



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting December 5th, 2012 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Chell, Nicholson, Morrone, and Rorstad

Senior Administration: Superintendent Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer Ross, Director of Operations & Technology Woodhurst and Superintendent Designate Hooker

Principals/Vice Principals:

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Jennifer Wolney, RTA President, one member of the media and one parent

Regrets: Trustee Dubasov

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12: R-111 Rorstad/Morrone

“THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.1.2 A Carbon Neutral Capital Program.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12: R-112 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of “November 9th, 2013”, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT COOPER

Administration Report: Superintendent Cooper

Received as information.

Superintendent Cooper provided her Administration report highlighting the new “Grow with Me” program (the first public health program to take place at the Early Learning, Literacy & Health Centre in Begbie View Elementary School), the Revelstoke Secondary School Remembrance Day ceremony conducted by students, the orientation session for Grade 4 teachers on the Middle Years Development Instrument and the French Immersion Survey advertisement with online newspapers and through distribution to the parents of Kindergarten students in students’ report cards.

As this was Superintendent Cooper’s last board meeting as Superintendent, she said it was a supreme privilege to have served as Superintendent of School District #19 (Revelstoke). She provided a sincere thanks to trustees, administration, teachers, CUPE Staff, students and parents for their support on an ongoing basis commenting that she has been “one lucky gal”.

Superintendent’s Annual Report on Student Achievement

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the Superintendent’s Annual Report on Student Achievement noting that Revelstoke is maintaining high levels of literacy and Dogwood completion rates. It was noted that based on the early learning data, Revelstoke continues to be the least vulnerable district in the province. Trustees thanked district staff for their work in achieving the goals.

12: R 113 Morrone/Nicholson

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the 2012 Superintendent’s Annual Report on Student Achievement for submission to the Minister of Education.”

CARRIED

2012/2013 Report on the Organization of Classes

Superintendent Cooper provided her 2012/2013 Report on the Organization of Classes noting that despite declining enrolment and other pressures our district is keeping class sizes well below the provincial average.

School Calendar Regulation

Superintendent Cooper advised trustees that the Ministry of Education has amended the school calendar regulation so it no longer includes a standard school calendar issued by the province. The new regulation provides for a stipulated number of school hours which gives districts an opportunity to be more flexible. Superintendent Cooper noted that extensive discussion will need to take place with the Revelstoke Teachers’ Association, CUPE and parents to determine the new calendar. The new calendar must be approved by the board by March 31st, 2013.

Arrow Heights Elementary School 2012/2013 School Growth Plans

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the Literacy and Numeracy growth plans for Arrow Heights Elementary School.

12: R- 114 Morrone/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the School Growth Plans for Arrow Heights Elementary School for the 2012/2013 school year.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Secondary School 2012/2013 School Growth Plans

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the School Completion and Academic Achievement and Literacy Goals for Revelstoke Secondary School noting that the literacy goal will receive refinement over the next year.

12: R-115 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the School Growth Plans for Revelstoke Secondary School for the 2012/2013 school year.”

CARRIED

Disposition of Surplus Schools

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the process to request approval from the Ministry of Education to begin the process for the disposition of surplus schools. Trustee Chell gave a brief history of the 12-13 year process for the building of the two new schools and the commitment of the school district to contribute \$2.4 million towards the capital projects from the disposition of the surplus schools. It was noted that the Farwell school site is an asset to the community and the school district will retain that property in the event of enrollment growth. As Big Eddy School has been closed the longest, it will be the first one to receive consideration for disposition.

12: R-116 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the Board:

- (a) request approval of the Minister of Education to proceed with dispositions of the former Big Eddy, Mountain View and Mount Begbie Elementary Schools, and
- (b) direct staff, subject to receiving approval of the Minister of Education, to develop disposition strategies, firstly for Big Eddy and secondly for Mountain View, that balance the interests of the community and the fiscal requirements of the Project Agreement. “

CARRIED

SECRETARY-TREASURER ROSS

Carbon Neutral Capital Program

Secretary-Treasurer Ross reviewed the process to obtain funding to replace a poor efficiency fleet vehicle with one listed as one of the most fuel-efficient vehicles in 2012.

12: R-117 Morrone/Rorstad

“THAT the Board give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached Capital Project Bylaw No. 126441 in the amount of \$21,131.”

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY WOODHURST

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Meeting of November 6th, 2012

12: R-118 Nicholson/Morrone

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of November 6th, 2012 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of November 7th, 2012

12: R-119 Morrone/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of November 7th, 2012 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Meeting of November 26th, 2012

Trustee Nicholson reviewed the minutes highlighting the wide range of discussions regarding considerations for a potential revision of Policy 4.15 Property Control Bylaw to permit alcohol use in the school. Trustee Chell thanked the Committee for identifying the advantages and challenges and indicated that the information would be passed on to the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee at their next meeting.

12: R-120 Nicholson/Morrone

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of November 26th, 2012 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Okanagan College Advisory Committee Meeting of October 30th, 2012

Trustee Nicholson presented the minutes highlighting the Trades Report which expressed the need for experienced loggers and fallers in the forest industry and that there is a new process for committee members, they now have to be approved.

12: R-121 Nicholson/Morrone

“THAT the minutes of the Okanagan College Advisory Committee Meeting of October 30th, 2012 be received and filed.”

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of November 19th, 2012

Superintendent Cooper reviewed the minutes from the meeting noting that it was a productive meeting and there was extensive discussion on the Ages and Stages Questionnaire.

12: R-122 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Early Childhood Development Committee meeting of November 19th, 2012 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Educational Leadership Conference of November 14th – 16th, 2012

Trustees Morrone, Nicholson, and Rorstad attended the conference. Trustee Morrone noted that it was a large conference with approximately 1,200 participants and that it was interesting getting everyone's perspective on the issues and that the school district here in Revelstoke can be very proud of what we have. Trustee Rorstad felt that the guest speakers were excellent, especially Ben Levin. Trustee Nicholson added that he enjoyed learning about Thomas Haney Secondary School which offers students highly flexible, personalized, self-directed learning.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Ministry of Education dated November 6th, 2012 regarding Enrolment data.

ADJOURNMENT

In adjourning the meeting, Trustee Chell expressed thanks on behalf of the School Board, School District and Community to Superintendent Cooper for the outstanding job she has done. He added that when Superintendent Cooper reflects on her career, especially her time in Revelstoke, she can do so with a great sense of pride and accomplishment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Morrone.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Administrative Staffing

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

DATED: December 5th, 2012