



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting October 29th, 2014 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 Tisdale

and: Confidential Secretary Magarian

Guests: Jennifer Wolney, RTA President, 1 RTA Member, and 1 member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

14: R-77 Dubasov/Nicholson

“THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.4 (E) Australian Visitor.”

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14: R-78 Dubasov/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of “October 8th, 2014”, be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker provided his administration report highlighting the information sessions that Michael Haworth, District Vice-Principal Technology has been presenting to staff with respect to instructional technology. He also noted the work that has been done with Jennifer

Wolney, RTA President and Clara Maltby, CUPE President with respect to finalizing the spending plans for the Learning Improvement Fund and Education Fund. He added that the Teacher Mentoring Program will be getting under way in November and that Alison Davies, the BCTF Mentoring Coordinator, will be coming to Revelstoke the first week of November. Superintendent Hooker brought trustees attention to the hiring of Nadia McLaren as Aboriginal Student Assistant adding that Nadia produced a well-known documentary titled "Muffins for Granny" as a tribute to her grandmother and Elders who reflected on their time in a residential school. He concluded his report with a few pictures from the "*Heart-Mind Summit*", an event that took place in Vancouver featuring the Dalia Lama. Superintendent Hooker noted that MacKenzie Mallett, a Grade 11 student at Revelstoke Secondary School, was one of 8 BC high school students who met with the Dalia Lama and that MacKenzie was selected by the student group to be a co-MC. He added that the event was live-streamed to our district's four schools (and 100 other schools in the province) and that MacKenzie did an outstanding job as MC.

14: R-79 Morrone/Nicholson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter of congratulations to MacKenzie Mallett on his participation in the *Heart-Mind Summit*."

CARRIED

2014 Trustee Election Results

Trustee Chell reviewed the election results noting that all five trustees, himself, Jeff Nicholson, Elmer Rorstad, Bill MacFarlane and Leslie Savage were elected by acclamation. He added that he has spoken to the two new trustees, Leslie Savage and Bill MacFarlane and both are excited to be joining the school board.

Policy 2.2 Revelstoke Board of Education – Composition, Roles and Conduct

Superintendent Hooker advised trustees that the only change to the policy was to change the term of office for trustees from three years to four years.

14: R-80 Nicholson/Dubasov

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Policy 2.2 Revelstoke Board of Education – Composition, Roles and Conduct."

CARRIED

Learning Improvement Fund

Superintendent Hooker led trustees through the report noting that the district's allocation amount changed from previous years due to the addition of the education fund as set out in the recently negotiated Collective Agreement with teachers and that the spending plan is a collaborative process between the district, CUPE, and the Revelstoke Teachers' Association.

14: R-81 Morrone/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the 2014/2015 Learning Improvement Fund allocations in the amount of \$195,591."

CARRIED

Disposition of Surplus Schools Update

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the Disposition of Surplus Schools Update noting that the playground is only temporarily closed and will reopen again in mid-December. He added that the mural has been taken down and will be stored in the 1914 heritage building until another location is found.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of October 8th, 2014

Trustee Dubasov reviewed the minutes noting the upcoming Vanessa Lapointe workshops being held November 6th – 8th, 2014.

14: R-82 Dubasov/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of October 8th, 2014 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Minutes of October 7th, 2014

Superintendent Hooker confirmed that the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee has begun work on our second Enhancement Agreement.

14: R-83 Dubasov/Nicholson

“THAT the minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee meeting of October 7th, 2014 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Okanagan College Advisory Committee Minutes of April 15th, 2014 (approved by the Committee on October 14th, 2014

Trustee Nicholson reviewed the minutes noting the proposed adventure tourism program will not be taking place in Revelstoke due to budget restraints and staff changes at Thompson Rivers University. However, he noted that Okanagan College is the 2nd largest College in the province with respect to its programs in health, trades and technology.

14: R-84 Nicholson/Dubasov

“THAT the minutes of the Revelstoke Literacy Action Committee Meeting of April 15th, 2014 be received and filed.”

CARRIED

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of September 22nd, 2014

Received as information.

Trustee Chell noted that Jill Zacharias the City of Revelstoke's Social Development Coordinator, was asked to present the Revelstoke Community Poverty Reduction Strategy at the Union of BC Municipalities annual convention held in Whistler on September 22nd – 26th, 2014. He added that approximately 100 families participated in the semi-annual Toy and Clothing Exchange held October 18th, 2014 and that Vanessa Lapointe will be presenting four workshops for parents and childhood educators November 6th – 8th, 2014.

British Columbia School Trustee Association Provincial Council Meeting of October 23rd – 25th, 2014

Unfortunately, due to illness Trustee Nicholson was unable to attend.

British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Fall Symposium of October 23rd – 24th, 2014

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale attended the event and advised that it was very well attended and that topics discussed included trends in hiring, investigations, and conflict resolution.

Australian Visitor

Trustee Nicholson advised that a visitor from Australia on his way to a school design conference was in Revelstoke on September 22nd, 2014 and Trustee Nicholson arranged for him to tour the two new schools, Revelstoke Secondary School and Begbie View Elementary School and their respective Neighbourhood Learning Centres.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the British Columbia School Trustees' Association dated October 14th, 2014 addressed to the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education and The Honourable Mike de Jong, Q.C., Minister of Finance

Trustee Chell clarified the situation that has arisen due to the variances in local collective agreement language resulting some teachers being paid for either 7 days or 8 days in September. The British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) has sent a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance requesting that the government "fully and equitably fund the eight days of teacher work for all Boards of Education".

14: R-85 Morrone/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance requesting that the government fund the eight days of teacher work for all Boards of Education."

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Dubasov.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Ratification of Teacher Local Matters Agreement by British Columbia Public School Employers Association
- Written Inquiry
- Contract Review

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: October 29th, 2014