



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting September 11th, 2013 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	Chell, Nicholson, Morrone, Rorstad, and Dubasov
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker, and Secretary-Treasurer Ross, and
Principals:	Nian Zhu, District Principal, Student Support Services
and:	Confidential Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Jennifer Wolney, RTA President; and two members of the media
Regrets:	Director of Operations & Technology Woodhurst

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13: R-65 Dubasov/Nicholson

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented"

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

13: R-66 Rorstad/Dubasov

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 26th, 2013 be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Hooker introduced District Principal Zhu to trustees. Trustee Chell welcomed District Principal Zhu to the school district after which, District Principal Zhu left to attend another meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Report welcoming new staff to the district and thanked Director of Operations and Technology Woodhurst for his work on the district facilities over the summer. He brought Trustees attention to the Welcome Back district-wide event that was held on September 3rd, 2013 with Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl as the guest speaker. Dr. Schonert-Reichl spoke on the importance of social-emotional learning which is one of the areas that our district will be focusing on for the 2013-2014 school year. Superintendent Hooker advised that the school year is off to a smooth start.

Middle Years Development Instrument District Report

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) district report advising that his report to trustees was in two parts; his memorandum, which outlined the highlights of the report and the complete report. He noted that the MDI survey of Grade 4 students is based on developmental assets/strength-based approach and that questions were selected by children, parents and educators and tested extensively. Superintendent Hooker confirmed that the Grade 4 students in our district will be participating in the MDI in February and March of 2014 and that our district will be piloting the addition of Grade 7 students in the MDI.

Organizational Chart

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the minor changes to the organizational chart reflecting changes to job titles.

13: R-67 Morrone/Dubasov

“THAT the Board of Education approve the attached Policy 2.10
Organization Chart to be effective July 1st, 2013.

CARRIED

Use of Alcohol in Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the previous discussions regarding the use of alcohol in the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre and then reviewed the draft Alcohol Use Proposal provided by Miriam Manley, Theatre Manager. Trustee Chell suggested that each trustee has two choices; the first is to philosophically oppose the use of alcohol in the Performing Arts Centre and the second is to advise that they are not philosophically opposed to the use of alcohol in the Performing Arts Centre under certain conditions satisfactory to the Superintendent and the District. Trustee Morrone advised that he respected the time and research put into the proposal noting that the proposal attempts to minimize student exposure to alcohol. However, he feels that the use of alcohol does not provide an enhancement to our district's educational value and that the district should continue to prevent alcohol use on school property. Trustee Dubasov asked if other districts in a similar situation to ours allow alcohol on school property.

Superintendent Hooker advised that in our most recent research it is clear that there are both districts that allow alcohol use under certain conditions, and those who do not. Trustee Dubasov felt that any decision should be based on what is good for the community and that he is in favour of allowing alcohol use on school property under certain conditions. Trustee Rorstad advised that he could see both sides of the issue and that he was reserving judgment. Trustee Nicholson advised that he is not philosophically opposed to the use of alcohol at theatre events noting that some events in the community openly serve alcohol in the presence of children. Trustee Chell advised that he is in favour of alcohol use at theatre events under controlled circumstances. He noted that the district received government funding to build the “community” theatre and that there are some benefits to the theatre if alcohol use is allowed.

13: R-68 Nicholson/Dubasov

“THAT the Board of Education philosophically approve the use of alcohol in the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre subject to conditions satisfactory to the Superintendent and the District being met.

CARRIED

Big Eddy Redevelopment

Superintendent Hooker provided the update on the Big Eddy Redevelopment noting that the district is waiting for rezoning approval from the City of Revelstoke and that the subdivision application has been submitted to the City of Revelstoke for approval.

SECRETARY-TREASURER ROSS

OTHER

2013/2014 Committee and Representative Appointments

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the committee appointments, which have not changed except for the addition of Trustee Nicholson to the newly formed Ad Hoc French Language Advisory Committee. Trustees are to look over the appointments and advise Superintendent Hooker of any changes they wish to make.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of August 22nd, 2013

13: R-69 Rorstad/Dubasov

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of August 22nd, 2013 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre Committee Minutes of August 27th, 2013

Received and filed.

Trustee Chell noted that many events were held in the Performing Arts Centre and that there are many exciting events upcoming. He added that Miriam Manley, Theatre Manager, is doing an outstanding job. Superintendent Hooker noted that sealed water bottles purchased at the theatre during an event will now be allowed within the theatre.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of June 17th, 2013

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker noted that the next meeting of the Early Childhood Development Committee will take place on Monday, September 16th, 2013.

Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee Minutes of June 20th, 2013

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker noted that the Community/District Literacy Plan will be presented to Trustees by Tracy Spannier, Literacy Outreach Coordinator at the October 2nd, 2013 board meeting

British Columbia School Trustee Association Board Chairs Meeting of September 5th, 2013

Trustee Chell advised Trustees that the September 5th, 2013 meeting was held as a result of the provincial government's decision to remove the board of the British Columbia Public School Employers Association from bargaining negotiations with the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF). That action allowed the government to negotiate directly with the BCTF.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Morrone.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Provincial Bargaining Update
- Revelstoke Teachers' Association Letter dated June 11th, 2013
- Savings Plans Development
- Student Suspensions – June 2013

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

DATED: September 11th, 2013