Revelstoke Board of Education



Regular Board Meeting February 21st, 2024 **Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Chell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Alan Chell)

We would like to respectfully honour the four nations on whose land we live and learn: The Sinixt, the Secwépemc, the Ktunxa, and the Syilx Okanagan.

Board Chair Chell noted that although Revelstoke does not have a band office, many activities take place in the district such as elder visits, teepee visits, making Bannock on a stick, hoop dancing, the floor map to name just a few this past month. Through these activities, students are living Indigenous experiences rather than just reading about them.

ATTENDANCE

Chell, Zimmer, Allen, Rota and Walsh Trustees:

Senior Administration: Superintendent Kubik and Secretary Treasurer Tisdale (by phone)

Administrative Secretary Magarian and:

Barry Rourke, RTA President; and CUPE President Guests:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Walsh/Allen 24: R-06

"THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.4.b

Transgender Children"

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24: R-07 Zimmer/Walsh

> "THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 17th, 2024, 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 noting the change in format and asked for trustee feedback. Trustees commented that although they liked

the presentation of the new format, they missed the listing of activities from the old format. It was suggested that perhaps the new and old formats could be merged. Superintendent Kubik then highlighted the Ono Cho visit that was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and chaperones from Ono Cho as well as the host families. There were tears when the Ono Cho group left Revelstoke. She also highlighted the Winter gathering and Pow Wow attended by nine of our grade 3 students from each of our three elementary schools. The grade 3 students had a wonderful time and enjoyed every minute. A few presentations of the Strategic Plan to the different groups have taken place and the feedback received so far has been positive.

Board Authority Authorized Course - Biopsychology 11

Superintendent Kubik presented the course.

24: R-08 Allen/Rota

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Biopsychology 11 as a Board Authority Authorized Course."

<u>CARRIED</u>

Board Authority Authorized Course - Volleyball 10/11/12

Superintendent Kubik presented the course.

24: R-09 Rota/Zimmer

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education approve Volleyball 10/11/12 as a Board Authority Authorized Course."

CARRIED

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report - Feedback

Superintendent Kubik provided background on the Framework for Enhanced Student Learning Report submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care in the Fall. She reviewed the feedback provided by the Ministry and explained how the district will be meeting the recommendations given.

2024 September Estimated Enrolment Count

Superintendent Kubik noted that the estimated enrolment should have been 1122.

SECRETARY TREASURER TISDALE

2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget

Secretary Treasurer Tisdale presented the 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget noting that it is a tight budget as the number of teachers and educational assistants in the district has increased as has the costs for teachers teaching on call and casual CUPE staff. Secretary Treasurer Tisdale thanked everyone for participating in the budget process and also thanked Celes Lucius for taking on the leadership role with the feeding futures program.

24: R-10 Allen/Zimmer

"THAT the Revelstoke Board of Education give first, second and third reading and adoption to the attached the 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$20,576,204."

CARRIED

OTHER

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee Minutes of January 22nd, 2024

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting that Michael Haworth, District Vice Principal Technology who is currently seconded to the Ministry of Education and Child Care came to the meeting to help with the revisions to Policy 3.8 Information Technology and MyEducation BC Usage and Access.

24: R-11 Zimmer/Allen

"THAT the minutes of the Policy Review Committee meeting of January 22nd, 2024 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Education Advisory Committee Minutes of January 30th, 2024

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting that Superintendent Kubik reviewed the student learning survey results. The Committee discussed activities for Black History Month.

24: R-11 Walsh/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the Education Advisory Committee meeting of January 30th, 2024 be received as presented."

CARRIED

Indigenous Education Advisory Committee Minutes of February 1st, 2024

Trustee Zimmer presented the minutes noting that she will be presenting the district's Strategic Plan at the February 29th, 2024 meeting. The Committee discussed the custom of giving gifts when visiting nations and what would be appropriate gifts. Trustees enjoyed the pictures which gave a visual representation of the many activities that have taken place.

24: R-12 Zimmer/Allen

"THAT the minutes of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 1st, 2024 be received as presented."

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council Minutes of February 7th, 2024

Trustee Walsh presented the minutes noting that she presented the strategic plan to DPAC. Trustee Zimmer mentioned that if members of DPAC would like to make changes to the district's SOGI policy, to please reach out to the Policy Review Committee. Trustee Walsh added that the parents on DPAC wanted to pass on their position that they would like a complete ban of cell phones in schools.

24: R-13 Walsh/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the District Parent Advisory Council meeting of February 7th, 2024 be received as amended."

CARRIED

Finance and Facilities Committee Minutes of February 12th, 2024

Trustee Allen presented the minutes.

24: R-14 Allen/Rota

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for July and August 2023 in the amount of \$1,540,989.13 be approved."

CARRIED

24: R-15 Allen/Walsh

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for September and October 2023 in the amount of \$2,893,930.77 be approved."

CARRIED

24: R-16 Allen/Zimmer

THAT the Report on Bills Paid for November and December 2023 in the amount of \$3,514,253.72 be approved."

CARRIED

24: R-17 Allen/Rota

"THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of February 12th, 2023 be received as presented."

CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

British Columbia School Trustees' Association and Ministry of Education and Child Care Partner Liaison Meeting of February 8th and 9th, 2024

Board Chair Chell explained that on the Thursday, meetings were held with Board Chairs, Secretary Treasurers and Superintendents, then on the Friday everyone met. The focus of the Ministry of Education and Child Care is to provide students with skills for the future. Having a growth mindset is key. Sessions were held on safe and inclusive schools, artificial intelligence, and Bill 40 legislation implementation. Board Chair Chell noted that under Bill 40 each district will be required to have an Indigenous Education Council.

Transgender Students

Trustee Zimmer expressed concern regarding the recent legislation passed in Alberta and the impact far right positions are having on transgender students. Superintendent Kubik has had meetings with the RSS Leadership Team and staff members to discuss the matter. RSS has had a "Rainbows and Allies" student group for a few years.

The Board agreed that it will make a statement of support for students. Superintendent Kubik and Trustee Zimmer will draft the statement.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Allen.

CLOSED BOARD ITEMS

• Student Suspensions to February 13th, 2024

Chair
Secretary Treasurer

DATED: February 21st, 2024