



School District 19  
(Revelstoke)

## Revelstoke Board of Education

### Regular Board Meeting (held electronically) April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Minutes

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 and one member of the media

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

20: R-19      Pendergast/Zimmer

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

20: R-20      Rorstad/Zimmer

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

#### **DELEGATIONS**

#### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER**

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Reporting highlighting the joint City of Revelstoke and School Board meeting with Dr. Martin Guhn and Kira Koepke to receive an overview of the Early Development Instrument (EDI) and the evening session with community members. Dr. Guhn plans to return to Revelstoke for further discussions on the EDI, the Toddler Development Instrument (TDI) and the planned expansion to adolescents. He also plans to meet with the City to support the Official Community Plan process. He also highlighted the

Environmental Education crew and Revelstoke Secondary School noting that Leslie Hogg, Stoke Youth Network Coordinator is looking for ways to continue engaging with students and finding alternative ways to celebrate Earth Day. Superintendent Hooker noted the Ready Set Learn event that took place and the changes that were made with respect to social distancing and sanitizing to ensure that the event could take place. As it was held in the evening for the first time, there were more family units in attendance. The amount of three-year olds was consistent with the previous year, but more parents were able to attend. Shortly after that event, the Ministry of Education began to indicate that there would be changes to the education system due to COVID19 with the announcement that in class instruction would be suspended coming on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He noted that the Ministries of Education and Health, Interior Health, local and provincial organizations have maintained excellent communication channels. The Ministry of Education very early on set four priorities for school districts, which have guided our district's processes. Superintendent Hooker added that in addition to daily conference calls with Principals and Vice-Principals since the suspension began, he has been participating in the electronic staff meetings for each of the schools as well as some small team meetings and some class meetings. He thanked administrators and staff for their commitment and work engaging with their students.

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale expanded on the request for information from Kelly Learned, the contractor working for the City of Revelstoke with respect to the long-term plans for the Johnson Heights area. He explained that it has been some time since the district itself has had a long-term plan, the district has engaged Doug Stewart, the Ministry of Education's former Director of Capital Management to assist the district with developing a long-term plan. Doug was directly involved in the Begbie View Elementary School and Revelstoke Secondary School projects and is therefore familiar with Revelstoke. It is anticipated that the report will be completed by the end of June.

#### Student Learning during COVID19

Superintendent Hooker provided an overview of his memo noting that trustees have been provided with most of the information through the updates he has given them over the past few weeks. He noted that the four priorities given by the Ministry of Education have guided the district's work. Priority 1– *Maintain a Healthy and Safe Environment...* Bruce Tisdale has developed the plans that the district has been following based on the guidelines/directives from Dr. Bonnie Henry, the Provincial Health Officer. The district will continue to monitor the situation and make any changes recommended by Dr. Henry. Priority 2 – *Provide Services.....Children of Essential Workers.* The district is fortunate to have Revelstoke Child Care Society and the Child Care Resource and Referral (RCCS/CCRR) to assist in identifying the needs of essential service workers (ESW). The district is currently providing services to families of ESW in all three schools. The district may need to expand the services. Priority 3 –, *Support Vulnerable Students...* The district has encountered some challenges in having Educational Assistants provide learning support to students on a distance basis. Through our Learning Support Teachers, we are responding to the needs of our students. Priority 4 – *Provide Continuity of Education ...* Over 90% of our students have had contact at home. The few students that teachers have not been able to connect with are either away or have not returned calls. District staff are collaborating to ensure a similar approach for students and families.

#### Board Authority Authorized Courses – Mountain Biking 10 and Mountain Biking 12

Superintendent Hooker explained that Revelstoke Secondary School Teacher Craig Weiler is currently teaching Mountain Biking 11 and as there is so much demand, the course needed to be expanded to Grades 10 and 12.

20: R-21 Chell/Pendergast

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Mountain Biking 10 and Mountain Biking 12.”

CARRIED

Tentative Board Meeting Schedule

Superintendent Hooker provided the tentative board meeting schedule for trustees’ information noting that once plans for the 2020/2021 school year are finalized, a final schedule will be brought to the Board for approval.

**SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE**

2020/21 Capital Project Approval

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale explained that the Ministry of Education has a new process for Capital Projects. Under the new process, the Bylaw must be approved by the Board and then he as Secretary Treasurer will sign the Annual Programs Funding Agreement. The Annual Programs Funding Agreement ensures that the funds are used for a specific project. The district is pleased with the Ministry’s approval of its capital project submission which is a continuation of improvements to Columbia Park Elementary School, and will make the Arrow Heights Elementary School playground more accessible for children with mobility issues.

20: R-22 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the Board of Education give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached the Capital Project Bylaw 2020/21-CPSD19-01 in the amount of \$775,000.”

CARRIED

**OTHER**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Policy Review Committee Minutes of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes for information.

20: R-23 Zimmer/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Trustee MacFarlane presented the minutes noting that it is unfortunate that due to COVID19 the meetings have been cancelled and the Committee will not be able to give its presentation.

20: R-24 Pendergast/Rorstad

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

### Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee Minutes of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Trustee Chell presented the minutes noting that the purpose of the meeting was to review the Memorandum of Understanding which was entered into between the Board and the Arts Council in 2013. The theatre has been very successful and well supported by the community. However, the existing agreement needs to be updated as a number of things have changes such as the addition of new agreement purchased by the Arts Council through various grants, and guidelines regarding community use of the facility are needed. The meeting was positive one and Trustee Chell noted that the policies established when the theatre was opened such as no food or drink in the theatre and having hosts has kept the theatre looking good.

20: R-25 Chell/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the Performing Arts Centre Advisory Committee meeting of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

### District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes noting that cleanliness and hand washing was reinforced in schools prior to the suspension of in-class instruction. Superintendent Hooker added that no plans have been made with respect to the celebration of Earth Day.

20: R-26 Rorstad/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

### Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting that some committee members had planned to attend meetings elsewhere in the Province such as the Indigenous Math Symposium and the Indigenous Provincial Gathering. Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 those meetings were cancelled. The Committee had also made plans for the Day of Celebration which will now be quite different.

20: R-27 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter dated February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from the Minister of Education addressed to Board Chairs and providing a brief overview of the *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2020*.
- Letter dated February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from James Van Loon, Director General, Tobacco Control Directorate, Health Canada in response to the Board's letter of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 concerning youth vaping and the marketing of vaping products to youth.

## **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 Pendergast.

## **CLOSED BOARD ITEMS**

- Teacher Bargaining
- Student Suspensions – March 2020

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

DATED: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020