



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

MINUTES - POLICY MEETING

**April 26, 2022, 11:30 a.m.
Cranbrook Board Office**

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Trustee Wendy Turner (remotely)
Co-Chair Trustee Trina Ayling
Trustee Patricia Whalen (remotely)

Regrets: Trustee Doug McPhee
Director of Student Learning and Aboriginal Education Jason Tichauer

Board/District Staff in Attendance: Chairperson Frank Lento
Trustee Krista Damstrom
Trustee Chris Johns
Trustee Kathryn Kitt
Trustee Bev Bellina (remotely)
Superintendent, Silke Yardley
Secretary Treasurer Nick Taylor
Director of Student Learning and Innovation Diane Casault
District Principal Student Services Darcy Verbeurgt
Executive Assistant (Recorder) Jane Nixon

1. COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING

1.1 Call to Order

The Policy Committee meeting of April 26, 2022 was called to order at 1:17 p.m. by Co-Chair Trustee Ayling.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Whalen:

THAT the agenda of the Policy Committee meeting of April 26, 2022 be approved as circulated.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the minutes from February 22, 2022.

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Whalen:

THAT the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of February 22, 2022 be approved as circulated.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Policy 19 - Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity

In Director Tichauer's absence, Director Casault reviewed minor changes from Harris and Company LLP to Policy 19 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

RECOMMENDATION A

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Whalen:

THAT revised Policy 19 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity be forwarded to the Board for approval at the May 10, 2022 public meeting of the Board of Education.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. REPORTS

Nil

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Financial Reporting Policies

Secretary Treasurer Taylor reviewed legislative requirements for financial reporting and accumulated operating surplus policies.

Policy 23 Financial Planning and Reporting recognizes the Board's responsibility for the effective use of public funds in providing the best possible education to the students in the communities it serves. This newly created policy has been reviewed by Senior Policy Analyst with the Ministry of Education and provides greater transparency and accountability for planning and reporting financial resources managed by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION B

Moved/Seconded by Whalen/Turner:

THAT Policy 23 be forwarded to the Board for approval at the May 10, 2022 public meeting of the Board of Education.

Secretary Treasurer Taylor reviewed the amendments to Policy 17 Accumulated Operating Surplus. This Policy outlines specific circumstances in which boards can restrict operating surplus, transfer available operating surplus to Local Capital and defines the limits of these restrictions. Policy 17 also aligns with the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

Revised Policy 17 and associated appendices (A, B, C) will be sent to the Senior Policy Analyst for final evaluation prior to the Policy Committee meeting on May 30.

6. ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nil

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded by Turner/Whalen:

THAT the Policy Committee meeting of April 26, 2022 adjourn at 1:41 p.m.

Have we channelled our data driven policies in directions that are positive, productive and equitable through our employees to our students?