



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**

**March 14, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Kootenay Learning Campus - Fernie**

Present:

Chairperson Doug McPhee
Trustee Trina Ayling
Trustee Bev Bellina (remotely) (in at 3:30)
Trustee Irene Bischler
Trustee Alysha Clarke
Trustee Nicole Heckendorf
Trustee Chris Johns
Trustee Sarah Madsen
Trustee Wendy Turner (remotely) (out at 4:38 p.m.)

Staff Present:

Superintendent Viveka Johnson
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director of Instruction Human Resources Brent Reimer
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education Jason Tichauer
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault
Operations Manager Joe Tank
District Principal Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt (remotely)
District Principal of Transformative Learning Jennifer Roberts (remotely)
Executive Assistant to Secretary Treasurer (recorder) Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chair McPhee called the March 14, 2023, regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:00 p.m.

1.2 Greeting

Chair McPhee acknowledged that we have gathered here in the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

1.3 Chairperson's Opening Remarks and Recognitions

1.4 Opening Round

Members of the Board, District Management, District Staff and local Union Presidents shared a reflection of gratitude.

1.5 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

Additions:

7.3 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD05-01

7.4 Columbia Institute High Ground Conference

MOTION R-23-035

Moved/Seconded by Clarke/Johns:

THAT the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of March 14, 2023 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.6 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of February 14, 2023.

MOTION R-23-036

Moved/Seconded by Heckendorf/Ayling:

THAT the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of February 14, 2023, be approved as circulated

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.7 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-23-037

Moved/Seconded by Clarke/Johns:

THAT the Board accept the closed records of the in-camera meetings of the Board of Education of February 14, February 27, March 2, and March 7, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.8 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1.8.1 Trades Funding

No response to date

MOTION R-23-038

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bischler:

THAT the Board resend the letter to the Minister of Education and Child Care regarding Trades Funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.8.2 Employee and Family Assistance Program Proposal

The three proposals will be reviewed by the stakeholder panel on March 16, 2023. Trustee Bischler will be joining the panel.

2. RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Budget Presentation - Cranbrook and Fernie District Teachers' Association

Cranbrook and Fernie Teachers' Association budget recommendations were presented by Co-Chairs Shelley Balfour and Adrienne Demers.

2.2 Budget Presentation - CUPE 4165

Krista Napl (CUPE 4165 Secretary) and Sarah Mooy (CUPE 4165 Acting President) presented budget recommendations on behalf of CUPE 4165.

2.3 Budget Presentation - Legacy of Learning

Erin Knutson and Deryll White presented on behalf of the Legacy of Learning.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

3.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Turner reviewed the minutes of the February 27, 2023, meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R-23-039

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Heckendorf:

THAT the Board write a letter requesting funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care to cover the costs of resources required to educate grade 11 and 12 students on gender-based violence as requested by the Ministry.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-23-040

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Clarke:

THAT the Board write a letter responding to the Coalition for Healthy School Food, BC Chapter letter of February 16, 2023, supporting their efforts to advocate for a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program. The response to the Coalition will include a copy of the letter written last month to the Ministry of Education and Child Care inquiring as to what stage of the process the Ministry is at with a Universal Food Program. A copy of the letter requesting support from the Coalition for Healthy Schools will be forwarded to the Minister of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-23-041

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Johns:

THAT the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education and Child Care and the Minister of Finance in support of the letters written by School District 83 on January 26, 2023, and School District 52 on September 28, 2023. This letter will address funding constraints districts are facing in the upcoming year. The letter will also address the response letter to the BCSTA from Minister Singh of February 10, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-23-042

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Johns:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the February 27, 2023, meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R-23-043

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Heckendorf:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Policy Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.3 Student Services Committee

Co-chair Trustee Madsen reviewed the minutes of the February 27, 2023, Student Services Committee.

MOTION R-23-044

Moved/Seconded by Madsen/Ayling:

THAT the Board write a letter to the provincial authorities and BCPSEA expressing concerns about the deficit of Speech Language Pathologists in rural areas

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-23-045

Moved/Seconded by Madsen/Ayling:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Student Services Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the February 27, 2023, meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R-23-046

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Heckendorf:

THAT the Board change the date of the Committee Meetings from Monday, April 24, 2023 to Tuesday, April 25, 2023. This will allow Trustees and District Management to participate in the Regional Specialist Association (RSA) Professional Development Day. The location of the meetings will not change (Cranbrook Board Office).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-23-047

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Heckendorf:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council

MOTION R-23-048

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Bischler:

THAT the Board accept the report of the BCSTA/Provincial Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.6 Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling

MOTION R-23-049

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Clarke:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Communications/Media Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.7 Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns, Chairperson McPhee and Trustee Ayling met with Tom Shypitka, BC Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA). They will tour Mount Baker Secondary with MLA Shypitka on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Superintendent Johnson and Secretary Treasurer Taylor will also join the delegation.

MOTION R-23-050

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Ayling:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Mount Baker Secondary School Replacement Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.8 Key City Theatre

MOTION R-23-051

Moved/Seconded by Ayling/Clarke:

THAT the Board accept the report of the Key City Theatre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.9 Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns previewed photos (emailed to Trustees on Thursday, March 9, 2023). He also discussed the annual financial requests of the Legacy of Learning.

MOTION R-23-052

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bischler:

THAT the Board accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.10 French Immersion Update

Director Casault provided the recent French Immersion update.

MOTION R-23-053

Moved/Seconded by Heckendorf/Bellina:

THAT the Board accept the French Immersion update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.11 Trustee Reports/Bouquets

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

- Trustee Clarke acknowledged and thanked Jaffray bus driver.
- Trustee Madsen acknowledged and thanked Elkford bus drivers.

4. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

4.1 Updates

4.1.1 Requests for Proposal - Banking Services

Requests for Proposal for Banking Services closed March 14, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Secretary Treasurer Taylor requested a trustee representative join the proposal review panel in April. (Date to be determined).

4.2 Recommendations

MOTION R-23-054

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Clarke:

THAT the Secretary Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report can be found on the School District's website at www.sd5.bc.ca.

5.1 Updates

- Superintendent Johnson provided an update on stakeholder engagement dates planned for Spring 2023.
- Superintendent Johnson will share results of Child Care survey with the Board in April 2023.

5.2 Recommendations

MOTION R-23-055

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Ayling:

THAT the Superintendent's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6.1 Updates

6.1.1 Update to Committees and Working Groups

Chairperson McPhee thanked the trustees for their diligence and representation on various committees and working groups.

MOTION R-23-056

Moved/Seconded by Heckendorf/Johns:

THAT the Chairperson's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Recommendations

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

7.2 Provincial Budget Consultation

MOTION R-23-057

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Ayling:

THAT Trustee Johns present, on behalf of the Board of Education, to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Budget 2024 Consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD05-01

MOTION R-23-058

Moved/Seconded by Bischler/Madsen:

THAT the Board consent to three readings of the Capital Bylaw No. 2023/2024 CPSD05-01 of the Board of Education of School District No. 05 (Southeast Kootenay) for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-23-059

Moved/Seconded by Alysha/Heckendorf:

THAT the Board consent to the first reading of the Capital Bylaw No. 2023/2024 CPSD05-01 of the Board of Education of School District No. 05 (Southeast Kootenay) for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-23-060

Moved/Seconded by Bischler/Madsen:

THAT the Board consent to the second reading of the Capital Bylaw No. 2023/2024 CPSD05-01 of the Board of Education of School District No. 05 (Southeast Kootenay) for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION R-23-061

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Madsen:

THAT the Board consent to the third reading of the Capital Bylaw No. 2023/2024 CPSD05-01 of the Board of Education of School District No. 05 (Southeast Kootenay) for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Columbia Institute High Ground Conference

Trustee Bellina thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the Columbia Institute High Ground Conference, but respectfully declined for this year.

MOTION R-23-062

Moved/Seconded by Bellina/Bischler:

THAT Trustee Bellina's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Crown Grant Application Letter

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

10. CLOSING ROUND

Trustees, District Management and local Union Presidents were offered an opportunity to share a final comment on the meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R-23-063

Moved/Seconded by Johns/Bischler:

THAT the March 14, 2023, regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 5:11 p.m.

What have we done at this meeting to help our students become more interested in school and to support them in their personal learning journey?

Doug McPhee, Chairperson

Nick Taylor, Secretary Treasurer