



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting October 8th, 2014 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: Nicholson, Rorstad, and Dubasov

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Tracy Spannier, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, Jennifer Wolney, RTA President; 2 RTA Members, 2 members of the public and member of the media

Regrets: Trustees Chell and Morrone

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14: R-72 Dubsov/Rorstad

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented"

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14: R-73 Dubasov/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 17th, 2014, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Revelstoke Community/District Literacy Plan June 2014 Update

Tracy Spannier, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, presented the Revelstoke Community/District Literacy Plan June 2014 Update and provided additional materials consisting of slides and *The Literacy Manifesto* prepared by Decoda Literacy Solutions. She noted that the definition of literacy has been shifting and now goes well beyond being able to read. Tracy reviewed the process for developing the literacy plan through the Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee and brought trustees attention to the summary of Goals and Actions for 2014/15 on pages 10 to 14. The Goals and Actions for 2014/15 were determined by the Committee based the Committee's three long term goals which are: sustain

and strengthen the existing learning programs and resources that encourage children, youth and adults to become literate and to enjoy literacy activities; provide resources and support for those children, youth and adults who may not be engaged in literacy activities; and embed learning and literacy activities in community settings. She also asked Trustees to note the many members of the Committee listed in Appendix I and the Literacy Inventory list of community literacy activities set out in Appendix III. She reminded Trustees that October 8th, 2013 is *Reach a Reader Day*. She added that 4 school district staff members have been nominated as Champions of Literacy and a celebration honouring all the nominees will take place on October 21st, 2014. Trustees and Superintendent Hooker thanked Tracy Spanner for her excellent work on the plan noting the breadth of literacy activities.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his administration report noting the shift in demographics and the high number of teaching staff with less than 5 years experience. He added that the Mentoring Program for teachers being coordinated for this school year will help build capacity in our staff. He also noted that there are currently 6 Okanagan College Educational Assistant students completing practicums in district schools. He advised that district enrolment has met our projections and that the class size report will be submitted to the Ministry on October 31st, 2014. He added that Revelstoke Secondary School administration and staff have moved the start of second semester to February 10th, 2015 in order to balance the semesters.

Middle Years Development Instrument

Superintendent Hooker provided a summary of the excerpt from the Grade 4 2013/14 Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) report. He noted that the MDI reports for both Grade 4 and Grade 7 are on the district website (under MDI Report on the right side of the home page. He confirmed that the data from the MDI Reports are used as the basis for expanding our understanding of the overall health and wellness of our students and the information will be reviewed and discussed with students.

BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the letter dated September 30th, 2014 from Adrienne Montani (emailed to Board Chairs), the Provincial Coordinator for First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition. He confirmed that the district's Policy Review committee has begun work on a policy related to sexual orientation and gender equality.

14: R-74 Dubasov/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education respond to Adrienne Montani of First Call to provide an update with respect to the work underway within the district to ensure safe school environments for all of our students.”

CARRIED

Disposition of Surplus Schools Update

Superintendent Hooker presented the Disposition of Surplus Schools Update noting that the list of tasks involved in the Selective Demolition and Securing of the Heritage Building is a sampling of the work being directed and supervised by Earl Woodhurst.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw (2nd and 3rd reading)

14: R-75 Rorstad/Dubasov

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give second and third reading and adoption to Policy 2.1 Procedural Bylaw.”

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of September 29th, 2014

14: R-76 Rorstad/Dubasov

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of September 29th, 2014 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee Meeting – Financial Literacy Sub-Committee of September 19th, 2014

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the minutes noting that the Financial Literacy Sub-Committee is part of the expanded mandate of literacy within the community, which Tracy Spannier, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, referred to in her earlier presentation of the Community/District Literacy Plan.

British Columbia School Trustees' Association Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting of October 3 – 4, 2014

Trustee Nicholson attended the British Columbia School Trustees' Association Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting, which was held in Kamloops. He noted that there were no site visits due to the late start to the school year and the brief period of time to plan the event. Trustee Nicholson provided a report to the Education Committee on the district's Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement, the Middle Years Development Instrument and Revelstoke's selection as an Early Years Centre test site.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the Ministry of Education dated September 18th, 2014 regarding Cash Management Strategy.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee Nicholson invited members of the audience to ask questions related to items on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Dubasov.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Ratification of CUPE Local 5150 Collective Agreement by British Columbia Public School Employers' Association
- Aboriginal Education Support
- Capital Project Contract Close Out – Total Completion Update
- Student Suspensions – September 2014

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: October 8th, 2014