

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

MINUTES of a **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held at Marysville Elementary School, Kimberley, B.C., **08-04-08**.

Present:	Greg Anderson	Chair
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chair
	Dan Soles	Vice-Chair
	Betty Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Ron Christensen	Trustee
	Maureen Gillen	Trustee
	Roberta Hall	Trustee
	Jim Jenkinson	Trustee
	Bendina Miller	Superintendent of Schools
	Cameron Dow	Secretary Treasurer
	Members of Senior Management	
	General Public	

Apologies: Rhonda Smith Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 19:33 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

M/S SMAILL/SOLES

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the agenda with the following additions:

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| 4. | Presentations | |
| 4.1 | <u>School Completion Courses</u> | Pegg Davidson, District Principal
David Levine, Teacher |
| 4.2 | <u>Marysville Photo-Jam</u> | Ken Bibby, Principal |
| 4.3 | <u>BCSTA Long-Service Recognition</u> | Bendina Miller |

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

- 3.1 Regular Meeting: 2008.03.11

M/S SMAILL/SOLES

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain), held on 08-03-11 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

- 3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2008.03.11

Property Matters: The Board reviewed the new legislation pertaining to the process for disposing of surplus property.

Personnel Matters: The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated. The Board received a report on a number of labour relations issues including staffing for next year; updating the

Teachers' collective agreement; a pending arbitration; an outstanding grievance and the 2007/08 Labour Market Adjustment submission.

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

4. PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 School Completion Courses: Pegg Davidson, District Principal
David Levine, Teacher

Ms. Morris introduced Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Levine who have been developing a school completion certificate program for the District. They circulated a summary of the plan and reviewed the process used to develop the plan. The intent is to maximize the opportunity for all students to graduate with a Dogwood Certificate. They provided some examples from the non-credit course flowchart and responded to a number of questions. The Chair thanked them for providing this information to the Board.

- 4.2 Marysville Photo-Jam: Ken Bibby, Principal

Mrs. Miller introduced Mr. Bibby who stated that Marysville Elementary prepares a photo-jam presentation for each of their assemblies. The intent is to provide a flavor of the school's activities and highlight the school's goals. He then showed the presentation from the latest assembly to the Board.

- 4.3 BCSTA Long-Service Recognition: Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller reminded everyone of the strength and vision of our Trustees, particularly when it comes to the achievement agenda. At the recent BC School Trustees' Annual General Meeting seven of our Board members received long-service awards. She then recognized each individually:

Six years – Betty Lou Barrett, Roberta Hall, and Dan Soles;

Nine years – Greg Anderson and Maureen Gillen;

Eighteen years – Rhonda Smith; and

Twenty-one years – Ron Christensen (life member).

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 5.1 Paperless Board Meetings: Greg Anderson

Mr. Anderson reminded the Board that this matter has been discussed at the previous two meetings. The intent would be to move to a more environmentally friendly process for meetings.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/JENKINSON

THAT the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) proceed with the implementation of paperless Board meetings effective immediately.

CARRIED

6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

- 6.1 Policy Development:
6.1.1 First Reading: Nil

6.1.2 Second Reading:

6.1.2.1 Policy No. 5800: District Code of Conduct for Students:

Mrs. Miller advised that this policy has been circulated for input and four responses were received. The revisions to the policy are mainly grammatical and there is no change in the intent.

M/S CHRISTENSEN/JENKINSON

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 circulated.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Third Reading: Nil

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 March 2008 Budget Utilization Summary: Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow advised that expenditures continue to be less than the projected level for this time of year.

7.2 2008/09 Estimated Operating Grants and Preliminary Budget: Cameron Dow

Mr. Dow reviewed the summary of operating grants for next year which reflected a decrease of \$368,000 from the current year. He also reviewed the summary of budgeted expenditures for 2008/09 and highlighted the proposed revisions. It is anticipated that a preliminary budget will be prepared for consideration by the Board at the next meeting.

7.3 Board Authority Authorized Course – Outdoor Education 10: Barbara Morris

Ms. Morris indicated that the Golden zone trustees had reviewed this course and Trustee Soles recommended it for approval by the Board.

M/S SOLES/CHRISTENSEN

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve Outdoor Education 10 to be offered at Golden Secondary as a Board Authority Authorized Course for 2007/08.

CARRIED

7.4 Bill 33 Report to the Board: Bendina Miller

Mrs. Miller advised that there was one additional class that does not meet the class composition guidelines.

M/S HALL/GILLEN

THAT the Board of School Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the revised Bill 33: Class-Size and Composition Report for 2007-2008 as presented.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

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

Trustee Smail had nothing to report.

8.2 B.C. School Trustees' Association: Jim Jenkinson

Trustee Jenkinson reported on the BCSTA Annual General Meeting which concluded on the weekend. The District's motion pertaining to extra-curricular travel was adopted and Provincial Council approved the budget as well as the auditor for the forthcoming year.

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

There was no report as Trustee Smith was not in attendance.

8.4 Learning Leadership Update: Barbara Morris

Ms. Morris advised that there has not been a decrease in staff development opportunities since Spring Break. In preparation for the April 16th webcast in the series on Assessment for Learning, each zone has picked a date to view and discuss an archived webcast on assessment. The Windermere zone participants watched it last week and shared their successes with changes in practice which reflect the key assessment for learning practices discussed in the webcasts. As usual, the discussion was rich and invigorating. Kimberley was having their session after school today and Golden's will be on April 10th.

Yesterday Marilyn Bancks and Ms. Morris attended a regional session on Assessment and Grading Practices. The purpose of this session was to build and share knowledge related to the topic, to receive input for further work with Damien Cooper, and to identify further regional directions and plans related to assessment and grading. The general feeling in the room was that we need to sustain this focus and support additional staff development opportunities next year.

There are more interesting staff development opportunities lined up for April and May, and Ms. Morris is looking forward to sharing highlights next month.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.1 Correspondence: Nil
- 9.2 Calendar of School Board Meetings: Circulated.
- 9.3 District Learning Leadership Calendar: Circulated.

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2008.04.12 Board/Senior Staff Working Session
- 2008.04.21 District Directions 2013 Community Input, Board Office, Invermere, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 2008.04.28 Golden Zone Trustees' Meeting, 12:15 p.m.
- 2008.04.28 Board Policy Committee Teleconference Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- 2008.04.28 Windermere Zone Trustees' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
- 2008.04.29 District Directions 2013 Community Input, Golden Secondary School, Golden, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 2008.05.05 District Directions 2013 Community Input, McKim Middle School, Kimberley, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 2008.05.13 In-Camera Board Meeting, Golden Secondary School, Golden, 6:00 p.m.
- 2008.05.13 Regular Board Meeting, Golden Secondary School, Golden, 7:30 p.m.

11. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** Nil

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S CHRISTENSEN/SOLES

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:37 hours.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary Treasurer