanks to District Principal Smillie for a fine job. Trustee Chell commented that it is clear from our district and others throughout the province that if you set targets and develop a work plan, you will see results.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT COOPER

Administration Report: Superintendent Cooper

Received as information.

Superintendent Cooper presented her report highlighting the article she wrote titled "Revelstoke's Neighbourhood Learning Centre – So Much More Than a Building". The article was published in the Spring 2012 issue of "The Early Childhood Educator" publication. Superintendent Cooper noted that the joint Mount Begbie and Mountain View Elementary Schools have now elected the Parent Advisory Council for Begbie View Elementary School. She also noted the presentation made by herself, Linda Chell, Early Childhood Development Committee Chairperson and Tracy Spanner, Early Childhood Development Committee Coordinator to the Family Action Network in Trail, BC. Superintendent Cooper was happy to report that the annual Educational Assistant/Personal Care Attendant meeting was convened followed by a bidding session and that all regular employees have positions for the 2012/2013 school year.

Trustee Morrone requested clarification of the pilot project with the Special Education Branch. Superintendent Cooper explained that the goal of the pilot project is to use fewer resources on obtaining a diagnosis/category for special needs students and instead use those resources to provide support.

Trustee Dubasov congratulated Superintendent Cooper and Confidential Secretary Magarian on the official opening of the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre.

12: R-63 Morrone/Rorstad

"THAT a letter be sent to Minister of Education Abbott and staff thanking them for their attendance at the official opening of the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre."

CARRIED

2012/2013 District Calendar

Superintendent Cooper presented the final District Calendar for ratification which includes the correct date for the newly declared Family Day Statutory Holiday (February 11th, 2013) and the early dismissal dates for the elementary schools.

12: R-64 Morrone/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education ratify the 2012/2013 (Final) District Calendar as presented.”

CARRIED

RSS Trip March, 2012 – Germany and Italy

12: R-65 Nicholson/Morrone

“THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) approve a Revelstoke Secondary School senior student trip to Germany and Italy in March, 2013 subject to Policy 7.4 as well as subject to all participants having passports, medical and travel insurance.

CARRIED

Board Authority Authorized Course at Revelstoke Secondary School – Recreation Trail Management 11

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the course outline noting that the course is a great example of a teacher with a passion and expertise in an area sharing that passion and expertise with students.

12: R-66 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Board approve Recreation Trail Management 11 as a Board Authority Authorized course.”

CARRIED

Policy 3.9 School Completion (Evergreen) Certificates

The policy was circulated for input/feedback in accordance with Policy 2.4 and there were no requested changes.

12: R-67 Nicholson/Dubasov

“THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 3.9 School Completion (Evergreen) Certificates.”

CARRIED

Policies 7.6, 7.8, 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 Revisions

Superintendent Cooper presented the minor (mainly housekeeping) changes made to the policies.

12: R-68 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Board of Education approve the changes to Policies: 7.6 Non-Resident Students, 7.8 Student Admission and School Choice, 8.1 The Community and Our School District, 8.2 Corporate Sponsorship, and 8.3 Inquiries/Concerns.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY-TREASURER ROSS

Secretary-Treasurer Ross reviewed the Budget noting that it was a challenging budget to prepare due to the uncertainty with respect to the completion of the two capital projects, which contain the Neighbourhood Learning Centres. The maintenance and custodial needs of the new facilities are

not yet finalized. Staffing levels have been reduced due to enrolment and the school consolidation.

Trustee Chell commented that he appreciated the difficulty with preparing the budget and noted that it will take time to finalize costs for the new facilities. He also commended district staff for putting funds into classrooms in order to maintain the small class sizes in our district. He also thanked the district staff for their work given the huge workload they currently have.

12: R-69 Rorstad/Morrone

“THAT the Board of Education give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached the 2012/2013 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$11,051,813.”

CARRIED

Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)

Secretary-Treasurer Ross reviewed the Carbon Neutral Capital Program. Trustee Chell noted that the British Columbia School Trustees Association urged the Ministry to provide this funding to school districts.

12: R-70 Nicholson/Morrone

“THAT the Board of Education send a letter of thanks to the British Columbia School Trustees Association for their efforts to have the Carbon Neutral Capital Program funding provided to school district.”

CARRIED

DISTRICT PRINCIPAL, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY WOODHURST

Capital Projects Update

Received as information.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mountain View Elementary School and Mount Begbie Elementary School Joint PAC Meeting of May 22nd, 2012

Trustee Chell commented that he is very impressed with how well the parents are working together to make the consolidation the best that it can be. Superintendent Cooper added that further discussion would take place with respect to routes to and from the school.

12: R- 71 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Meeting Summary of the Mountain View and Mount Begbie Elementary Schools Joint Parent Advisory Council meeting of May 22nd, 2012 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Meeting of May 28th, 2012

Trustee Nicholson noted that the whole policy book has now been reviewed and that the May 28th, 2012 meeting was Superintendent Cooper's last Policy Review Committee meeting. He added that the policies are now more user friendly, clear and concise and on behalf of the Board thanked Superintendent Cooper for her work on the Committee.

12: R-72 Nicholson/Morrone

"THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of May 28th, 2012 be received as presented."

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of May 31st, 2012

12: R- 73 Dubasov/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of May 31st, 2012 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of June 7th, 2012

Trustee Rorstad thanked Secretary-Treasurer Ross for her work on the Budget and also thanked Superintendent Cooper and District Principal of Operations & Technology Woodhurst for their work on the capital projects.

12: R-74 Rorstad/Morrone

"THAT the Report on Bills Paid for April, 2012 to May, 2012 in the amount of \$2,775,562.51 be approved."

CARRIED

12: R-75 Rorstad/Dubasov

"THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of June 7th, 2012 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee Meeting Summary #4 of Monday, June 11th, 2012

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the meeting summary noting that it was an excellent working session involving sorting items into policy, rules and guidelines. The Fee Guidelines have been finalized and a potential vision statement has been crafted. Trustee Chell noted that Committee members on are the same page in terms of policy and that the theatre is now available for use.

12: R-76 Rorstad/Dubasov

"THAT the meeting summary of the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee meeting of June 11th, 2012 be received as presented."

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of May 28th, 2012

12: R-77 Morrone/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Early Childhood Development Committee meeting of May 28th, 2012 be received and filed.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Community Poverty Reduction Strategy – Draft May 2012

Trustee Nicholson noted that it was an excellent report on the effects and cost of poverty. Superintendent Cooper confirmed that with respect to the disposition of the district's surplus assets, there would be a thorough public process including public consultation.

12: R-78 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Board of Education send a letter of congratulations/support to Jill Zacharias and Mike Brown, the authors of the Revelstoke Community Poverty Reduction Strategy”.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of a letter from the Revelstoke Community Foundation providing an annual update of the scholarships managed by the Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Chell noted that this board meeting was RTA President MacFarlane's last as RTA President. On behalf of the Board, he thanked RTA President MacFarlane for his contributions in the classroom and to the Revelstoke Teachers' Association and wished him well in his retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Dubasov.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Teacher Bargaining Update
- Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (Draft)
- Student Suspensions – May, 2012

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

DATED: June 18th, 2012