



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting November 19th, 2019 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:01 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, Rorstad, Zimmer and Pendergast
Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
and: Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests: Bob Rogers, RTA President; 1 RTA member, 3 students, 2 parents, and Cova, the Begbie View Elementary School therapy dog

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

19: R-86 Pendergast/Zimmer

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19: R-87 Chell/Zimmer

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 30th, 2019, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

Green Team Presentation by Sarah Newton, Begbie View Elementary School Teacher and Begbie View Elementary School Students

Trustee MacFarlane introduced three students from the Begbie View Elementary School Green Team. The students began their presentation by introducing themselves. They explained the "Green Team's" efforts to address climate change and their determination to make the world "greener" and Revelstoke a better place. At their first meeting they discussed what they could do and decided on composting. They set up garbage buckets for composting, gave presentations to students and created a video about composting, recycling and landfills. They showed the video which describes the harmful effects of methane and the benefits of composting. The "Green Team" continues to meet once a week and is looking at other projects, such as a "biking project" to get more students (and teachers) to bike to and from school.

Trustees and Superintendent Hooker thanked the students for their presentation. The students, parents, Cova (therapy dog) and Sarah Newton left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Reporting highlighting the conference call with Katherine MacIntosh to discuss the new Framework for Student Success, the survey results of the FREE2BME student group, and the quality presentations of the November 1st, 2019 professional development day. He noted a letter of support for Catherine Lavelle, teacher at Begbie View Elementary School, for a tree planting project she is undertaking with her class. He explained that the Foundation Skills Assessments have now been assessed by principals noting there was a high level of student participation and good quality writing from students. He thanked Bob Rogers, RTA President and the Revelstoke Teachers Association in ensuring that the messaging around the FSAs was respectful to all parties.

Trustee MacFarlane added that the subdivision of the Big Eddy property has now been completed and that an Information Bulletin explaining the sale process has been sent out and is on the school district website. Todd Arthurs of Re/Max Revelstoke Realty is acting on behalf of the school district following a Request for Proposals conducted in the Fall of 2018.

Mission Vision Values and Board Goals

Superintendent Hooker presented the draft Mission Vision Values and Board Goals and described the process to gather feedback from the community. This will align with the Ministry of Education's direction. Once feedback has been received, it will be incorporated into the district's plan for student success.

Policies 5.4 Safe Schools and Facilities, 6.14 Screening of Volunteers And 4.18 Financial Surplus and Inter-Fund Transfer Policy for circulation

Superintendent presented the new/revised policies noting that the current process is that if changes are substantial, the policies will be circulated for feedback. However, if the changes are only minor housekeeping changes, the policies will go directly to the Board for approval. He added that paragraph 4 from Policy 5.4 Safe Schools and Facilities has been removed as it is embedded in the Collective Agreement language.

19: R-88 Pendergast/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policies 5.4 Safe Schools and Facilities, 6.14 Screening of Volunteers and 4.18 Financial Surplus."

CARRIED

Policies 5.1 Student Health – Communicable Disease, 5.2 Student Transportation in Private Vehicles, 7.4 Travel for Student Activities and 5.14 Provision of Menstrual Products to Students for approval

Superintendent Hooker presented the policies for approval.

19: R-89 Chell/Pendergast

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Policies 5.1 Student Health – Communicable Disease, 5.2 Student Transportation in Private Vehicles, 7.4 Travel for Student Activities and 5.14 Provision of Menstrual Products to Students in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of October 28th, 2019

Trustee MacFarlane presented the minutes.

19: R-90 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of October 28th, 2019 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of November 6th, 2019

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes highlighting the many initiatives and fundraising activities the Parent Advisory Councils at each of the schools has undertaken to support students including their support of the breakfast program. He added that the district is fortunate to have such active PAC groups.

19: R-92 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter of thanks to Downie Timber thanking them for their support of the Breakfast program and honour their request that their contributions remain anonymous.”

CARRIED

19: R-93 Rorstad/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of November 6th, 2019 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of November 14th, 2019

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting the Committee continued their discussion on moving from an Enhancement Agreement to board policy. She also noted that there was great deal of discussion between committee members regarding expanding the currently used acknowledgement and the importance of the acknowledgement being an individual statement not something that is rote. The Day of Learning taking place in the Spring, has transitioned from being a district wide event at one location, to a district wide event held at each school.

19: R-94 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of November 14th, 2019 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustee Association Provincial Council Meeting of November 8th and 9th, 2019

Trustee MacFarlane reviewed the synopsis from the meeting noting that the main topics of the meeting were the Funding Model Review and the funding for Enhanced Student Learning. Vaping awareness and cessation were also discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

BC School Trustees' Association Media Release dated November 14th, 2019 regarding the provincial government's new regulations targeting teen vaping.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Chell.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Teacher Bargaining Update
- Big Eddy Subdivision Update
- Student Suspensions – October 2019

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: November 19th, 2019