

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

**MINUTES** of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held via teleconference, **10-11-09**.

Present:	Roberta Hall	Chair
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chair
	Dan Soles	Vice-Chair
	Betty Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Ron Christensen	Trustee
	Shannon Hood	Trustee
	Jim Jenkinson	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
Apologies:	Greg Anderson	Trustee
	Paul Carriere	Superintendent of Schools
	Cameron Dow	Secretary Treasurer
	Members of Senior Management	
	General Public	

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 19:05 hours.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### M/S SOLES/SMALL

**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: 2010.10.12

### M/S SMALL/CHRISTENSEN

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on 10-10-12 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2010.10.12

Personnel Matters: The Board discussed an issue concerning a teaching staff member and requested the Superintendent to meet with the employee to try to resolve the matter in question. The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval was approved as circulated. The Personnel Information Report was received and filed circulated. The Board approved amendments to the Youth Care Worker job description.

Student Matters: The Board was advised of two student suspensions from the Windermere zone.

4. PRESENTATIONS NIL

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NIL

**6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

6.1 Policy Development:

6.1.1 Third Reading: NIL

6.1.2 Second Reading:

6.1.2.1 Policy 3900: Energy Use and Conservation:

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere advised that this policy had been circulated to interest groups after first reading and no feedback was received.

**M/S SOLES/SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approves Policy No. 3900 – Energy Use and Conservation for second reading as presented.

CARRIED

6.1.3 First Reading:

6.1.3.1 Policy 3600: Transportation of Students on Regular Bus Routes:

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere a revision of a housekeeping nature had been made to Regulation 1.1 and the Policy Committee is recommending this policy be given three readings this evening.

**M/S SMALL/SOLES**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approves Policy No. 3600 – Transportation of Students on Regular Bus Routes for first reading as presented.

CARRIED

**M/S CHRISTENSEN/SOLES**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approves Policy No. 3600 – Transportation of Students on Regular Bus Routes for second reading as presented.

CARRIED

**M/S CHRISTENSEN/SOLES**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approves Policy No. 3600 – Transportation of Students on Regular Bus Routes for third, and final, reading as presented.

CARRIED

6.1.3.2 Policy No. 6190: Information and Technology Management:

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere indicated that working pertaining to the use of personal electronic devices in Regulation 5.6 has been amended.

**M/S CHRISTENSEN/HOOD**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approves Policy No. 6190 – Information and Technology Management for first reading as presented.

CARRIED

**7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

7.1 October 2010 Budget Utilization Summary:

Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow reported that expenditures are 1.17% above the estimated level and 0.41% higher than the same period last year. Trustee Jenkinson questioned the expenditure for Administration as at the end of October, Mr. Dow will investigate this further and provide a response to the Board once he has had an opportunity to do so. Mr. Dow then provided the Board with an update on the estimated revenues and anticipated budget adjustments based on the final enrolment figures for 2010/11.

7.2 Section 76.4 Organization of Class Size Report to the Board:

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere advised that there were three updates to the report approved previously – one class size and two composition variances. The corresponding resolutions were supported by the appropriate administrators.

**M/S JENKINSON/SOLES**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain), in accordance with Section 76.4 of the *School Act*, approves the Organization of Class Size Reports as circulated.

CARRIED

7.3 School Community Connections Grant 2010-2011:

Steve Jackson

Mr. Jackson advised that this is the second round of grants for the current year. Funding of \$25,000 per District is available, with a possible increase of \$5,000 depending on the number of applications received. He then reviewed the changes to the McKim Middle School playground renovation that is being proposed and advised that the City of Kimberley supports this application.

**M/S CHRISTENSEN/SMALL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) endorses the application for funding through the School Community Connection Program – Supporting Neighbourhood Learning Centres as presented.

CARRIED

**8. REPORTS**

8.1 B.C. School Trustees' Association:

Jim Jenkinson

Trustee Jenkinson reported on the most recent BCSTA meetings he attended in Vancouver on October 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. The full report of the Education Committee can be found on the BCSTA website under “docushare”, or trustees can follow the link provided in the October 28<sup>th</sup> e-Alert. A motion passed “That BCSTA continue discussions with the Ministry of Education regarding the status of early childhood education for pre-Kindergarten children”. The updated agenda for the December Academy entitled “Success for All” was circulated, and several electronic publications have included a link to the full program agenda. A joint meeting with the newly appointed BCSTA Aboriginal Education Committee was held and there was consensus that the committees should meet more often. The Chair of the Education Committee and the BCSTA President have accepted Trustee Jenkinson’s resignation from the committee and will welcome Carol Bell from School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) at the December Academy as the new Kootenay-Boundary Branch representative.

A Joint Meeting with Ministry staff, Provincial Councilors, Board Chairs and Branch Presidents took place on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was some good dialogue with Deputy Minister James Gorman following the round table discussions amongst trustees, mostly around personalized learning and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning. There was very little discussion to indicate that the early learning initiative was an immediate provincial government priority, so the Premier’s subsequent TV announcement was a surprise. This is a three point plan including 100 new StrongStart Centres; voluntary early childhood learning assessment programs to identify individual learning need beginning in 2011-2012; and increased assistance and support to identify children’s unique needs, and to provide intense assistance to ensure that all students meet the grade 4 learning outcomes for the “3R’s”.

A link to the details of the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Council meeting can be found on the October 28<sup>th</sup> e-Alert. This was the second meeting that was accessible to trustees via Elluminate, and all of the reports are available online through the BCSTA website. Nine motions were passed with the most notable being the second motion regarding the BCeSIS problems this fall. Provincial Council urged the BCSTA Board of Directors and senior staff to seek assurance from the government that there will be no further problems with the system; to ask for compensation to boards for increased costs associated with the reported problems; and to evaluate the long-term future of a common student data collection system. The Finance Committee advised Provincial Council that there would likely be an increase in member fees if the current level of service to member boards is to be maintained. Trustees can comment on the *Draft* BCSTA Budget and submit written suggestions before December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our Board Chair participated in the joint meeting with the Ministry and she also sat in as an observer at Provincial Council.

Finally, since these meetings, the BCSTA President, Vice President and Executive Director have met with the new Education Minister, George Abbott. Also, since that November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Premier has resigned and there is speculation that our new minister is a front runner to replace Gordon Campbell.

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

Jim Jenkinson

Trustee Jenkinson advised that there will be an Elluminte session on November 18<sup>th</sup> for trustees to review the proposed amendments to the Branch constitution. He also reminded trustees that there will be a Branch meeting at the December Academy. At that meeting the new Aboriginal Education Committee representative appointed to our Branch will be introduced to trustees. The agenda is being finalized for that meeting and he anticipated that there would be an update on the Branch constitution review process.

Trustee Jenkinson will not be going to the December meeting, so if anyone else could represent the District at this meeting it would be appreciated. Trustee Christensen indicated that he will be attending this meeting and expressed his appreciation to Trustee Jenkinson for his efforts as Branch representative, Provincial Councillor, and Education Committee member in recent years.

8.3 B.C. Public School Employers' Association:

Sandra Smaill

Trustee Smaill advised that she had nothing to report.

8.4 Technology Report:

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere advised that work is progressing on our Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone system. We should have the new system in place across the District by the end of December.

We have installed a fully virtual computer system at Edgewater School. There were some implementation issues that had to do with the particular hardware which have since been resolved. Troy Rad, Network Specialist for the Windermere Zone, is continuing to make improvements to this system. The Department will look at virtualization as an option where we would be planning to replace labs or teacher use machines.

We are investigating the capabilities of the new Wireless Access Points (WAP's) which are being intalled throughout the District in order to upgrade our wireless infrastructure. The intent is to allow "visitor" machines to be able to connect to the web without connecting to the District network and thus be routed around the firewall. Dave Hlady, Network Specialist in Kimberley, has been working on this.

Coordinate, which is our management system for the International Student Program, has had some updates which allow for Homestay profiles to be produced from the data, event notifications to be emailed out, and student arrivals and departures to be logged and tracked.

SWMS (Website Management) has some improved layout options. There are 102 School district websites linked to the main page.

eMeeting has been partitioned, which allows for the system to be used more widely. We have entered into conversations with School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) to access eMeeting in order to make their board meetings paperless.

Finally, new graphics for t-shirts, jackets and posters have been designed for the International Student Program.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

9.1 Correspondence:

9.1.1 School Community Connections Grant 2010 Approval, Marysville Elementary School

9.1.2 School Community Connections Grant 2010 Approval, Field Elementary School

9.1.3 School Community Connections Grant 2010 Approval, David Thompson Secondary School

9.2 Calendar of School Board Meetings: Circulated.

9.3 District Learning Leadership Calendar: Circulated.

**10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

2010.11.29 Policy Committee Teleconference, 3:00 p.m.

2010.11.30 Windermere Zone Trustees' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

2010.12.07 Golden Zone Trustees' Meeting, 12:15 p.m.

2010.12.14 Board of Education In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Invermere Board Office

2010.12.14 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Invermere Board Office

**11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Bob Wilson, President of the RMTA, asked how much the District pay in carbon offsets this year. Mr. Dow advised that \$50,000 has been budgeted for this item in 2010/11.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S CHRISTENSEN/JENKINSON**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 19:48 hours.

CARRIED

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer