



**The Board of Education of
School District No.5 (Southeast Kootenay)**

MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

**June 15, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Meeting via Zoom**

Present: Chairperson Lento
Trustee Ayling
Trustee Bellina
Trustee Damstrom
Trustee Johns
Trustee Kitt
Trustee McPhee
Trustee Turner
Trustee Whalen

Staff Present Superintendent, S. Yardley
Secretary Treasurer, A. Rice
Director of Instruction/Human Resources, B. Reimer
Director of Student Learning/Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer
Director of Instruction/Student Learning and Innovation, D. Casault
District Principal/Student Services, D. Verbeurgt
District Principal/Transformative Learning, J. Roberts
Executive Assistant (recorder), S. Gronlund

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the June 15, 2021, regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 3:01 p.m. and acknowledged that we have gathered here in the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.

1.1.1 Chairs Opening Remarks

Our flags are still lowered, and our flags will remain low even when we raise them. Our hearts continue to go out to all those affected by the recent revelations at the Kamloops Residential School.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Lento expressed condolences to the family and friends of the passing of Roberta Jurczak. Roberta had worked as a teacher's aide at Fernie Secondary. A champion of our most vulnerable students.

Chair Lento also offered the Board's most sincere condolences to Laurie Shepherd-Breakwell, her family and friends on the loss of her son James in a tragic vehicle accident in Jaffray. Laurie works at Jaffray School as an

education assistant and is the daughter-in-law of retired SD1 operations manager, Ron Breakwell.

1.2 Consideration and Approval of Agenda

MOTION R-21-101

M/S by Johns/Turner

THAT the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of June 15, 2021, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of May 11, 2021.

MOTION R-21-102

M/S by Bellina/Damstrom

THAT the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of May 11, 2021, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

1.4 Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R-21-103

M/S by Johns/McPhee

THAT the Board accept the closed records of the in-camera meetings of the Board of Education of May 11, 2021, and May 20, 2021.

CARRIED

1.5 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil.

1.6 Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

1.6.1 Nathan Lieuwen - Cranbrook Bucks Hockey Club

Trustee Johns introduced Nathan Lieuwen, owner of the Cranbrook Bucks Hockey Club.

Nathan joined the Board meeting today to express his gratitude to the SD5 education system for taking in young hockey players. He went on to say the club holds a high standard for academics and that they are not only here to play hockey but be a large part of the community.

- Trustee Johns mentioned that the Cranbrook Bucks Hockey Club's souvenir shop is open at the Western Financial Place and season tickets should be on sale soon.
- Trustee Bellina appreciates that the Club is giving students free admittance to their games.
- Superintendent Yardley offered to support sharing the message to students that they are welcome to attend the hockey games for free.

Chair Lento conveyed that our district has been a great supporter of hockey in the past Addressing the educational aspirations of all players particularly those from out of province.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1 Advocacy/Education Committee

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the May 31, 2021, meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

MOTION R-21-104

M/S by Bellina/McPhee

THAT Director Tichauer continue to be the School District 5 representative on the HARBIR Community Consultation Committee.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-105

M/S by Bellina/Turner

THAT the Board discuss the Canadian School Board Conference further at the June Board meeting on June 15, 2021.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-106

M/S by Whalen/McPhee

THAT the Board approve those trustees interested in attending the Canadian School Board Conference be authorized to attend.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-107

M/S by Bellina/Whalen

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

CARRIED

2.2 Policy Committee

Co-chair Trustee Turner reviewed the minutes of the May 31, 2021, meeting of the Policy Committee.

MOTION R-21-108

M/S by Turner/Damstrom

THAT the Board of Education accept Policy 5.4, Student Bus Service, with the revision to the section Ridership Eligibility:

Ridership Eligibility

The Board will pay transportation assistance to the parents/guardians of students who qualify for transportation and for whom it is not cost effective, practical, or possible to provide bus service.

There are inherent limitations transporting students, in accordance with the School Act, bus transportation for students is provided at the discretion of the Board.

Consistency and transparency are critical to this policy. The routes will be reviewed and adjusted as needed through the Administrative Procedure Manual. It is recognized that bus transportation routes will not suit the requests of all parents/guardians.

Transportation services will be available for those students enrolled in the district and will be defined by community in the Administrative Procedure Handbook.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-109

M/S by Turner/Bellina

THAT the Board accept the report of the Policy Committee.

CARRIED

2.3 Student Services Committee

Co-chair Trustee Damstrom reviewed the minutes of the May 31, 2021, meeting of the Student Services Committee.

MOTION R-21-110

M/S by Damstrom/McPhee

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

CARRIED

2.4 Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the May 31, 2021, meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

MOTION R-21-111

M/S by Johns/Damstrom

THAT the Board write a letter to Minister Whiteside in support of the February 3, 2021, BCSTA letter to Ministers Fleming and Whiteside regarding safe routes to Schools.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-112

M/S by Johns/Ayling

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

CARRIED

2.5 BCSTA /Provincial Council

Trustee Bellina encouraged the Board to read the articles in the BCSTA Weekly as they are very informative. Legal bulletin on FIPPA regarding graffiti. Trustee Bellina attended a meeting on climate change and reviewed highlights.

MOTION R-21-113

M/S by Bellina/Ayling

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

CARRIED

2.6 Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling reported sending the following letters.

- Letter to Interior Health re: Support for Child Care Needs in Elkford
- Letter pending

MOTION R-21-114

M/S by Ayling/Johns

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

CARRIED

2.7 Mount Baker Secondary School (MBSS) Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns reported the district has received the Berry Architect Report on the options of MBSS. The Long Range Facility plan will incorporate this report and help with the decision options for MBSS.

MOTION R-21-115

M/S by Johns/ Ayling

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

CARRIED

2.8 Key City Theatre

Trustee McPhee reported that the COVID-19 restrictions that have been lifted by PHO will help with productions. The “Raise the Curtain” fundraiser has received a great support.

- Mission Values work is continuing
- focus is on budget
- contracts are next with a meeting coming up

MOTION R-21-116

M/S by McPhee/Turner

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

CARRIED

2.9 Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns reviewed the Board policies on Legacy of Learning. Schools are sending items to the Board office for Legacy of Learning to digitize. Schools are required to store the items once digitized and follow these policies.

MOTION R-21-117

M/S by Johns/Bellina

THAT the Board accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED

2.10 French Advisory Committee

Nothing to report.

2.11 Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

- Trustee McPhee sent condolences to family and friends on the passing of Terry Groleau who worked as a janitor in the district. He will be greatly missed.

- Trustee Bellina attended the Sparwood Secondary School Graduation. She described the processes the grads were able to do. Well done! to the staff at Sparwood Secondary school.

3. SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

3.1 Stage 2 Restart Protocol Update - Secretary Treasurer

Secretary Treasurer Rice reported the plan is to stay with our current protocols for the remainder of the school year. We will look at the new protocols for the September start up in August once we receive them from the Ministry of Education. The funds from the Federal grant received to help cover expenses due to COVID-19 will be spent by the deadline of June 30, 2021.

Superintendent Yardley reported that MBSS has been asked to have a student vaccination “pop up” at the school by Interior Health. Superintendent Yardley has put this off until Friday when the students will walk over to the curling rink for their vaccines. She spoke to Interior Health regarding second vaccines for the staff. They replied that the staff will receive a notice to register on or around the 50th day from their first vaccine.

3.2 School District No. 05 (Southeast Kootenay) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2021/2022

Chair Lento advised the Board that the intent is to give three readings of the 2021-22 annual budget. He thanked Secretary Treasurer Rice and the accounting staff for the work put in to create this budget.

The Board consented to three readings of the 2021-22 Annual Budget Bylaw.

MOTION R-21-11

M/S by Johns/Turner

THAT the Board read a first time the 2021/2 Annual Budget in the amount of \$75,772,587 on June 15, 2021.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-119

M/S by Whalen/Damstrom

THAT the Board read a second time the 2021/22 Annual Budget in the amount of \$75,772,587 on June 15, 2021.

CARRIED

MOTION R-21-120

M/S by McPhee/Kitt

THAT the Board read a third and final time the 2021/22 Annual Budget in the amount of \$75,772,587 on June 15, 2021.

CARRIED

3.3 Finance Report

The accounting department will be working on the financials in July. These will be communicated to the Board at the August 30 Committee meeting.

Chair Lento advised the Board that Secretary Treasurer Rice was nominated by the Kootenay Boundary Branch as a director on the BCASBO and that he has accepted the position. We offer our congratulations and know he will contribute in his quiet, thoughtful manner.

MOTION R-21-121

M/S by Johns/McPhee

THAT the June 15, 2021, Secretary Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

The Pathway's report can be found on the School District's website at www.sd5.bc.ca.

- Superintendent Yardley advised the Board that their letter has been sent to employees and a letter to casual employees, thanking them for their work this past challenging year due to COVID-19.
- The letter advising the employees that in recognition of this unique year, the Board is suggesting they take June 25th (school calendar administration day) as a day off to rest and recharge.
- There is an advertisement in the local paper and media running congratulating SD5 grad students and thanking staff.
- The Framework for student learning will be meeting this Thursday and Monday of next week.
- Superintendent Yardley presented at Cranbrook Rotary this morning and was asked about COVID-19 in the schools. They were very complimentary with the job the district is doing to promote safety.

Each Director and District Manager reported on their departments.

MOTION R-21-122

M/S by Johns/McPhee

THAT the June 15, 2021, Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chair Lento is pleased to report to our Employees and our Educational Family, that the Board has offered our Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer continuing contracts effective July 1, 2021, and they have accepted. We are grateful for their educational passion and leadership. The future looks great for our students.
- Chair Lento would still like a picture of the ethnic diversity of our district that illustrates the ancestral origin of our students.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

7. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

- Trustee Turner thanked our Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer for joining our district at a difficult time and leading us through these last 15 months. She also thanked all SD5 staff for getting us through this time.

- Trustee Bellina echoes Trustee Turners bouquet and thanked the staff for making the graduation ceremonies memorable for our grads and congratulations to the grads.
- Trustee Johns highlighted the education system in BC, we have done an excellent job. With the leadership throughout the whole district, he is not surprised. Hopeful that we all receive our second vaccines as soon as possible. Wished everyone a good, safe break.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 21-05-21 Ltr to H. Halliday

8.2 21-04-22 Ltr to MoTH - Lower Speed Limit on HWY 3 in Jaffray

Chair Lento requested an update from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways on the past district letters that were sent to them.

MOTION R-21-101

M/S by Johns/McPhee

THAT the Board forward the Ministry of Transportation/Highways item to the August 30, 2021, Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee meeting for further discussion.

CARRIED

8.3 21-06-08 Response Ltr from Minister Whiteside re: Student Services Funding

9. QUESTION PERIOD

Nil.

10. LATE ITEMS

Nil.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R-21-123

M/S by McPhee/ Bellina

THAT the June 15, 2021, regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourns at 4:14 p.m.

CARRIED

Frank Lento, Chairperson

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer