



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting November 18th, 2020 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Trustee Pendergast provided information on the Syilx people. The Syilx people of the Okanagan Nation made up of 7 member communities in the Southern Interior of British Columbia. They are a trans-boundary tribe separated at the 49th parallel. The name "Syilx" takes its meaning from the word "Yil" which refers to taking many strands and rolling and twisting them together to form one. The word Syilx is a command for each individual to be part of the unified group.

Trustee MacFarlane then gave the 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;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20: R-72 Pendergast/Rorstad

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

20: R-73 Zimmer/Chell

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 28th, 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 ongoing weekly virtual updates from Ministry of Education the most recent one included Dr. Reka Gustfson, the Deputy Provincial Health Officer who reiterated that the current increase in COVID19 cases in the province is due to social gatherings and household contacts, not school contacts. He also noted the ongoing construction at Columbia Park Elementary School and that he and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale recently met with staff to discuss their concerns. The possibility of rotating an early dismissal time to reduce the number of students in the building at the same time was discussed, taking into account that alternate activities will need to be offered for those families that require childcare. He brought trustees attention to the upcoming Middle Years Development survey, the additional staffing levels at Columbia Park Elementary School, the work on the 2021/2022 school calendar, and the anonymous donation to the Revelstoke Secondary School music program.

20: R-74 Chell/Rorstad

“THAT Secretary Treasurer Tisdale, on behalf of the Revelstoke Board of Education, provide a letter of thanks to the anonymous donor.

CARRIED

Policy No. 5.6 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Trustee Zimmer presented the policy noting that a great deal of work went into updating the language to reflect more current definitions and how those words are used. The definition of Two Spirit was forwarded to the Indigenous Education Committee for their input which was greatly appreciated. This policy is a living document and will need to be regularly updated.

20: R-75 Zimmer/Chell

“THAT the Board of Education approve for circulation Policy No. 5.6 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review.”

CARRIED

Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (CHEQ) from the Human Early Learning Partnership

Superintendent Hooker reviewed the charts noting that the memo is only a small sampling of the questionnaire. Despite the pandemic, 68 of 77 families completed the questionnaire. The results are consistent with the results we see in in the Early Development Instrument (EDI). The CHEQ and the EDI are designed to complement each other with the CHEQ being completed by families as children enter Kindergarten and the EDI is completed by Kindergarten teachers part way through the year.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

Long Range Facility Plan

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the final version of the Plan which incorporates the changes discussed at the November 10th, 2020 Finance and Facilities meeting. Trustees noted that the City of Revelstoke should be provided with a copy of the Plan.

20: R-76 Chell/Pendergast

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the Long Range Facility Plan dated June 2020 prepared by Doug Stewart and that a copy of the plan be provided to the appropriate staff at the City of Revelstoke.”

CARRIED

Federal Safe Return to Class Grant

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented his memorandum noting that some minor adjustments were made immediately prior to submission and 90% of the grant funds will go towards staffing.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of October 26th, 2020

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting Policy 5.6 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity was reviewed earlier in the meeting. The Committee discussed creating a school garden policy but determined that an Environmental Stewardship policy should be develop which would include guidelines for school gardens.

20: R-77 Zimmer/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of October 26th, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of October 27th, 2020

Trustee MacFarlane presented the minutes noting that one of the focuses of the Committee this year is a review of the district’s Mission Vision Values statement.

20: R-78 Pendergast/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of October 27th, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of November 4th, 2020

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes noting that the DPAC elections were held with everyone keeping their positions. He also noted that the school PACs are very active organizing fund raisers and activities for students despite the current pandemic.

20: R-79 Rorstad/Pendergast

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of November 4th, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of November 10th, 2020

Trustee Rorstad presented the minutes.

20: R-80 Rorstad/Chell

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for May and June 2020 to in the amount of \$2,973,365.26 be approved.”

CARRIED

20: R-81 Rorstad/Pendergast

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for July and August 2020 in the amount of \$1,166,093.53 be approved.”

CARRIED

20: R-82 Rorstad/Chell

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of November 10th, 2020 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

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 5:43 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Rorstad.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Student Suspensions – September and October 2020

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: November 18th, 2020