

# 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 Lady Grey Elementary School, Golden, B.C., **11-09-13**.

Present:	Shannon Hood	Meeting Chair
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chair
	Betty Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Roberta Hall	Trustee
	Jim Jenkinson	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Dan Soles	Trustee
	Paul Carriere	Superintendent of Schools
	Cameron Dow	Secretary Treasurer

Apologies:	Greg Anderson	Chair
	Ron Christensen	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: 2011.06.14

**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 11-06-14 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2011.06.14

Personnel Matters: The Board approved the Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval as circulated. The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

With respect to teaching staff, the Board received an update on the staffing process for 2011/12 and local bargaining. A report on the present status of administrative vacancies was provided as well as the status of support staff bargaining.

Student Discipline: The Board was advised of one student suspension from the Windermere zone.

## 4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 2010/2011 Auditor's Report and Financial Statements: Gordon Green, Smith Green Andruschuk

Mr. Dow introduced Mr. Green, Partner with the District's audit firm, Smith Green Andruschuk. Mr. Green has been in charge of the audit for the past 6 years and will be presenting the 2010/2011 Auditor's Report and Financial Statements. He began by reviewing the Auditor's Report which is in a different format from previous years but the end result is a standard unqualified report.

He then reviewed Statements 1 through 3 commenting on specific items of note. He also commented on Schedule B which provided information on the Special Purpose Funds. Mr. Green then referred to Schedule C1 which summarized the District's capital assets. He completed his presentation with an overview of the notes to the financial statements and advised that School Districts will be moving to Public Sector Accounting Standards for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. After responding to questions the Chair expressed the Board's appreciation to Mr. Green for his presentation.

**M/S BARRETT/SMALL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) accepts the Auditor's Report and approves the School District Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2010/2011 as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Long Service Recognition Award to Trustee: Shannon Hood

Trustee Hood recognized Trustee Soles for receiving his nine-year long service award from BCSTA and presented him with a service recognition certificate from the Association.

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

**6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

6.1 Policy Development: Nil

**7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

7.1 August 2011 Budget Utilization Summary: Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow indicated that although expenditures appear to be high, this is not unusual for the first two months of the fiscal year.

7.2 Draft Achievement Contract: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reminded the Board that this document is prepared annually and provides a three year commitment to improving student achievement. There are Ministry guidelines pertaining to the goals and related information contained in the contract. She then pointed out that the District is at or above their goal in almost every measure which indicates that we are a high achieving District. Ms. Lenardon then focused on the data in the report that pertained to all students and then specifically for Aboriginal Education students. Of the 3,273 students in the District it is anticipated that 2,618 will graduate which leaves 655 non-graduates. It is this latter group which is the focus of this contract. The objective is to have 100% of our students graduate with purpose, dignity and options. The contract must have goals in three specific areas – graduation targets, literacy targets, and Aboriginal achievement. There are specific strategies to attain each goal and methods of monitoring each of these. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions from the Board and the Chair thanked her for the overview of the draft contract.

**M/S HALL/SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Achievement Contract 2011-2011 as presented.

CARRIED

7.3 District Literacy Plan:

Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon indicated that this plan is prepared by a group of community representatives which had participants from each zone. The committee is headed by the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) and this document consists of an action plan for each of our three zones dealing with their unique characteristics. The District is closely connected to the plan and we attempt to utilize the services that are available in each community.

7.4 Wildsight Request:

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere stated that this is a similar request to those received in the past.

**M/S SMAILL/HALL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Wildsight Kimberley/Cranbrook request to serve alcohol at their fundraising event to be held at McKim Middle School on Friday, October 14, 2011, subject to meeting all legal requirements.

CARRIED

**8. REPORTS**

8.1 Learning Leadership Report:

Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon highlighted specific items in this month's report including a welcome message from the Superintendent, the recent zone days and school-based professional development activities.

8.2 Technology Report:

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reported that although our enrolment has been declining, the technology needs in the District continue to rise. Recently there has been a growing need to increase technology support and Mr. Carriere was pleased to announce that Peter Troster has been added to the District's technology team.

8.3 B.C. School Trustees' Association:

Ron Christensen

No report.

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

Rhonda Smith

Trustee Smith reminded the Board members that the Kootenay-Boundary Branch fall meeting is scheduled for the weekend of September 16-18 in Nakusp, unfortunately she will be unable to attend.

8.5 B.C. Public School Employers' Association:

Dan Soles

No report.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

9.1 Correspondence:

Nil

9.2 Calendar of School Board Meetings: Circulated.

**10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- 2011.09.16-18 B.C. School Trustees Assoc. Kootenay-Boundary Branch AGM, Kaslo
- 2011.09.27 Policy Committee Teleconference, 4:00 p.m.
- 2011.09.27 Windermere Zone Trustees' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 2011.10.01 Board of Education Working Session, Invermere Board Office, 9:30 – 3:00
- 2011.10.04 Golden Zone Trustees Teleconference, 12:15 p.m.
- 2011.10.11 Board of Education In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 p.m., McKim Middle School, Kimberley
- 2011.10.11 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., McKim Middle School, Kimberley

**11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Bob Wilson, RMTA President, asked for clarification on who has the mandate and is responsible for the literacy plan. This is a plan developed by the community as a whole for the benefit of all, however, the Board is responsible for submitting the plan to the Ministry of Education.

He then asked if the District tracks students beyond 6 years of entering high school to determine if they have completed high school. Mr. Carriere indicated that this has been done informally to some extent by secondary school counselors. This is a good area to pursue.

Michelle Hiraoka asked for clarification of the role of School Planning Councils in the development of the District Achievement Contract. It was pointed out that draft school plans are incorporated into the contract for the current year.

She then asked if there was any reporting done on the Dry Grad Funds received annually by the District. Mr. Carriere indicated that a report is sent to the Liquor Distribution Branch after the completion of these events.

Caren Nagao asked for clarification on how Golden Secondary plans to deal with the fact that they have a French Immersion teaching vacancy at the present time. Mr. Carriere suggested that Ms. Nagao discuss this matter with the school's principal.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S JENKINSON/BARRETT**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 20:42 hours.

CARRIED

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer