

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

MINUTES of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held McKim Middle School, Kimberley, B.C., **10-06-08**.

Present:	Roberta Hall	Chair
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chair
	Dan Soles	Vice-Chair
	Greg Anderson	Trustee
	Betty Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Ron Christensen	Trustee
	Jim Jenkinson	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Bendina Miller	Superintendent of Schools
	Cameron Dow	Secretary Treasurer

Apologies: Shannon Hood Trustee

Members of Senior Management
General Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 19:12 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S SMAILL/SOLES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

3.1 Regular Meeting: 2010.05.11

M/S SOLES/JENKINSON

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on 10-05-11 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2010.05.11

Personnel Matters: The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval was approved as circulated. The Personnel Information Report was received and filed circulated. The Board received an overview of staffing for next year as well as an update on four grievances. They also received information on the postings for the McKim Principal and the Assistant Superintendent vacancies.

Student Matters: The Board was advised of one student suspension from Golden.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Presentation:

Roberta Hall

The Board Chair took the opportunity to recognize Lori Tedrick and Brenda Van Delft for their contributions to School District No. 6 arising from their involvement with the District Parent Advisory Council. She commended both for being outstanding advocates for students as well as providing a strong, reliable voice for parents in this District.

4.2 CommunityLINK Activities:

4.2.1 Photography Linking Community and Art:

James Weir, CommunityLINK Worker

Cynthia Lindell, Principal, introduced James Weir who has been the CommunityLINK Worker at the school for five years. Mr. Weir drew the Board's attention to a program in the school whereby students go into the community and take photos which are then put into a slide presentation. He provided a sample of the students' work and indicated that the plan is to enhance this first prototype for inclusion in the Kimberley Film Festival next fall.

4.2.2 Hovercraft Project:

Cole Bodecker, Student and James Weir

Mr. Weir introduced Cole Bodecker, a Grade 7 student, as well as Cole's father, Fred. Cole has been working on a plan to build a hovercraft based on an idea he saw on television. He reviewed the design process he has gone through to date as well as a budget for the project, and his future plans. He then provided a demonstration of the first prototype for the audience.

After responding to questions the Board expressed their appreciation to Cole and Mr. Weir for their presentations.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 School Fees Schedule 2010-2011:

Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller advised that as a result of input at the May meeting, revisions have been made to the schedule and it has been submitted to the Ministry of Education.

6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

6.1 Policy Development:

6.1.1 Third Reading: Nil

6.1.2 Second Reading: Nil

6.1.3 First Reading:

6.1.3.1 Policy 3300 – Video Surveillance on School Property: Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller advised that two revisions to this policy were required due to legislative amendments.

M/S SMITH/ANDERSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 3300 – Video Surveillance on School Property for first reading as presented.

CARRIED

M/S SMITH/BARRETT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 3300 – Video Surveillance on School Property for second reading as presented.

CARRIED

M/S CHRISTENSEN/JENKINSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 3300 – Video Surveillance on School Property for third and final reading as presented.

CARRIED

6.1.3.2 Policy 5800 – District Code of Conduct for Students:

Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller indicated that in order to be excluded from a pending arbitration, there is a need to be explicit when referring to the expectations in the Human Rights Code. This clarification has now been added to the policy.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5800 – District Code of Conduct for Students for first reading as presented.

CARRIED

M/S SOLES/CHRISTENSEN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5800 – District Code of Conduct for Students for second reading as presented.

CARRIED

M/S JENKINSON /SOLES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Policy No. 5800 – District Code of Conduct for Students for third and final reading as presented.

CARRIED

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 May 2010 Budget Utilization Summary:

Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow advised that expenditures to the end of May were 2.12% below the projected level which translates to savings of about \$700,000.

7.2 2010/2011 Annual Budget:

Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow reported that there have been no revisions made to the proposed budget adjustments since last month's meeting.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/ANDERSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve three readings of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2010/2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

M/S SOLES/CHRISTENSEN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2010/2011 for a first time.

CARRIED

M/S BARRETT/JENKINSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2010/2011 for a second time.

CARRIED

M/S SOLES/CHRISTENSEN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2010/2011 for a third and final time and, as adopted, forms part of these minutes.

CARRIED

7.3 Five Year Capital Plan:

Steve Jackson

Mr. Jackson reported that there has been a change in the capital planning process whereby minor capital projects of less than \$1.5 million can be included. The minor capital items must either be building envelope projects or mechanical upgrades, and must exceed \$250,000 in value. He then reviewed the plan for the current year pointing out the replacement of Selkirk Secondary is still the District's top ranked project.

M/S JENKINSON/SMALL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the 2010/2011 capital plan submission as presented.

CARRIED

7.4 Bill 33 Report to the Board:

Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller advised that one situation in Edgewater where a class now has four students having identified special needs. The Principal of the school and Mrs. Miller feel this is a sound educational placement based on the plan that has been developed.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/ANDERSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Bill 33: Class Size and Composition Report for 2009/2010 as presented.

CARRIED

7.5 School Community Connections Grants:

Steve Jackson

7.5.1 School Community Connections Grant – David Thompson Secondary School:

7.5.2 School Community Connections Grant – Marysville Elementary School:

7.5.3 School Community Connections Grant – Field Elementary School:

Mr. Jackson reported that the latest grants can be up to \$30,000 and can have a maximum of three projects of \$10,000 each. Projects have been submitted for David Thompson Secondary, Marysville Elementary and Field Elementary. In all cases the respective local government authority supports the project.

M/S SMALL/JENKINSON

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the grant applications for the School Community Connections Supporting Neighbourhood Learning Centres as presented.

CARRIED

7.6 Board Authority Authorized Courses:

Barb Morris

7.6.1 Yearbook 10-11-12:

7.6.2 Outdoor Education 10:

7.6.3 Creative Cuisine 10-11-12 (French Immersion):

Ms. Morris advised that all of these courses pertain to Golden Secondary School and have received the support of the Golden Zone Trustees.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/SOLES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Yearbook 10, 11 and 12; Outdoor Education 10; and Creative Cuisine 10, 11 and 12 to be offered at Golden Secondary as a Board Authority Authorized Course for 2010/2011.

CARRIED

7.7 District Directions Update:

Bendina Miller

7.7.1 District Directions – Secondary School Course Options:

7.7.2 District Directions – Workforce Plan:

7.7.3 District Directions – Carbon Neutral Action Plan:

7.7.4 District Directions – School Volunteer Activities:

7.3.5 District Directions – Gardens:

Mrs. Miller stated that several documents pertaining to the District Directions were attached to the agenda. Many objectives have been met and it would make sense to review and reconsider these in the near future. She pointed out that many of the objectives have been borne out by the 21st century learning criteria. The District Directions document on the website will be updated to reflect the information provided this evening.

7.8 Health and Safety Report:

Wayne Pelter

Mr. Pelter welcomed the opportunity to discuss the District's Health and Safety Program. He felt the best way to do this would be to provide an overview of the Health and Safety website which is split into two sections – one available to the public and another which has secured access. He reviewed the public section as well as the nine components for the secure website dealing with the policy statement; committees; training; procedures; manuals; policies; forms; minutes of inspections and meetings; and links to related sites. He also reviewed future plans for the site and stressed that the plan is to have this as a living document. Trustee Anderson commended Mr. Pelter on the work he has done in this area to date.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Learning Leadership Report:

Barb Morris

Ms. Morris stated that a team of six teachers, one administrator and herself were invited by Susan Close to a SMARTLearning leadership retreat this past Sunday and Monday. This is an impressive number as there were only 50 participants from across B.C. and Alberta. Our personnel were invited because Susan believes that this Rocky Mountain team is ready to begin training outside of our District, so she wanted participants to network with other leaders, as well as bring everyone up to date with the most recent applications of brain research to the SMARTLearning approach. Ms. Morris felt this was the perfect culmination of another year of going more in-depth with SMARTLearning, as well as expanding the number of teachers who are implementing this methodology. It definitely ties into the District Directions and objectives around students and staff. Our team's discussions after sessions and on the road were very exciting. It was a great opportunity to network among grades and zones. All of the participants will be presenting in four different sessions on the District Day September 2nd and there are plans afoot to create a Professional Learning Community with an inquiry based focus around the impact of SMARTLearning on all students. This is very exciting because it is being initiated by the team and they want to include all interested teachers.

Attached to the agenda is the District Day Program which outlines the shape of the day and the registration form which staff is required to send in by Friday, June 18th in order to have time to compile the information and inform the participants before the summer which sessions they will be attending. If Trustees are planning to attend the welcome, lunch and/or sessions please use the registration form.

As this is Ms. Morris' last Board of Education meeting she closed by expressing her gratitude to the Trustees for their support during her past five years as Assistant Superintendent. This time has been unbelievably interesting and fulfilling, it has been a pleasure working with the Board.

8.2 District Technology Report:

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reported that the District is continuing its investigation of a Voice over Internet Protocol telephone system and is working with our consultant, Peter Fulcher. After consulting with the Network Technicians, a draft Request for Proposal is being prepared.

Conversations have begun about virtualization of workstations across the District. The benefits include reduced costs over time, and more efficient maintenance. Workstations at Edgewater Elementary and at the District Administration Office will be addressed this summer for non-mobile users.

The new Bursary and TrackMeet systems were both put to the test last month with good results. While there's still work to be done for next year, both systems received mostly positive responses from users.

Data within Coordinate has been split into "clients" and the system updated to take this into account. This was done in light of SD5's future use of the system as well as other potential users. Coordinate has also seen improvements in student data handling and travel request form generation.

SWMS had a few minor updates to improve photo gallery organization.

Trip now has a calendar so users can see existing requests for their school before making a booking, and the system now provides better feedback to users when details are changed after the trip has been approved.

8.3 B.C. School Trustees' Association:

Jim Jenkinson

Trustee Jenkinson commented that Trustees will have already seen the June 4th email from Connie Denesiuk, BCSTA President, but may not have had time to read the BCSTA e-Alert sent out this afternoon. Connie wrote about two items of interest. The Learning Round Table meeting focused on 21st Century Learning; however this was overshadowed by the release of the Vancouver School Board Special Advisor Report from the Office of the Comptroller General. It should be noted that the scope of the report excluded the provincial funding model for education and the author drew attention to the ability of all School Districts to draw on prior year's surpluses, unlike government or regular businesses.

Connie provided a link to the full 88 page report and Trustee Jenkinson suggested that Trustees read at least the Executive Summary as well as the chart summary of recommendations starting on page 73. Although the main focus of the report to the Minister is specific to Vancouver, there are also implications for Trustees and Boards of Education in general. In the e-Alert issued today, the BCSTA responded to several of the general recommendations and again he suggested that Trustees read this information because it probably will have implications for Board members; particularly with regards to the special advisor's concerns about the effectiveness of elected trustees given their qualifications and skills. This concern mirrors the Auditor General's report that was presented at the October 2009 Provincial Council meeting. The general recommendations include mandatory orientation and training for trustees, clarification of advocacy versus co-governance roles, as well as more accountability through a revised achievement contract model.

In the June 3rd e-Digest a link was provided to the full report of the "Task Force on Local Government Elections". The authors made 31 recommendations, and again there are implications for trustees around financial disclosure and reporting, as well as term of office (4 years versus the current 3 years). The June 1st e-Alert had an in-depth analysis of the report in chart form.

Finally, trustees may have already heard that Kamloops-Thompson, North Vancouver, Vancouver, and Surrey School Districts have been invited by the Ministry to participate in a pilot project to establish a shared payroll and business administration system.

8.4 B.C. School Trustees' Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch:

Jim Jenkinson

The AGM is scheduled for the weekend of September 24 to 26 in Cranbrook. The brochure and registration form will be distributed later this month. Highlights will include a Friday afternoon/evening trip to the St. Eugene Mission for a presentation by aboriginal leaders. On Saturday there will be a presentation from the Mount Baker

Replacement Committee. Trustees from School District No. 8 will be leading discussions with other participants to provide their perspectives on the process of building new schools.

The BCSTA Education Committee reached out to branches following the April meeting to suggest that the focus of Pro-d at Branch meetings over the next six months might be to continue the discussions started at the BCSTA's AGM pertaining to "Forging the Future". The VISTA Branch had already begun similar discussion in the Fall and Trustee Jenkinson has a copy of their branch meeting summary if anyone wants to see it. Because School District No. 5 had already begun the planning for the upcoming Branch AGM there will not be a specific time set aside for further discussions on sustaining education.

8.5 B.C. Public School Employers' Association: Sandra Smail

Trustee Smail had nothing to report.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence:

9.1.1 B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils:

This letter was generated in support of the DPAC's position regarding BCCPAC Advocacy Project reported in a letter provided at the May meeting.

9.2 Calendar of School Board Meetings: Circulated.

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2010.06.11 Kimberley Zone Retirement/Service Recognition, 3:30 p.m.
2010.06.12 Golden Zone Retirement/Service Recognition, 5:30 p.m.
2010.06.21 Policy Committee Teleconference, 4:00 p.m.
2010.06.22 Windermere Zone Trustees' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
2010.06.29 Golden Zone Trustees' Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Craig Hillman, President of the Kimberley Teachers, asked for clarification on access to the public and secure sections of the District's Health and Safety website. Mr. Pelter advised that Trustees, Senior Management, Administrators and committee members currently have access to the secure site. Mr. Hillman also expressed his appreciation for providing the new worker orientation to employees on this site.

The Board Chair pointed out that this was the last Board meeting for retirees Bendina Miller and Barb Morris. She expressed the Board's appreciation to both of them for the contributions they have made to our students over the years.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S JENKINSON/SOLES

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:48 hours.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary Treasurer