

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

MINUTES of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held at McKim Middle School, Kimberley, B.C., **11-10-11**.

Present:	Greg Anderson	Chair
	Shannon Hood	Vice-Chair
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chair
	Ron Christensen	Trustee
	Roberta Hall	Trustee
	Jim Jenkinson	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Dan Soles	Trustee
	Paul Carriere	Superintendent of Schools
	Cameron Dow	Secretary Treasurer

Apologies: Betty Lou Barrett Trustee

Members of Senior Management
General Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 19:06 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S JENKINSON/CHRISTENSEN

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: 2011.09.13

M/S SOLES/HALL

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on 11-09-13 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2011.09.13

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 update on two teacher grievances as well as their current strike. With respect to support staff there was an update on a grievance pertaining to duty to accommodate.

The Board received a proposal from the Superintendent to move the administration of the District's technology program to Ed Main who is currently Vice-Principal of the Rocky Mountain Distributed Learning School. The Board supported the proposal and this change became effective October 1, 2011.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 McKim Middle School Presentation - HEART:

Viveka Johnson, Principal

Mr. Carriere introduced Ms. Viveka Johnson, Principal, and expressed his appreciation to her and the McKim Staff for hosting this evening's meeting. Ms. Johnson appreciated the opportunity to make a presentation to the Board on the School's HEART theme, which is an acronym for Healthy Lifestyles, Excellence, Acceptance, Respect/Responsibility and Team Work. This program forms the base of everything that is done at the school and fits with the vision for 21st Century learning. In order to provide a flavor for HEART she thought it would be useful to present a sample of the student work being done at the school. The Grade 7 class has been focusing on team work, and has created a video containing five acts around this theme which she played for the Board. Other activities in the program include such things as skits and dance. Ms. Johnson felt that there has been a lot of positive feedback from staff with respect to a decrease in the amount of discipline issues. She also commented that since the program works with self-contained groups students have more time to focus as there is less movement during the school day. The Chair thanked Ms. Johnson for her presentation and for hosting the Board meeting.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** Nil

6. **STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

6.1 Policy Development: Nil

6.2 Clarification of Policy No. 2200 – Community Use of School District Property and Facilities:

The Chair indicated that at the October 1st working session there was a discussion pertaining to the use of the McKim theatre. It was agreed that this facility would be made available for public funerals in the future and the necessary revisions will be made to the rental agreement to reflect this decision.

7. **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

7.1 September 2011 Budget Utilization Summary: Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow indicated that expenditures are almost 1% higher than the estimated level but expects this trend to reverse as we move through the school year.

7.2 Section 76.3 Organization of Classes Report to Board: Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere advised that the report was attached to the agenda as well as a second document outlining the rationale for classes of greater than 30 students.

M/S CHIRSTENSEN/SMALL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain), in accordance with Section 76.3 of the *School Act*, approves the Organization of Class Size Report as presented.

CARRIED

7.3 2011-2012 Enrolment Report: Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere provided an update on the District's enrolment based on the September 30th data collection information. We are looking at a decline of just over 47 FTE's from last year which is significantly less than what was originally predicted. Interestingly there has been an increase in the Kimberley zone's numbers while both Golden and Windermere have declined. We can anticipate a further decrease next year since this year's Grade 12 class is very large and the last one that is over 300 students.

7.4 Transportation Policy Sub-Committee: Steve Jackson

Mr. Jackson advised that a committee will be reviewing the existing policy which was created just after amalgamation in the late 1990's. After studying the policy and its relevance, the committee will consider making recommendations to the policy committee. It may also be necessary to have a formal process for gathering input from the public as well.

7.5 SD6 Exempt Staff: Greg Anderson

The Chair pointed out that due to the teachers' strike the District has experience a different start to the school year. He felt it was important for the Board to acknowledge that the District would not be managing as effectively without the effort of the exempt staff group and wanted to publicly express the Board's appreciation for their efforts.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon commented on a few highlights in the report including the school plans for student success which were presented last week, the Aboriginal Education Support worker's retreat, the development of professional growth plans, and the calendar of upcoming events.

8.2 B.C. School Trustees' Association: Ron Christensen

Trustee Christensen advised that he will be unable to attend the upcoming Provincial Council meeting and Trustee Smith will represent the District at this meeting.

8.3 B.C. School Trustees' Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch: Rhonda Smith

Trustee Smith indicated that the minutes from the September AGM have been circulated. Carol Bell, the Branch's education rep., is seeking input on the early learning recommendations by October 19th. Trustee Smith will solicit the trustees' input and provide a summary to Ms. Bell by the deadline.

8.4 B.C. Public School Employers' Association: Dan Soles

Trustees Soles and Christiansen, along with Mr. Carriere, attended a representative council meeting at the beginning of the month to provide direction to the Association on teacher bargaining. He felt that the Employers' Association did a good job of advising attendees of their options pertaining to the strike by teachers and received support from Boards to move the bargaining process forward.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence:

The Board has been advised that the District has received a Southern Interior Construction Association Owner/Consultant Award for instilling fairness and equity in the construction procurement process. The Association recognized Steve Jackson, Director of Operations, for his efforts in this regard on behalf of the District. The Chair, on behalf of the Board, commended Mr. Jackson for this award.

9.2 Calendar of School Board Meetings: Circulated.

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2011.10.21-22 B.C. School Trustees Assoc. Provincial Council Meeting, Vancouver
- 2011.11.01 Policy Committee Teleconference, 4:00 p.m.
- 2011.11.01 Windermere Zone Trustees' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 2011.11.01 Golden Zone Trustees Teleconference, 12:15 p.m.
- 2011.11.08 Board of Education In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Invermere Board Office
- 2011.10.08 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Invermere Board Office

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Craig Hillman, President of the Kimberley Teachers' Association, referred to the Bill 33 process pointing out that teachers continue to have challenges due to the fact that they have classes with students who have needs but have not been assessed and consequently may not be funds in a special needs category. He recognizes that it does take time to get the assessments completed but was wondering how many situations like this are there presently in the District. Mr. Carriere indicated that there is a process in place for having the necessary assessments completed and every effort is made to move this process along. Meetings occur in as timely a fashion as possible, however, in some instances a student may have needs but there may be no funding available. The Chair indicated that the Ministry is looking at a funding formula review and has requested input from the BCSTA. The District has made a submission to the School Trustees' Association and this is an area of concern that was identified by this Board in their submission.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjourning the Chair pointed out that there is only one more regular meeting for the existing Board, and Trustee Soles will not be able to attend this meeting. Since Trustee Soles does not plan to seek re-election the Chair took this opportunity to thank him for his service on the Board and recognize him for his 9 years as a School Trustee.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/SMALL

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 19:55 hours.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary Treasurer