Revelstoke Board of Education



Regular Board Meeting March 16th, 2022 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee MacFarlane called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the spirit of respect and truth and reconciliation, we would like to respectfully honour the four nations on whose land we live, learn, work and play: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees: MacFarlane, Rorstad, Zimmer and Pendergast (attended remotely)

Senior Administration: Superintendent Hooker and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale

and: Administrative Secretary Magarian

Guests: Barry Rourke, RTA President (attended remotely); and one

member of the media

Regrets: Trustee Chell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22: R-23 Rorstad/Pendergast

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

22: R-24 Zimmer/Pendergast

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 23rd, 2022, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

<u>ADMINISTRATION REPORTS</u>

SUPERINTENDENT HOOKER

Administration Report: Superintendent Hooker

Received as information.

Superintendent Hooker presented his Administration Report highlighting the completion of local bargaining. There were no changes to the clauses that could be bargained locally. A number of

positive suggestions came out of the bargaining sessions related to Indigenous hiring and the timetable process at Revelstoke Secondary School. He noted the presentation by Lisa Cyr on Revelstoke's Poverty Reduction Strategy and her interest in having a board member participate in three meetings. He also noted the work being done to establish a "faculty adviser" to supervise the increasing number of student teachers. He acknowledged the work of Tracy Spannier, Revelstoke Community Foundation (RCF) Chair, and Revelstoke Secondary School staff, specifically Graham Gale and Jodi Wallach, on updating the scholarships administered by RCF and the criteria for each of those scholarships. He brought trustees attention to the upcoming engagement sessions with the UBC Human Early Learning Partnership Team which will be held at the Hillcrest Hotel on April 26th and 27th. A poster with the details will be sent out shortly.

Policy No. 4.10 Charitable Donations and Sponsorship Agreements

Trustee Zimmer presented the revised policy.

22: R-25 Zimmer/Rorstad

"THAT the Board of Education approve revised/new Policy 4.10 – Charitable Donations and Sponsorship Agreements in accordance with Board Policy 2.4 District Policy Development and Review."

CARRIED

2022/2023 District Calendar

Superintendent Hooker presented the calendar noting that there was more feedback on the calendar this year than in any previous year. He explained that the district has included the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation although the Provincial Government has not yet confirmed it will be a provincial statutory holiday. The province is being thoughtful in determining the best way to honour the day, and we will adjust our calendar as necessary when the day has been finalized.

22: R-26 Zimmer/Pendergast

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education adopt the 2022/2023 District Calendar as presented."

CARRIED

Indigenous Focused Grad Requirement

Superintendent Hooker presented his memo noting that this grad requirement will present opportunities for new courses to be run such as First Peoples Principles of English or existing courses to be adapted to meet the criteria which we expect will be set by the Ministry of Education. The Ministry's first step is public engagement giving students, families, staff, and community partners an opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas.

Vaccination Policy – Updated on March 15th, 2022

Superintendent Hooker presented his memorandum noting that earlier in the week, as more announcements were made and more information was received from the BC Public School Employers Association (BCPSEA), the memorandum evolved from being an item to be discussed in the closed board meeting to being an item on the agenda of the regular board meeting. On March 15th, 2022, BCPSEA provided districts with four items to consider with respect to vaccination policies. Based on those four items and the changing public health information, it is recommended that the Board defer the vaccination policy at this time.

22: R-27 Rorstad/Pendergast

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education indefinitely defer the Vaccination Policy motion passed at the January 11th, 2022 Closed Board Meeting."

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

Funding Announcement

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale provided a verbal update as the funding announcement from the Ministry of Education came out too late to be included in the agenda. In summary, there is no increase in funding. The funding of \$7,885 per student remains unchanged as does the funding provided for students with diverse abilities. Funding for special programs such as mental health support has not yet been announced. The budget for the 2022/2023 school year will be tighter as costs have increased, but the funding has not. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale added that last night he was advised that some capital projects have been approved and he will provide trustees with those details at the next board meeting.

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of February 22nd, 2022

Trustee MacFarlane presented the minutes noting that 47 people attended the presentation by Sean Larsen. The next presentation on truth and reconciliation will be by Carolyn Roberts. A final session on anti-racism is expected to take place before the end of the school year.

22: R-28 Zimmer/Pendergast

"THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 22nd, 2022 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Policy Review Committee Minutes of February 28th, 2022

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting that Policy 3.6 Indigenous Education Vision and Goals will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee and the revised policy will then be forwarded to the Policy Review Committee.

22: R-29 Zimmer/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of February 28th, 2022 be received as presented."

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of March 2nd, 2022

Superintendent Hooker presented the minutes noting he suggested to members of the Committee that they consider running for trustees in the Fall.

22: R-30 Pendergast/Rorstad

"THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of March 2nd, 2022 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of March 3rd, 2022

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting the Committee's work on Terms of Reference and a discussion on more Indigenous courses. She noted that the Red Dress project would take place again this year as well as a salmon dinner.

22: R-31 Zimmer/Pendergast

"THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of March 3rd, 2022 be received as presented."

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustee Association Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting of March 4th – 5th, 2022 (held virtually)

Trustees Zimmer, Pendergast and MacFarlane attended the meetings. Trustee Zimmer attending the Indigenous Education Committee, Trustee Pendergast attending the Professional Development Committee and Board Chair MacFarlane attended the Board Chairs meeting.

Screen Smart Committee

Trustee Pendergast advised that the Screen Smart Committee has had a couple of virtual meeting. Michael Haworth, District Vice Principal Technology, has been very involved in the Committee as the focus for the Committee is changing from limiting screen time/use to using screens properly and safely.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

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

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Teacher Bargaining
 - Provincial Bargaining
 - Local Bargaining
- CUPE Bargaining

	Chair
DATED: March 16 th , 2022	Secretary Treasurer