



**School District 19**  
(Revelstoke)

## **Revelstoke Board of Education**

### **Regular Board Meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Minutes**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Trustees: Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad, and Dubasov

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale

Principals/Vice-Principals: Michael Haworth, District Vice-Principal Technology, Greg Kenyon, Principal RSS, Todd Hicks, Principal AHE and Ariel McDowell, Principal CPE

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Jennifer Wolney, RTA President; Jeff Johnson, CA and Angela Spencer both of BDO Canada LLP, 6 RTA members, 1 member of the public and 2 members of the media

Regrets: Trustee Morrone

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

14: R-61 Dubasov/Rorstad

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented”

CARRIED

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

14: R-62 Nicholson/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

#### **DELEGATIONS**

Jennifer Wolney, RTA President, presented the attached summary. Trustees thanked Jennifer Wolney for her presentation and expressed their appreciation for teachers and the work that they do in and outside of the classroom. Trustee Chell noted that the both parties worked hard to achieve a negotiated agreement, which will provide for 5 years of labour stability and that the Board will continue to do the best that it can to address the issues raised by teachers. Superintendent Hooker thanked Ms. Wolney for her articulate presentation noting that the Revelstoke Board of Education continues to advocate for increased funding and takes pride in maintaining supports for students and sustains smaller class sizes within a limited budget. He added that the Board has tremendous pride in district staff.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

### **2013-2014 Arrow Heights Elementary School Annual Report**

Todd Hicks, Principal of Arrow Heights Elementary School presented the 2013-2014 Arrow Heights Elementary School Annual Report to the Board highlighting the ongoing work in the three goal areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Student Well-being. He expressed his gratitude to his staff for their professionalism during the job action and thanked the City of Revelstoke for the work they have done over the summer to improve transportation along Nichol Road for the safety of students. He also expressed his thanks to the Arrow Heights Elementary School Parent Advisory Council and especially Ian Tomm, parent, and Indigo Landscaping for their work to install the new playground area at the school. He also thanked Columbia Basin Trust for their financial support of the playground project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER**

##### Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Report noting the retirement celebration held at the Hillcrest Hotel honouring the seven 2013-2014 retirees. He thanked Andy Pfeiffer, Vice-Principal of Revelstoke Secondary School for his work in maintaining the international student program advising that 20 international students will be attending Revelstoke Secondary School during the 2014/15 school year. He noted the Mobile Technology Plan being implemented by Michael Haworth, District Vice-Principal Technology. He expressed this thanks to administrators and staff for being welcoming on picket lines and especially Jennifer Wolney, RTA President, for the ongoing communication throughout the job action.

##### British Columbia School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) – Request for input regarding School Psychologists becoming members of the College of Psychologists of BC

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the request for input from the BCSTA.

##### 14: R-63      Nicholson/Dubasov

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education advise the British Columbia School Trustees Association that it is in favour of School Psychologists becoming members of the College of Psychologists of BC.”

CARRIED

##### Disposition of Surplus Schools Update

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the update noting that the letter to the City of Revelstoke requesting Heritage Designation was delivered to the City and that Clearview Grinding will begin the selective demolition, once all of the preliminary work of shutting down and disconnecting services is complete. He also added that the Principals have gone through the items left in the school and that any items that could be of use to staff have been moved into the 1914 brick building for safekeeping.

## **SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE**

### **Banking Services**

Trustee Chell excused himself as he was in a conflict position. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale explained that the district's contract with the Revelstoke Credit Union expired at the end of June and that the district requires some time to request proposals from financial institutions before signing another 5-year contract.

14: R-64      Dubasov/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the Revelstoke Credit Union as the provider of banking services to School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015."

CARRIED

### **Overview of 2013/14 Audited Financial Statements**

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the overview of the 2013/14 audited financial statements.

### **2013/14 Audited Financial Statements**

Jeff Johnson, CA of BDO Canada LLP, presented the 2013/14 audited financial statements noting it was a clean audit and he thanked district staff for their assistance in the smooth audit process. Superintendent Hooker clarified that the surplus will be used as a contingency to support services for students.

14: R-65      Rorstad/Dubasov

"THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) approve the 2013/14 Audited Financial Statements as presented."

CARRIED

### **Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw**

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale reviewed the changes to the Procedure Bylaw, which will make provision for a Public Question Period to be added to the regular board meeting agenda.

14: R-66      Nicholson/Dubasov

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give first reading to Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw."

CARRIED

## **OTHER**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

### **Report on Bills Paid for March and April 2014**

14: R-67      Rorstad/Nicholson

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for March and April 2014 in the amount of \$2,190,769.02 be approved."

CARRIED

Report on Bills Paid for May and June 2014

14: R-68 Rorstad/Dubasov

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for May and June 2014 in the amount of \$3,208,001.10 be approved."

CARRIED

14: R-69 Rorstad/Nicholson

"THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Report on Bills Paid for July and August 2014

14: R-70 Rorstad/Dubasov

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for July and August 2014 in the amount of \$635,327.64 be approved."

CARRIED

14: R-71 Rorstad/Nicholson

"THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be received as presented."

CARRIED

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from the Ministry of Education, Aboriginal Education Learning Division dated August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Following correspondence, Trustee Chell invited members of the audience to ask questions related to items on the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Dubasov.

**CLOSED BOARD ITEMS**

- Teacher Bargaining Update

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

DATED: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014



## **SD 19 Meeting – Highlights from the Presentation Given at the Board of Education Meeting – September 17, 2014**

**Presented by RTA President, Jennifer Wolney**

- Good Afternoon
- Lately things are happening so quickly that it is difficult to do more than just react. Fortunately, I had some time today to reflect on Revelstoke Teachers in the present, the past and the future.
- Presently, tomorrow's vote on the tentative agreement reached by BCTF and BCPSEA is foremost on teachers' minds.
- As Revelstoke Teachers cast their ballots, some will be thinking about the past. They will be remembering the events that occurred at the July 9, 2014 SD #19 School Board Meeting.
- Approximately 25% of the membership attended the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. . However, many teachers were unable to be there due to the summer date. It is my opinion their sentiments are the same as those presented.
- We represented all schools in the district and all grades. We included professionals in the beginning, middle and end of our careers.
- You could see the anguish on our faces and you heard our stories.
- We told of situations that have occurred 10 years ago, 5 years ago, 1 year ago, right here in School District #19. I hope all the trustees questioned how and why these situations evolved in our district.
- We related stories of overcrowded classrooms, split grades, too many coded students, too few Specialist Teachers and too few Educational Assistants.

- You heard stories that we consistently take our “free” time before and after class, at lunch, during recess and break time in an attempt to try and meet the needs of all students.
- We told stories that many of us are burnt out and unable to again do what has become the expectation – that Revelstoke Teachers sponsor school clubs, coach teams, help with school based activities and school based special events.
- You received numerous verbal and visual messages that we are being undervalued and disrespected by this Board.
- What about the future? If the agreement is ratified, the immediate will have teachers working on the weekend. When you see a light on in a classroom at 8 pm on Saturday night, it is a Revelstoke Teacher hard at work. This is because there is not enough time in a day without students to do all that we need to do such as setup, plan, prepare, organize, and meet with administration, teachers and CUPE.
- We take pride in our work and we want the first day of school to be the best it can be. We will do what we have always done, which is to work many extra hours to achieve that goal.
- We want to be able to do what we do best – Teach.
- Beyond the immediate, what does the future hold for Revelstoke Teachers?
- We do not want to return to the experience of the past, one of uncertainty, turbulence and disrespect. It is my sincere hope that this Board ensures this never happens again to teachers in Revelstoke.
- It is also my sincere hope that teachers, administration, CUPE, parents, students and community members work together to make this district the best example of public education in BC.
- Any questions or comments from trustees?