



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Revelstoke Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting February 7th, 2023 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Chell called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Trustee Rota began the acknowledgement by noting the four nations that claim Revelstoke as part of their territory. Her connection is her passion to explore, learn and educate.

We would like to respectfully honour the four nations on whose land we live and learn: the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, the Secwepemc, and the Syilx.

ATTENDANCE

Trustees:	Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh
Senior Administration:	Superintendent Kubik and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale
and:	Administrative Secretary Magarian
Guests:	Barry Rourke, RTA President; and one member of the media

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

23: R-05 Zimmer/Rota

"THAT the agenda be approved as presented."

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23: R-06 Allen/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 18th, 2023, be approved as presented."

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

SPECIAL REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT KUBIK

Administration Report: Superintendent Kubik

Received as information.

Superintendent Kubik presented her Administration Report highlighting the Cooperative Cohort ZOOM sessions she has attended with Rita Tedesco, District Principal of Student Learning and Inclusion and Jodi Wallach, District Principal of Indigenous Education and K-12 Well-Being,

adding that the district has assigned the two Elementary Indigenous Student Assistants to specific schools rather than have them work in all four elementary schools. This will allow them to develop deeper relationships with the students. During the last session, the district put forward things that we are proud of as well as the challenges. The district's main challenge is that there are no specific bands in Revelstoke. Much of the knowledge comes from the Revelstoke Indigenous Friendship Society and bands outside of the district. The hope is that once the weather improves, students will be able to visit the bands in other communities. Another item Superintendent Kubik highlighted was the Cultural Performance by Karmia Essa (Body Positive Bollywood dance). Ms. Kubik attended the performance at Begbie View Elementary School which was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and students. Students participated in the dance and particularly enjoyed it when staff performed a short dance routine. This event was coordinated in partnership with the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre.

The Framework for Enhanced Student Learning Cooperative Component Update/Ministry of Education and Child Care

Superintendent Kubik explained that the district is part of a cooperative component. Any school district with two years left under its strategic plan is part of the process. Our district is in a cohort with 9 other districts. Our district has so far completed all of the data dives. Later in the process a peer review will take place to discuss what has been done and where the district is going. Every district will go through this process on a four year cycle.

Policies 5.11 Medication for Students, 6.13 Volunteers and 7.7 Sanctuary Schools for circulation

Superintendent Kubik presented the policies which the Policy Review Committee has asked be approved for circulation.

23: R-07 Zimmer/Walsh

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education circulate Policies 5.11 Medication for Students, 6.13 Volunteers and 7.7 Sanctuary Schools for feedback.”

CARRIED

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget noting that it reflects the direction the Board set in the original Budget in June of 2022. The Amended Budget was reviewed by the Finance and Facilities Committee at its February 6th, 2023 meeting. The district's priority continues to be maintaining class sizes that are under the provincial targets and maximizing course options at Revelstoke Secondary School. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale added that the district has received funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care for the negotiated salary increases to staff.

Trustees thanked Secretary Treasurer Tisdale for his work on the amended budget.

23: R-08 Zimmer/Allen

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached the 2022/2023 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$18,757,898.”

CARRIED

Affordability Fund Update

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale explained that the Affordability Fund is funding announced by the Ministry of Education and Child Care in the Fall of 2022 for the 2022/2023 school year. The funding is to be used to provide temporary support to families facing financial challenges. He confirmed that the district has met with various partner groups and school principals to determine which families require support and decide specific ways to support each of those families. Some of the things the funds have been used for are:

- Backpack program which provides elementary school students with backpacks full of food on a Friday which they take home. The empty backpack is brought back to school the following week to be refilled.
- Purchase of winter clothes (boots, jackets)
- Enhancement of the existing breakfast program
- Special funding for school activities like book fairs and lunch days
- Restocking of school food cupboards

The district is always open to new ideas. Some of the items the district is considering include offering an after-school activity for students who would be going home to an empty house, grade 7 end of year trip, and grad activities to name a few.

As the Affordability Fund was only for the 2022/2023 school year, the district will be holding back some funds in order to continue the key programs in the 2023/2024 school year should the Affordability Fund not be provided to districts for the next school year.

23: R-09 Allen/Rota

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education send a letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care thanking them for providing districts with the Affordability Fund for the 2022/2023 school year and requesting that the Ministry continue providing districts with the Affordability Fund.”

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of January 30th, 2023

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes and thanked the members of the committee.

23: R-10 Zimmer/Walsh

“THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of January 30th, 2023 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of January 31st, 2023

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting the engagement of students and their speaker suggestions.

23: R-11 Walsh/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of January 31st, 2023 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of February 1st, 2023

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting the many Christmas activities that took place at schools in December and the work of the Begbie View Elementary School PAC on lobbying the City to plow the pathways through Queen Elizabeth Park during the winter.

23: R-12 Walsh/Rota

“THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of February 1st, 2023 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of February 6th, 2023

Trustee Allen presented the minutes.

23: R-13 Allen/Walsh

“THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve the use of up to \$50,000 from Local Capital to support the long-term technology plan for 2022/2023.”

CARRIED

23: R-14 Allen/Walsh

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for July and August 2022 in the amount of \$2,491,753.80 be approved.”

CARRIED

23: R-15 Allen/Zimmer

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for September and October 2022 to in the amount of \$2,815,085.15 be approved.”

CARRIED

23: R-16 Allen/Rota

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for November and December 2022 to in the amount of \$3,440,407.65 be approved.”

CARRIED

23: R-17 Allen/Zimmer

“THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of February 6th, 2023 be received as presented.”

CARRIED

Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre – Introductory Meeting of February 3rd, 2023 (verbal)

The introductory meeting was attended by Trustees Chell and Walsh and Superintendent Kubik, Secretary Treasurer Tisdale and Daniel Bhattacharya, the Artistic and Executive Director of Arts Revelstoke. The meeting was an opportunity to meet and review the history of the Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre and what both parties envision for the Centre. Daniel Bhattacharya expressed a desire to have more of the Centre’s performances integrated with schools. He also discussed some of the challenges Arts Revelstoke is facing regarding proper support for sound and lighting in the theatre.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Annual General Meeting of January 26th and 27th, 2023

Trustees Chell and Allen attended the meeting. Trustee Chell noted that two new members were elected to the BC Public School Employers Association's board of directors and that there were a number of presentations at the meeting on such things as conflict resolution and collective bargaining.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Allen.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

- Retroactive Pay for Retired Exempt Staff
- Student Suspensions to January 12th, 2023

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

DATED: February 7th, 2023