



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting July 9th, 2014 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Chell called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Chell, Nicholson, Morrone, Rorstad, and Dubasov

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker, and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale

Principals/Vice-Principals: Ariel McDowell, Columbia Park Elementary School Principal, Todd Hicks, Arrow Heights Elementary School Principal Greg Kenyon, Revelstoke Secondary School Principal, Andy Pfeiffer, Revelstoke Secondary School Vice-Principal, and Michael Haworth, District Vice-Principal Technology

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Jennifer Wolney, RTA President; 17 members of the Revelstoke Teachers' Association, 2 members of the media and 3 members of the public

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14: R-49 Morrone/Rorstad

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented"

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14: R-50 Dubasov/Nicholson

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 21st, 2014, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATION – REVELSTOKE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Sarah Newton, teacher at Begbie View Elementary School, highlighted points in her letter sent to trustees (June 2nd, 2014) and to the media (June 4th, 2014). She expressed her concern regarding the actions of the provincial government (details are in her June 2nd, 2014 letter) and her disappointment that there had not been a response from the Board. Further she requested that the Board make public their feelings with respect to the government action, specifically the impact those actions were having on teachers. Trustee Chell offered his apologies on behalf of the Board for not acknowledging receipt of the letter. Trustee Chell provided an overview of the role of the Board and its relationship with the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA). He outlined the current British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) and BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) proposals on the provincial bargaining table, and described the advisory roles that he and Anne Cooper hold on

behalf of the BCSTA and British Columbia School Superintendents' Association (BCSSA) respectively, at the provincial bargaining table. Two parents and eight teachers, including RTA President, Jennifer Wolney, addressed Trustees expressing their frustration with the current situation, the negative impact it is having on students, staff and the community, and asked that the Trustees' collective voice be heard in support of public education.

14: R-51 Rorstad/Morrone

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education write a letter to Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education, Jim Iker, President of the BC Teachers' Federation and Michael Marchbank of the BC Public School Employers' Association stating that the Revelstoke Board of Education is seriously concerned about the state of bargaining and the impact the strike has already had on our students, our staff and our community.

We should mention in our letter that the Revelstoke Board of Education supports the BC School Trustees Association's letter of June 23rd, 2014 which called for the parties to re-convene ongoing bargaining, mutually agree not to bargain through the media, and resolve the dispute prior to commencement of the 2014/15 school year."

CARRIED

14: R-52 Morrone/Dubasov

"THAT the word "lockout" be added to the above motion after the word "strike" so the motion will now read:

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CARRIED

Meeting adjourned for a recess at 6:30 pm and reconvened at 6:43 pm

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker reviewed his Administration Report highlighting the visit of Colleen Hannah and Ted Cadwallader from the Ministry of Education, Aboriginal Enhancement

Agreement Department adding that Ariel McDowell, Principal of Columbia Park Elementary School will provide leadership during the development of our second enhancement agreement in the 2014/15 year. He also noted his nomination of Grade 10 student MacKenzie Mallett to be a member of a small student panel which will meet with the Dalai Lama at a conference in Vancouver on October 21st, 2014.

2014/2015 District Achievement Plan

Superintendent Hooker presented the Achievement Plan for 2014/2015 which, following board approval, will be submitted to the Ministry. He noted that the format has changed however, the district's three goal areas remain; "To Support Student's Health and Well-Being", "To Increase Students' Reading Achievement", and "To Increase the Number of Students Graduating and Completing School". Superintendent Hooker was pleased to note that the Middle Years Development Instrument and Satisfaction Survey results are indicative of the high levels of positive relationships between staff and students. He also noted that our school completion rates remain high and that our targets in literacy were met and exceeded in the past year.

14: R-53 Nicholson/Dubasov

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the 2014/2015 District Achievement Contract in accordance with the School Act."

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Annual Report 2013-2014

Superintendent Hooker presented the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Annual Report for 2013/2014 noting that the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee contributed to the review of our goals as outlined in the Enhancement Agreement. Further, Ariel McDowell, Principal of Columbia Park Elementary School facilitated discussions with students in Grades 7, 11 and 12 as they provided feedback on the existing Aboriginal Education programs and services. Superintendent Hooker noted the high level of pride students have for their own heritage as one Grade 12 student noted in the report; "I remember when it wasn't cool to have aboriginal ancestry, but now I feel like it is".

Disposition of Surplus Schools Update

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Disposition of Surplus Schools Update noting that the Request for Qualifications for the hazardous material abatement and selective demolition of Mountain View Elementary School closes on July 10th and that the tender for the contract will be issued later in July.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of May 26th, 2014

14: R-54 Nichoson/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of May 26th, 2014 be received as presented."

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of June 4th, 2014

14: R-55 Dubasov/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of June 4th, 2014 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee Meeting of November 18th, 2013

Received as information noted that the Minutes are from November 18th, 2013 as the Committee meets twice a year.

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of May 12th, 2014

Trustee Chell reviewed the minutes noting that on July 3rd, 2014 a letter was sent by the Provincial Office for the Early Years advising that Revelstoke is one of 12 communities selected as an Early Years Centre Test Site. He noted that Tracy Spanner, Early Childhood Development Committee Coordinator did “incredible” work on the proposal submitted.

14: R-56 Morrone/Dubasov

“THAT a letter be sent to the Early Childhood Development Committee congratulating the Committee on the selection of Revelstoke as an Early Years Centre Test Site.”

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

A) Letter from June Sedola-Wiley dated May 28th, 2014

B) Letter from Sarah Newton dated June 2nd, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Rorstad.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Teacher Bargaining Update
- Financial Assistance
- Capital Project Contract Close Out – Total Completion
- Student Suspensions – May and June 2014

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: July 9th, 2014