



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting February 26th, 2020 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:02 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, Rorstad, and Zimmer
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale (by phone)
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Bob Rogers, RTA President
Regrets:	Trustees Chell and Pendergast

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20: R-10 Rorstad/Zimmer

"THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 5 - Presentation of Staff Health and Wellness Pilot Project by Bob Rogers, RTA President."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20: R-11 Zimmer/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 5th, 2020, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

RTA President Rogers began his presentation by providing trustees with background information on the Revelstoke Teachers Association's "Energize Your Life Program" which with the support of the Board has been running yearly for many years in the district. The program was reviewed last year at a Revelstoke Teachers Association (RTA) meeting and it was suggested that the program be revised to focus more on encouraging district staff to try new activities with a focus not just on physical health, but mental health and wellness as well. The activities that have been scheduled that all staff (and trustees) could sign up for have been Nordic skiing and snowshoeing, and a beginner's yoga lesson. Possible future activities include cooking and meditation. In addition to the support provided to the program by the Board, the district is providing some funding through a health and wellness grant. RTA President Rogers noted that sometimes staff put a lot of their energy into their work and may not put as much energy into themselves. This program gives staff an opportunity to explore

different activities to support themselves. He added that the program will be reviewed at the end of the year and staff will be polled to determine the structure of the program moving forward. He thanked the Board for its support of the program.

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Report highlighting his meeting with Fariba Daragahi, Assistant Superintendent of Conseil Scolaire Francophone, the 13 staff members that will be attending the Networks of Inquiry and Indigenous Education conference taking place at the end of May, and a meeting with City staff regarding the work the City will be doing in Farwell around our site. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale provided an update on the status of the Columbia Park Elementary School project noting that the bid closing date has been extended from March 4th to March 11th, 2020. Superintendent Hooker continued with his reporting noting that the Revelstoke Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team participated in the Zone Playoffs for the first time in many years. Superintendent Hooker responded to trustee requests for further information regarding sidewalks at Arrow Heights and Columbia Park Elementary Schools and his meeting regarding a possible health care centre. He advised that the City has hired a consultant to review traffic safety around the schools and the Revelstoke Chapter of the Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice is only in the discussion stage of creating a comprehensive health centre in Revelstoke. Finally, Trustees discussed the upcoming Ono Cho trip and agreed that it is to be cancelled pending an update on the COVID19 Coronavirus.

Class Size 2019/2020 Mid-Year Report

Superintendent Hooker presented the report noting the district's large number of classes running with low class sizes at Revelstoke Secondary School. Further, he noted that there is conflicting research on whether class size and student achievement are correlated, the small classes do provide greater connections between teachers and students.

2020/2021 District Calendar

Superintendent Hooker presented the draft 2019/2020 District Calendar that was developed with input from the Revelstoke Teachers' Association, CUPE, the Parent Advisory Councils of each school and the District Parent Advisory Council and district staff. He thanked RTA President Bob Rogers for his work in polling teachers to obtain their input and CUPE President Clara Maltby's work with her members.

20: R-12 Zimmer/Rorstad

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education adopt the 2020/2021 District Calendar as presented."

CARRIED

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

Superintendent Hooker presented the new (Policy 4.18) and revised policies (Policies 5.4 and 6.14). Trustee MacFarlane noted that Trustee Zimmer is now the Chair of the Policy Review Committee.

20: R-13 Zimmer/Rorstad

“THAT the Board of Education approve the following policies, 4.18 Financial Surplus and Inter-Fund Transfer, 5.4 Safe Schools and Facilities, and 6.14 Screening of Volunteers.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2019/2020 Amended Annual Budget

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the 2019/2020 Amended Annual Budget noting that the amended annual budget was reviewed in detail with trustees at the February 19th, 2020 Finance and Facilities meeting. Trustees thanked Secretary Treasurer Tisdale and Superintendent Hooker.

20: R-14 Zimmer/Rorstad

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached the 2019/2020 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$16,229,737.”

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of February 5th, 2020

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes noting the popularity of the after school cross country ski program taking place at Begbie View Elementary School. Parents had inquired if the program could be expanded to other schools. Superintendent Hooker advised that the district will provide the transportation to and from Mount MacPherson but that each school would need to provide volunteers to organize and lead the students. Trustees thanked Sarah Newton for developing and continuing with the program.

20: R-15 Rorstad/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of February 5th, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of February 6th, 2020

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting that the committee discussed in greater detail the switch from an Enhancement Agreement to Board Policy using an Equity Scan, and the Day of Learning will be an event at each school rather than a district-wide event. She added that although Revelstoke does not have a local band, there is a great deal of work and indigenous learning activities taking place at all grade levels in our district.

20: R-16 Zimmer/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 6th, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of February 19th, 2020

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes.

20: R-17 Rorstad/Zimmer

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for November and December 2019 in the amount of \$2,967,669.02 be approved.”

CARRIED

20: R-18 Rorstad/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of February 19th, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Early Childhood Development Committee Meeting of January 20th, 2020

Received as information.

British Columbia School Trustees Association Provincial Council Meeting of February 20th – 22nd, 2020

Trustee MacFarlane attending the meeting and noted the presentation on the Funding Model Review with some of the suggested changes being implemented but not all. He will provide trustees with the synopsis of the meeting when it is sent to him by the BC School Trustees Association.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Zimmer.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Administrative Assignments 2020/2021
- Teacher Bargaining Update
- Mountain View Site Update

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: February 26th, 2020