

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 videoconference at Kimberley, Golden, and Invermere District Offices, B.C., - **MARCH 14, 2017.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson
	Shannon Hood	Trustee
	Mac Campbell	Trustee
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Rosemary Oaks	Trustee
	Paul Carriere	Superintendent of Schools
	Dale Culler	Secretary Treasurer
	Members of Senior Management	

Apologies: Denny Neider Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 19:11 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S SMAILL / OAKS

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: 2017.2.14

M/S CAMPBELL / HOOD

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on February 14, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2017.2.14

3.2.1 Property Matters Nil

3.2.2 Legal Matters Nil

3.2.3 Personnel Matters:

The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval was approved as presented. The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated. The Labour Relations Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

- 4. **PRESENTATIONS** Nil
- 5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** Nil
- 6. **STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

6.1 Policy Development:

6.1.1 Third Reading:

M/S CAMPBELL / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) take from the table Policy No. 1500, Code of Ethics for School Trustees.

CARRIED

6.1.1.1 Policy No. 1500, Code of Ethics for School Trustees Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reviewed the proposed changes to the policy and indicated the Policy Committee is recommending the Board consider third and final reading of the policy at this meeting.

M/S CAMPBELL / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Policy No. 1500, Code of Ethics for School Trustees at this meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Second Reading:

6.1.2.1 Policy 6300, B.C. School Completion Certificate Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reported that the Policy Committee had not received any further input to the policy since the last meeting. The Policy Committee recommended the Board consider second reading; however the Board proposed to also consider third reading at this meeting reasoning that the proposed change is a housekeeping matter to clarify the language to earn an Evergreen certificate.

M/S SMAILL / HOOD

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Policy No. 6300, B.C. School Completion Certificate at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S SMAILL / BARRETT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Policy No. 6300, B.C. School Completion Certificate at this meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.2.2 Policy 3800, Expenses on School Board Business Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reported that the purpose of the amendment is to match the increase in the reimbursement rate in the teacher's collective agreement from \$0.52 to \$0.53 per km effective May 1, 2017. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider second reading of the policy at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / OAKS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Policy No. 3800, Expenses on School Board Business at this meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.3 First Reading:

6.1.3.1 Policy 6700, Recognition of Scholarship

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere indicated that Counsellors at the secondary schools recognized the policy needed to be updated based on changes to the Ministry of Education District/Authority Scholarship application process. Because of the upcoming application deadlines for students applying for scholarship awards, the Policy Committee is recommending the Board consider all three readings of the policy at this meeting.

M/S CAMPBELL / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to consider all three readings of Policy No. 6700, Recognition of Scholarship at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S SMAILL / OAKS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Policy No. 6700, Recognition of Scholarship at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S OAKS / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Policy No. 6700, Recognition of Scholarship at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S OAKS / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Policy No. 6700, Recognition of Scholarship at this meeting.

CARRIED

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 February 2017 Budget Utilization Summary

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported on the February budget utilization summary. The results of operations for the first half of the school year are as expected. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

7.2 Long Term Facility Plan Process

Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum initiated discussion regarding the next steps in the Long Term Facility Plan process. Based on the discussion, the Board provided Administration with further direction.

M/S OAKS / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) direct staff to update the Long Term Facility Plan as follows:

- Current data;
- capacities adjusted to reflect lower class size in restored contract language;

- delete references to Nicholson Elementary shortened day and Friday bus route;
- adjust implementation schedule for K-7 reconfiguration to 2018-19 school year; and
- incorporate additional information reviewed by the Board following the November 8th, 2016 Board motion.

CARRIED

M/S OAKS / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) hold hearings with the full Board present in Kimberley (April 25, 2017), Invermere (April 26, 2017), and Golden (April 27, 2017) to provide another opportunity for public input to the draft.

CARRIED

M/S OAKS / CAMPBELL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) circulate the revised draft plan for a two week period prior to the hearings.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 Superintendent’s Report – Mid-year Update on Student Success: Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented the Superintendent’s Mid-Year Update on Student Success to the Board. Mr. Carriere reviewed three (3) key measures of learning success; Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) in reading, writing and numeracy, Literacy targets, and On-track scores. Mr. Carriere provided commentary on the results in each of these three (3) areas, reviewed information on groups of students requiring special attention and focus, and outlined the directions for the remainder of the year. Mr. Carriere responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

8.2 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reported that she asked the schools to share information from their recent special days. She received many contributions from the schools for events such as Family Literacy Day, Pink Shirt Day, and Winter Take Me Outside Day. She also announced that Sandra Beckett (Kindergarten teacher at Alexander Park Elementary) received the 2017 Award of Environmental Education Excellence. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her report.

8.3 Kootenay-Boundary Environmental Education Spring Report Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reported on the activities of the Kootenay Boundary Environmental Education Committee (KBEE). KBEE is a collaboration between six (6) school districts with an emphasis on outdoor place based learning. The committee helps connect the districts, schools, and teachers of the region to access professional development, resources and opportunities to enhance environmental education. The spring newsletter highlights the work being done throughout the region. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her report.

8.4 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing reported that she attended the Provincial Council meeting in Vancouver on February 17 – 18. She reported that BCSTA president Teresa Rezansoff has announced that she will be resigning and that a new president will be elected at the BCSTA AGM in April. Trustee Fearing also reported a motion put forward by SD 52 to request the Minister of Education to help Northern and rural and remote school districts with recruitment and retention issues arising from the SCC ruling had been passed. The Chairperson advised that on

March 14, 2017 the Ministry announced a \$2M investment for rural teacher recruitment to help address this issue.

8.5 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch

Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum reported that the rural education meeting scheduled for Revelstoke that Trustees Oaks and Smith were to attend had been cancelled and is being rescheduled.

8.6 Public School Employers Association

Mac Campbell

Trustee Campbell reported that it had been a busy month with phone calls and updates on the resolution to the SCC decision. He reported that he travelled with the Superintendent to attend the BCPSEA Representative Council meeting in Vancouver on March 10, 2017 that reviewed LoU No. 17 Agreement: Resolution to Supreme Court Decision. He was impressed with the work that was done by BCPSEA and BCTF representatives to resolve the matter.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence

Nil

9.2 February and March 2017 Calendar

Circulated

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Trustee Smith raised the point that in light of the upcoming Long Term Facility Plan hearing dates approved at this meeting, it would be appropriate to reschedule the upcoming Board meeting locations for April and May. Originally the April meeting was scheduled for the Windermere Zone and the May meeting was scheduled for the Golden Zone. Trustee Smith stated that members of the public may want to be in attendance when the plan is presented for consideration by the Board at the May 9, 2017 meeting. Therefore she proposed to make it more equitable for residents of Kimberley, who would have to travel two and one half hours for a meeting in Golden, to hold it centrally in Invermere instead.

M/S SMITH / OAKS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) reschedule the spring Board meetings for April 11, 2017 to Nicholson Elementary School; for May 9, 2017 to Eileen Madson Elementary School, and for June 13, 2017 to Marysville Elementary School.

CARRIED

- 2017.04.04 Golden Zone Trustees Meeting, via Teleconference, 12:15 pm
- 2017.04.04 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via Teleconference, 8:30 am
- 2017.04.06 - 07 BCSSA Spring Forum 2017, Vancouver
- 2017.04.11 Board Meeting, Nicholson Elementary School, In Camera, 6:00 pm
- 2017.04.11 Board Meeting, Nicholson Elementary School, 6:30 pm
- 2017.04.11 Board Meeting, Nicholson Elementary School, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Doug Murray asked what impact the cold weather has had on the budget for schools heating bills. Mr. Jackson replied that there was approximately a 20% increase in heating fuel volume consumed for December and January compared to the same months in the prior year. Mr. Murray also provided commentary on two issues; one relating to recruitment and retention and the other regarding the Christmas break.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S OAKS / SMAILL

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:04 hours

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer