



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

**September 9, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Heritage Inn**

Present:

- Chairperson Lento
- Trustee Ayling
- Trustee Bellina
- Trustee Besanger
- Trustee Brown
- Trustee Damstrom
- Trustee Helgesen
- Trustee Johns
- Trustee Whalen
- Superintendent of Schools, L. Hauptman
- Secretary Treasurer, R. Norum
- Director of Instruction/Human Resources, B. Reimer
- Director of Instruction/Student Learning, D. Casault
- Director if Student Learning and Aboriginal Education, J. Tichauer
- District Principal/Student Services, D. Verbeurgt
- Recorder, Corinne Burns

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Chairperson Lento called the September 9, 2014 regular public meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:04 p.m.

1.2. Consideration and Approval of Agenda

Additions: 5.5 Letter to the Ministry of Education and BCTF.

MOTION R- 14 - 118

M/S that the agenda for the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of September 9, 2014 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.3. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Public meeting of the Board of Education of June 10, 2014.

Errors: 5.2 should read Ms. Zeznik's position as a representative for School District No.5 on the Key City Theatre Board will expire in October not June 12, 2014.

MOTION R- 14 - 119

M/S that the minutes of the regular public meeting of the Board of Education of June 10, 2014 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

1.4. Receipt of Records of Closed Meetings

MOTION R- 14 - 120

M/S to accept the closed records of the in-camera meeting of the Board of Education of June 10, 2014.

CARRIED

1.5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Bernard the Scholar bear raised approximately \$55.00 for the Arts Council.

1.6. Receiving of Delegations/Presentations

Nil

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS/TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

2.1. Advocacy/Education Committee

Nil

2.2. Policy Committee

Nil

2.3. Finance/Operations/Personnel Committee

Nil

2.4. Student Services Committee

Nil

2.5. Communications/Media Committee

Trustee Ayling report included:

- Vice Principal Hire; T.M. Roberts Elementary School.
- Letter to the Minister of Education re: Cost Sharing of Capital Projects.

MOTION R- 14 - 121

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

CARRIED

2.6. Mt. Baker Secondary School Building Replacement Committee

Trustee Johns verbally reported that there have been a number of developments relating to the rebuilding of the Key City Theatre and Mount Baker Secondary. This included:

- Letters from the RDEK in support of the construction of a new Key City Theatre and the passing of motions to continue exploring funding for the new Key City Theatre, with the suggestion that they would like further cost information.
- The City of Cranbrook has established a Key City Reserve Fund with an initial fund of \$14,857.
- Met with Jennifer Grotz, community liaison for Columbia Basin Trust, regarding funding options for the new Key City Theatre.
- The Committee is moving forward with different options; they are not going to rely on the Government for monies.
- Mr. Galen Olstead is the new Director for the Key City Theatre. He has interesting ideas about engaging youth.

MOTION R- 14 - 122

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

CARRIED

2.7. Legacy of Learning

Trustee Johns verbally reported:

- The chair of the Retired Teachers Association found School District heritage policies.
- Displays have been set up around town, locations are: Key City Theatre and Kathy's Kitchen.
- It was discovered at one time Gordon Terrace Elementary had an ice rink located where the bottom floor is now.
- How do we build Legacy of Learning into the future? Integrate it into the curriculum?
- The Legacy committee would like to do a presentation on the RSA 2015 day and would like to attend other Pro-D days.
- The yearbooks need to be digitalized and the Columbia Basin Institute has received a grant that would employ 6 workers to help with this project.

MOTION R- 14 - 123

M/S to accept the Legacy of Learning report.

CARRIED

2.8. Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities over the past 2 months.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Hauptman's report of September 9, 2014 included:

Superintendent's Activities:

- Portland Assessment
- Short Course
- Columbia Basins Trust's "Know Your Watershed"
- Telus Backpacks
- Dogwood District Scholarships

Superintendent Hauptman commented that she had hoped for a better start to the 2014/15 school year and that our schools are ready to open as soon as the labour dispute has ended.

RMES is on track to be open to students mid-October. At this time alternate arrangements have been made for classrooms. Superintendent Hauptman would like to thank the District of Elkford for all their hard work in helping to ensure that our students have a place to start classes.

The meeting with PVP's and District Management at the St. Eugene Mission in August was a huge success.

Update from Secretary Treasurer

Mr. Norum reported that he has been busy working with the accounting department and the Auditors to finalize the Financial Statements that must be sent to the Ministry. He has also been working on:

- The Joint Use Agreement
- CUPE Bargaining

Update from Director of Instruction/Student Learning

- We will continue with Changing Results for Young Readers as well as our Changing Results for Adolescent Readers
- Regular meetings to monitor the Technology Plan
- MyEducation is moving forward. All Elementary Schools are now live.

Update from Director of Instruction/Safety/Aboriginal Education

- 26 students registered in ACE IT
- Elementary Skills Training Program will be starting for students in Gr. 5 & 6
- Technology support for Aboriginal Learners

Update from District Principal/Student Services

- Multi levels of instruction and intervention presented at the August PVP meeting.
- Attended the BC Council for Administrators of Special Education

Update from Director of Instruction/Human Resource

- 135 teacher postings have been filled
- CUPE postings are ongoing
- CUPE Bargaining

Important Dates for Trustees

Enrolment Report

Discussion included:

Trustee Johns would like to see a list of the Dogwood recipients and also thought the Board may benefit from hearing more on the Multi-levels of instruction and intervention.

MOTION R- 14-124

M/S that the September 9, 2014 Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Lento mentioned that it has been a pleasure to be a part of the interview process. He would like to acknowledge a past Cranbrook student, Tom Renney, is now the president of Hockey Canada. He also mentioned that it was nice to see some of the trustees communicating with the teachers on the picket line.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Business Arising from Delegations

Nil

5.2. Student Achievement Contract

Superintendent Hauptman shared a presentation on School District No. 5's Achievement Contract. This included:

- This report is required every year.
- It is a blueprint of where we want to go.
- The goal is to reflect what is of importance to administrators for both school and district to improve learning.
- Goal 1: To enable all students to graduate with purpose, options and hope by developing a sense of belonging in all students and enhancing the engagement in learning.
- Goal 2: To develop literacy performance by purposefully engaging diverse learners in the process of reading to understand across all subject areas and to improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes in numeracy.
- This document is not meant to be written in stone but to be reflective. We need to continue to find ways that allow all our students to be successful and happy.

Discussion included:

Report cards are absent from mention in the report. The ending of the 2013/2014 did not allow proper information for report card studies. We can always make changes to the report.

MOTION R- 14-125

M/S that the Board of Education approved the 2014/2015 Student Achievement Contract.

CARRIED

5.3. Retirement Event October 2, 2014

Due to the job action the Retirement Event scheduled for October 2, 2014 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled once job action is resolved.

5.4. Facility Review

Mr. Norum introduced Mr. Tank, Manager of Operations. Mr. Tank presented a power point presentation to the Board showcasing the work that had been done to our facilities over the summer. This included:

- Furnaces
- Painting
- Pavement
- IBM Implementation

Discussion included:

- Superintendent Hauptman noted that you could tell how hard they worked and that they all took pride in the workmanship.
- Chairperson Lento thanked Mr. Tank and his staff for all their hard work.
- Trustee Whalen would like a copy of the power point presentation.
- Mr. Tank mentioned that he will be installing new signs for Highlands parking area and possibly a sidewalk between the fence and the playground.

5.5. Letter to the Ministry of Education and BCTF

A motion was put forth to send a letter to the Minister of Finance and the BCTF requesting binding arbitration.

Discussion included:

- If the BCTF and the Ministry of Education went to arbitration it could lead to a short term solution rather than a negotiated contract by both parties.
- The longer it takes for a negotiated settlement the more frustrated people become.

MOTION R- 14 - 126

M/S that the Board of Education send a joint letter to the Ministry of Education, Minister Fassbender and the BCTF president Jim Iker urging the parties to immediately enter into binding arbitration through the process of a 3 person arbitration panel to resolve the BC Public School contract dispute and to copy this letter to our education partner's and to the media.

Trustees Helgesen, Besanger and Damstrom Opposed.

Trustees Johns, Ayling, Brown, Bellina and Whalen in Favour.

CARRIED

6. TRUSTEE BOUQUETS

Trustee Bellina:

- Thanked all the staff that worked hard over the summer to make sure our schools are ready to welcome students for the new school year.
- Thanked everyone at the Board Office for keeping everyone up to date and for all their day to day hard work.

Trustee Helgesen:

- All the staff that has supported the rebuild of RMES. Thank you to Mr. Tank and his team.

Trustee Whalen:

- Thank you to Superintendent Hauptman and Corinne for keeping them all up to date

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. BCSTA Motions for Provincial Council Meeting

7.2. BCPSEA Conference, October 23 & 25, 2014

7.3. Kootenay Boundary Branch Meeting - Grand Forks, September 19, 20 & 21, 2014

7.4. Trustee Academy, December 4, 5, & 6, 2014

7.5. Election Date, November 15, 2014

7.6. Letter to the Minister of Education

Chairperson Lento wrote a letter in August to the Minister of Education urging the government to bargain now and to bargain fairly.

MOTION R- 14 - 127

M/S to approve the letter that was sent August 5, 2014 to the Minister of Education urging our government to bargain now and to bargain fairly.

Trustees Besanger Opposed.

Trustees Johns, Ayling, Brown, Bellina, Whalen, Damstrom and Helgesen in Favour.

CARRIED

7.7. Letter to BCPSEA & BCTF

Chairperson Lento wrote a letter to BCPSEA and BCTF in August stressing the importance in finding a speedy resolution to the labour dispute.

MOTION R- 14 - 128

M/S that the Board of Education approve the letter that was sent August 5, 2014 to BCPSEA and the BCTF requesting a speedy resolution to the labour dispute.

CARRIED

8. QUESTION PERIOD

Superintendent Hauptman answered questions that were compiled by DPAC. Highlights of these questions included:

- Schools are ready for opening as soon as an agreement can be reached.
- We do not anticipate cancelling any courses.
- K-9 students received letters at the end of June indicating their progression to the next grade. 10-12 students received report cards. Both were sent by mail.

- Administrators are all in their buildings and are able to help parents and students with timetabling and any questions they may have.
- There were less staff changes this year, and our schools have been doing a tremendous amount of work to ensure that students return to school is successful.

The CFTA thanked the Trustees for their support on the picket line and writing letters to Minister Fassbender.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION R- 14 - 129

M/S that the September 9, 2014 regular public meeting of the Board of Education adjourn at 7:17.

CARRIED

10. LATE ITEMS

Frank Lento, Chairperson

Robert G. Norum, Secretary Treasurer