



**School District 19**  
(Revelstoke)

## **Revelstoke Board of Education**

### **Special Regular Board Meeting May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (held electronically) Minutes**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

#### **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-37 \_\_\_\_\_ Chell/Pendergast

“THAT the agenda be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Restart Plan

Superintendent Hooker began by providing background information on the Ministry's requirement that districts submit a Restart Plan that followed the format set out in their template. The Restart Plan is divided into four sections, *Current and Future Stages*, *Engagement with Indigenous People*, *Health and Safety* and *Continuity of Learning*. He then gave a brief overview of each of the sections noting that a great deal of work was involved in the health and safety section of the plan as well as the safety plans themselves. The safety plans follow the guidelines set by the Provincial Health Office and WorkSafe BC. Bruce Tisdale, Secretary Treasurer developed the safety plans through consultation with Mike Manson, Manager of Operations, the district leadership team, Clara Maltby, President CUPE 5150 and Bob Rogers, RTA President. The safety plans will be updated as more information and/or guidelines are provided. Bruce Tisdale, Secretary Treasurer will provide trustees with further information on the district's health and safety plans. The district's focus is on educating students on ways to stay healthy. Staff have come up with creative ways to teach students about safety, for example Sarah Newton, Begbie View Elementary School teacher, has created a handwashing video for students. Classrooms have been configured with respect to density and staff are finding ways to be outside with students as much as possible. The children of Essential Service Workers (ESW) will transition to their "regular" classrooms and Educational Assistants that have been providing childcare for the children of ESW will return to their positions. The school breakfast program will

continue with breakfast items being put into paper bags for students to pick up. He highlighted the work of Michael Haworth, District Vice-Principal of Technology, in coordinating the loaning of 86 district computers to students and their families. One of the challenges with the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Restart Plan is transportation, as it is difficult to meet the social distancing requirements while getting on and off the bus and while riding the bus. The Restart Plan is now a public document and will be posted on the district's website and widely shared with the community. There will be follow-up information on health and safety provided directly to parents.

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale provided an overview of the health and safety documentation submitted to the Ministry as part of the Restart Plan and confirmed that a COVID-19 Information page has been set up on the district website. The webpage contains all of the health and safety documentation. The main document is the Exposure Control Plan which covers everything. The remaining documents are more specific and include a Frequently Asked Questions document.

Trustee Chell noted that staff should feel very confident and valued, knowing that physical distancing will be done when possible and that during the return in June, they will have time to connect with their students and support them in their learning and social emotional needs.

Trustees thanked staff for their work in the preparation of the Restart Plan and agreed to fully support and endorse the Plan.

20: R-38 Chell/Pendergast

*"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education endorse the School District Planning and Reporting for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 – Submission from School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) as presented."*

CARRIED

### **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Pendergast.

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer

DATED: May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020