Revelstoke Board of Education



Regular Board Meeting January 22nd, 2018 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge the nations on whose traditional territory we are gathering: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: MacFarlane, Chell, Nicholson, Rorstad and Richardson

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Jummun

and: Administrative Secretary Magarian

Guests: Bob Rogers, RTA President

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

18: R-01 Chell/Richardson

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

18: R-02 Rorstad/Nicholson

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 20th, 2017, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker highlighted the series of meetings regarding the possible use of surplus school sites for the Columbia Basin Trust's Affordable Housing Initiative, and the work at Arrow Heights Elementary School that has now been completed. He noted that Vic Van Isle Construction and in particular Aaron Potter, have been very accommodating in adjusting work schedules to be the least disruptive to the school. Superintendent Hooker brought trustees attention to his meeting with representatives of the Conseil Scolare Francophone with respect to arranging for space at Revelstoke Secondary School for grade 8 students to continue with their Francophone program. In other districts the Francophone program at the secondary level has meant that 25% of the student's day is spent in the Francophone classroom. He also noted the after school cross country ski program arranged by Sarah Newton and Greg Kenyon's Spring Break trip to China in connection with the Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMI) being funded by RMI and Yuexiu Education Bureau in Guangzhou, China. Finally, trustees discussed their support of the Columbia Basin Trusts Affordable Housing Initiative and the Vancouver Foundation's grant of \$150,000 to Revelstoke organizations.

18: R-03 Chell/Richardson

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter of congratulations to Jill Zacharias, Social Development Coordinator and the Social Development Committee congratulating them on their successful grant application to the Vancouver Foundation."

CARRIED

Expansion of Revelstoke Secondary School's Neighbourhood of Learning Community Services

Superintendent Hooker provided trustees with an overview of the services being provided to student at Revelstoke Secondary School (RSS). The district is pleased that the physicians will be coming to RSS to provide services and that the community services offered at RSS continue to support student health and wellness.

BC Public School Employers' Association - Governance

Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the background and the planned process for reinstating an elected board to BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA). He reviewed the district's November 2017 reply survey conducted by the BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and the recommendations set out in the Ministry of Finance's letter of December 18th, 2017. Trustee Chell provided further information noting that Carole James, the Minister of Finance clearly recognizes that reinstating an elected board of BCPSEA is a priority. Trustees agreed that Trustee MacFarlane as the Board's BCPSEA representative should vote to pass the Special Resolution S-1 in its substantive form as amendments can be made later as well as Ordinary Resolution O-1 proposed by School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows).

Graduation Rates

Superintendent Hooker provided trustees with background information on graduation rates noting that over the years, he has discussed the issue of using a different method of calculating graduation rates with the Ministry, due to the effect that international students have on the graduation rates. He is pleased to see that the Ministry has now released the graduation rates

with the break-out data for our resident students only and is very proud of the district's high graduation rates. Trustees expressed their appreciation to all of our partners in the community and the district's staff for their support of students.

SECRETARY TREASURER JUMMUN

2017/2018 Operating Grant Update

Secretary Treasurer Jummun provided an overview highlighting the changes in funding. He noted that changes related to student enrolment, special needs allocations, and salary differential resulted in a net increase in operational funding in the amount of \$73,852 to \$10,641,020. He noted that the additional funding had already been allocated to district staffing for the school year.

<u>OTHER</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRUSTEE REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Kim Horn, Executive Director, Resource Management and Executive Financial Office Division, Ministry of Education, dated December 18th, 2017 regarding the 2017/2018 Recalculated Funding Allocations.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

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• Student Suspensions – December 2017	
	Chair
DATED: January 22 nd , 2018	Secretary Treasurer