



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

**December 10, 2013, 5:00 p.m.  
Board Office**

Present: Chairperson Lento  
Trustee Ayling  
Trustee Bellina  
Trustee Besanger  
Trustee Brown  
Trustee Damstrom  
Trustee Helgesen  
Trustee Johns  
Trustee Whalen  
L. Hauptman, Superintendent of Schools  
R. Norum, Secretary Treasurer  
B. Reimer, Director of Instruction/Human Resources  
D. Casault, Director of Instruction/Student Learning  
D. McPhee, Director of Instruction/Aboriginal Education/Safety Officer  
D. Verbeurgt, District Principal/Student Services  
Gail Rousseau, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

**1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Lento called the December 10, 2013 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m.

**1.2. Consideration and Approval of Agenda**

Additions/Deletions: nil

**MOTION R-13-169**

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of December 10, 2013 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Election of Chairperson and Representatives – deferred until after Receiving of Delegations/Presentations**

**1.7. Receiving of Delegations/Presentations**

**1.7.1. Vulnerable Readers Summit III**

Angela Johnson, Deb Kennedy, Carol Johns, Barb Eckersley, Karen Giles recently attended the Vulnerable Readers Summit III October 7-8<sup>th</sup>

in Vancouver.

Highlights included:

- impressive line of experts presenting
- comprehensive website [vulnerablereaders.ca](http://vulnerablereaders.ca)
- Summit focused on two initiatives about all the vulnerable children coming into Kindergarten
- 8000 vulnerable children in FDK in BC this year; this is expected to rise
- struggling readers exist at all levels
- social/emotional learning - two by ten; have a conversation for two minutes each day for 10 days in a row and have a personal conversation with the student about anything the student is interested in - 85% improvement in one student's behaviour; gratitude journals; mind-up curriculum
- networking was great above and beyond workshop
- low socio-economic children are 6000 words behind other K students
- students improve their conversations by observing adult conversations
- kids can't concentrate on more than 9 words in a sentence
- shared great resources
- EDI Wave 5 - districts taking parts of EDI and analyzing
- results are showing physical emotion social skills are lacking
- 10 year downward trend; 10 year lack of funding in education;
- Need to educate them before they come to school
- Educate their hearts; kids need to be secure, calm, alert and engaged; anxiety level in students is rising

Discussion:

- Minds-Up Program
- vulnerable kids - how can we help? Universal childcare is one way boards can help to promote
- analyzing EDI results every two years (we are considered a mid-sized district)
- figuring out a way to link parenting skills workshops to child tax credit
- parents receive partnerships with early learning community; trying to offer more things online
- inquire/research to do EDI data collection every year

### **1.3. Election of Chairperson and Representatives**

#### **1.3.1. Election of Chairperson**

Secretary Treasurer Rob Norum called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Education.

Trustee Bellina nominated Trustee Lento. Trustee Lento accepted.

Secretary Treasurer Norum made a final call for nominations.

Secretary Treasurer Norum declared Trustee Lento elected as the Chairperson of the Board of Education until December 2014.

**1.3.2. Election of BCPSEA Representative**

Chairperson Lento called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative.

Trustee Lento nominated Trustee Bellina. Trustee Bellina accepted.

Chairperson Lento declared Trustee Bellina elected as the BCPSEA Representative until December 2014.

**1.3.4. Election of BCSTA Representative**

Chairperson Lento called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Representative.

Trustee Johns nominated Trustee Bellina. Trustee Bellina accepted.

Chairperson Lento declared Trustee Bellina elected as the BCSTA Representative until December 2014.

**1.3.5. Election of BCSTA Alternate Representative**

Chairperson Lento called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Alternate Representative.

Trustee Johns nominated Trustee Ayling. Trustee Ayling accepted.

Chairperson Lento declared Trustee Ayling elected as the BCSTA Alternate Representative until December 2014.

**1.4. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION R-13-170**

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of November 12, 2013 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**1.5. Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings**

**MOTION R-13-171**

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of November 12, 2013.

**CARRIED**

**1.6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

ERASE training will be held at the next Education/Advocacy Committee meeting in January.

**2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**2.1. Advocacy/Education Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Bellina reviewed the minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting of the Advocacy/Education Committee.

**MOTION R-13-172**

*M/S that the Board write a letter to the RCMP outlining our concerns for police enforcement in school zones, mentioning specific issues at all schools, referring to SD5's traffic issues report and suggestions for the education of students on traffic safety with a copy to the MLA and ICBC.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-13-173**

*M/S that the Board sends a thank you letter to the District of Elkford for the recent purchase of illuminated signage to help deal with traffic issues in school zones.*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-13-174**

M/S to accept the report of the Education/Advocacy Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.2. Policy Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Ayling reviewed the minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting of the Policy Committee.

**MOTION R-13-175**

M/S that Policy 2.10 District Health and Safety Program be reinstated and Policy 4.13 Safety Program be sent to the Board of Education for deletion.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-13-176**

M/S that the revised Policy 1.2 Procedural Bylaw be referred to the January Policy Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-13-177**

M/S that the revised Policy 1.12 School Board Policy Development be sent to the Board of Education for approval.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-13-178**

M/S to accept the report of the Policy Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.3. Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

**MOTION R-13-179**

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.4. Student Services Committee**

Co-chair Trustee Johns reviewed the minutes of the November 25, 2013 meeting of the Student Services Committee.

**MOTION R-13-180**

M/S that the Board accept the report of the Student Services Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.5. Communications/Media Committee**

Trustee Ayling reported that she was currently working on a media release on education funding recommendations from All Party Select Standing Committee on Finance so that the public can see that districts do require additional funding.

**MOTION R- 13-181**

M/S to accept the report of the Communications/Media Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.6. Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee**

Trustee Johns reported that a meeting was held on December 3 with representatives from the City of Cranbrook, SD5, MLA Bill Bennett, Jason Tichauer and representatives from Key City Theatre to focus on how the partnership can further lobby for the replacement of Mt. Baker Secondary School. Numerous action items came out of the meeting, including having a conversation with RDEK, scheduling a meeting with MP Wilks and inviting Minister Fassbender to visit the district. The committee will be pursuing these activities in the New Year and Trustee Johns will have a further report in February.

**MOTION R-13-182**

M/S to accept the report of the Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2.7. Legacy of Learning**

Trustee Johns reported:

- presented to the Gyro Club last week
- continuing to move on acquiring more materials
- came into possession of a number of staff photos through Mike Taylor featuring early grad pictures
- need reusable frames to help move the display around

**MOTION R-13-183**

M/S that the Board spend \$200 on 10 metal exhibit frames for the Legacy of Learning Project.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-184**

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

**CARRIED**

**2.8. Trustee Reports**

Trustees reported on their activities for the month.

The report by Trustee Johns will be added to the agenda as a late item.

A discussion took place on a "cold weather policy". It is at the discretion of the Principal to decide if students should go out at recess and this has been communicated by District Management.

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

Superintendent Hauptman's report of December 10, 2013 included:

- Superintendent's Activities
- Enrolment
- Christmas in the Kootenays
- Learning Improvement Fund Plan being approved by Ministry
- International Program Update
- Ray White and the School Bus Safety Program
- Knights of Columbus Donation
- Finance/Operations Update
- Update from the Director of Instruction/Student Learning
- Aboriginal Achievement
- Harassment Training
- Update from the District Principal/Student Services
- Update from the Director of Instruction/Human Resources

Superintendent Hauptman reported that the highlight for her this month was attending the Mass Choir performance last week with over 350 students participating. It truly was a work of art and a beautiful spectacle of teachers' dedication. Many thanks to them and the rest of the staff who helped to make it happen in all the schools.

Discussion included:

- liked the process where each staff reported a highlight from their area
- service learning - big part of school curriculum service beyond self; service to others and learning from it
- CUPE contributions to Legacy of Learning

**MOTION R-13-185**

M/S that the December 10, 2013 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1. Business Arising from Delegations**

Trustee Whalen inquired about implementing MDI in the district; this will be referred to Education/Advocacy Committee meeting in January.

**4.2. Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement**

Superintendent Hauptman reported:

- this report gives us an opportunity to take a look at data to determine how are we doing
- team effort in putting it together
- suppose to be fairly concise report but Ministry is looking for specific types of information
- also took a look at past data to see what we can celebrate and what we have to work on

Areas of reporting:

- What is improving
- Challenging Areas
- Programs/Performance/Results & Interventions
- Targets
- Children in Care
- Early Learning
- Other Comments

Discussion:

- useful to know numbers of students for all students and aboriginal students (just for our information)
- amazing how our district takes initiative with many ways to make kids successful
- learning rounds
- the collaborative, professional conversations that are happening to help students is astounding; a new wave of excitement is being created in the district
- whole staffs working together with common focus; partnerships are strong; Kootenay Boundary area known as the area where they really know how to work together
- well supported in early learning strategies
- undergoing a full scale technology implementation to keep on leading edge

Questions:

- increasing vulnerability of young kids - why is this happening?
- research indicating family units are stressed; family dynamics are different

**MOTION R-13-186**

M/S that the Board approve the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2013/2014, to submit the report to the Minister of Education and to make the report available to the public.

**CARRIED**

**4.3. Capital Project Bylaw - Bus Replacement**

**MOTION R-13-187**

M/S to allow three readings of Capital Project Bylaw No. 115879 School Bus Replacement.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-13-188**

M/S read a first time the 10th day of December, 2013.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-13-189**

M/S read a second time the 10th day of December, 2013.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION R-13-190**

M/S Read a third time, finally passed and adopted the 10th day of December, 2013.

**CARRIED**

**4.4. Christmas Donations - Salvation Army**

**MOTION R-13-191**

M/S that the Board donate to the Salvation Army's Christmas Hamper program in the amount of \$1000 in Cranbrook and \$700 in Fernie. This represents a donation of \$100 on behalf of each of the SD5 schools in lieu of a gift to the staff of each school.

**CARRIED**

**4.5. 2012-2013 SOFI Report**

**MOTION R-13-192**

M/S that the Board approve the School District Statement of Financial Information, Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013, to submit the report to the Minister of Education and to make the report available to the public.

**CARRIED**

**4.6. 2014 Standing Committee Representatives**

All representatives on the Standing Committees will remain in their respective positions for the upcoming year.

**5. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS**

*Trustee Bellina* - Superintendent; Gail Rousseau, Merry Christmas to all staff; payroll staff; DSAC/Student Voice



*Trustee Brown* - Evan Bueckert and the Good ole' Goats  
*Trustee Besanger* - music staff for Mass Choir  
*Trustee Ayling* - Trustee Damstrom for funding her participation in Trustee Academy;  
Kaley Wasylowich  
*Trustee Whalen* - happy holiday season to all staff  
*Trustee Brown* - Secretary Treasurer for SOFI report and Darlene Soper  
*Trustee Johns* - district staff, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1. Approval of Learning Improvement Fund**

**6.2. Letter - BCSTA - November 28, 2013**

**7. QUESTION PERIOD**

- letter from Qualicum school district on option of propane bus replacement - refer to Finance/Operations Committee

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION R-13-193**

M/S that the December 10, 2013 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**9. LATE ITEMS**

1.7 Community Summary EDI Wave 5

2.8 Trustee John's report

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Frank Lento, Chairperson

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Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer