

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 Selkirk Secondary School, Kimberley, B.C., - **OCTOBER 10, 2017.**

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

Members of Senior Management

Apologies: Rosemary Oaks Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 19:09 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S SMAILL / NEIDER

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: 2017.9.12

M/S SMAILL / FEARING

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on September 12, 2017 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2017.9.12

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. The Trustee remuneration schedule was approved as presented. The Board discussed and provided input for the BCPSEA teacher bargaining survey.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 SSS – Leadership and Independent Directed Studies Presentation Clint Dolgopol

Mr. Dolgopol, Principal of Selkirk Secondary School introduced two (2) students, Huw Miller and Emerson Hale that are involved in the school’s Independent Directed Studies program. The students presented the Board with two (2) videos they created demonstrating leadership and independent directed studies projects for the program. The first video showed the community wide event that was held in the Platzl in September that was attended by students from all across Kimberley and Marysville. The event raised nearly two thousand dollars that will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. The second video showed Emerson building a tiny home that he is converting out of a steel shipping crate. The students responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked them for their presentation.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil

6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

6.1 Policy Development:

6.1.1 Third Reading:

6.1.1.1 Bylaw No. 1, Procedural Bylaw

Mr. Carriere explained that the Policy Committee has received no feedback on the amendments to the bylaw since second reading. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider third reading of the bylaw at this meeting.

M/S SMITH / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Bylaw No. 1, Procedural Bylaw at this meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Second Reading: Nil

6.1.3 First Reading:

6.1.3.1 Policy 6900, Extra-Curricular and Curricular Field Trips

Mr. Carriere explained that there was a concern raised regarding field trips and special safety considerations involving swimming in open water. Mr. Carriere reported that Schools Protection Program is advising that parents indicate the level of skill that their child has in terms of swimming proficiency on the permission forms. There is also a proposed change to the amount of advance time required for the requests for trips requiring Trustee approval to be forwarded to the Superintendent. The Policy Committee is recommending that the wording be changed from “must” to “should be forwarded to the Superintendent at least two (2) months prior to the date of the anticipated trip”. The Policy Committee is recommending the Board consider first reading of the policy amendments at this meeting.

M/S BARRETT / CAMPBELL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Policy 6900, Extra-Curricular and Curricular Field Trips at this meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.3.2 Policy 3600, Transportation of Students on Regular School Bus Routes

Mr. Carriere explained that at the September 12th, 2017 Board meeting there was a motion for a variance to Policy 3600 to reinstate the Harrogate leg back onto a rural bus route in the Golden zone. This motion was defeated, however the Board did pass a motion for the Policy Committee to review the policy and make recommendations regarding rural bussing throughout the district. The proposed changes to the policy are to increase transportation assistance from \$0.26 to \$0.40 and to increase the cost differential of providing bus service versus transportation assistance allowance from 20% to 30%. The Board will also be required to provide at least two (2) months written notice prior to any change to bus routes taking effect. Mr. Carriere and Mr. Jackson responded to questions. The Policy Committee is recommending the Board consider first reading of the policy at this meeting.

M/S CAMPBELL / NEIDER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Policy 3600, Transportation of Students on Regular School Bus Routes.

CARRIED

M/S SMITH / BARRETT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Policy 3600, Transportation of Students on Regular School Bus Routes at this meeting.

DEFEATED

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 September 2017 Budget Utilization Summary

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported on the September budget utilization summary indicating that it is the end of the 1st quarter; however it is only the first month that schools have been operating in the school year. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

7.2 Enrolment Report

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented the Board with enrolment statistics for each school as well as enrolment changes by zone. Mr. Carriere reported that enrolment has increased in all three zones again this year. Mr. Carriere responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Learning Leadership Report:

Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon indicated that she has received lots of submissions from the schools who participated in the orange shirt day. The Chairperson thanked her for her report.

8.2 BC School Trustees Association

Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing reported that she will be attending the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting being held in Vancouver. She also attended the BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch AGM that was held at Ainsworth Hot Springs where there were a series of films and a very powerful presentation by the Chief Jason Louie of the Lower Kootenay Band and Dr. Christopher Horsethief.

8.3 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum reported that she attended the BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch AGM that was held at Ainsworth Hot Springs where she was re-elected president.

8.4 Public School Employers Association Mac Campbell

Trustee Campbell reviewed the changes that are happening because of the change in Provincial government. There are a number of items that are under review and open for restructuring and the government is seeking input prior to making any changes.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence Nil

9.2 October and November 2017 Calendar Circulated

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2017.10.17-19 BCSSA Fall Chapter Meeting, Halcyon Hot Springs
2017.10.25 Ministry of Education Partner Relations Meeting, Richmond
2017.10.26 BCSTA Board Chair Meeting, Richmond
2017.10.27-28 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting, Vancouver
2017.10.31 Policy Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 4:00 pm
2017.10.31 Windermere Zone Trustee Meeting, Board Room, 5:00 pm
2017.11.02-03 BCPSEA 2017 Symposium, Vancouver
2017.11.07 Golden Zone Trustees Meeting, Golden Board Room, 12:15 pm
2017.11.07 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am
2017.11.14 Board Meeting, Martin Morigeau Elementary School, In Camera, 6:00 pm
2017.11.14 Board Meeting, Martin Morigeau Elementary School, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm
2017.11.14 Board Meeting, Martin Morigeau Elementary School, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Michelle Forbes asked if the changes to Policy 3600, Transportation of Students on Regular School Bus Routes would just effect bus routes in Golden. Chairperson Byklum replied that it is a district wide policy. Ms. Forbes followed up by asking whether the changes were only for rural routes, or would it also cover courtesy riders. Mr. Carriere replied that there have been requests for courtesy riders that have been dealt with by the Golden Zone Trustees, and he emphasized that those requests are for a variance to the policy, not for a policy change. Trustee Smith added that for clarification, courtesy riders are asking for a bus ride when the student lives within the eligible rider limit. Ms. Forbes asked how the eligible rider limit is determined, i.e. is it determined as the crow flies? Mr. Jackson replied that it is calculated from the school to the driveway of the residence.

Doug Murray asked whether the motion for second reading of Policy 3600, Transportation of Students on Regular School Bus Routes was defeated. Chairperson Byklum replied that it was defeated for second reading at this meeting; however it will be back on the agenda again for second reading at the next meeting.

Doug Murray asked how the international students are being distributed across the district. Mr. Carriere explained that the number of international students in each of the zones is limited by homestay availability. The program is continuing to work on finding additional spaces for the students. Trustee Smith added that in some cases the program feels pressure from the hockey programs requiring their players to also be billeted.

Sally Struthers asked whether the proposed changes to the transportation policy will result in an increase in bus routes from the reduction that happened this year or is it an increase from last year. Mr. Carriere explained that the number of bus routes will be optimized by the transportation department. In some cases it will result in additional legs to existing rural routes or a new route could be created. Both circumstances could happen. Ms. Struthers restated the question, and Mr. Jackson replied that there were no reduction in bus routes from the prior year, only reductions to legs on the routes.

A question was asked about how long it takes for approval of a policy from 1st through 3rd reading. Chairperson Byklum replied that it can be one (1) reading per month; or the Board can choose to have more than one reading at a meeting.

A question was asked if the student transportation grant is all going to transportation. Chairperson Byklum replied in the affirmative.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S SMAILL / BARRETT

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:01 hours

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer