

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 J. Alfred Laird Elementary School, Invermere, B.C., - **SEPTEMBER 11, 2018.**

Present: Amber Byklum Chairperson
Sandra Smaill Vice-Chairperson
Denny Neider Trustee
Shannon Hood Trustee
Mac Campbell Trustee
Rhonda Smith Trustee

Paul Carriere Superintendent of Schools
Dale Culler Secretary Treasurer

Members of Senior Management

Apologies: Jane Fearing Vice-Chairperson
Betty-Lou Barrett Trustee
Rosemary Oaks Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 19:05 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S SMAILL / HOOD

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: 2018.6.12

M/S CAMPBELL / SMITH

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on June 12, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2018.6.12

3.2.1 Property Matters Nil

3.2.2 Legal Matters Nil

3.2.3 Personnel Matters:

The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval; the Board approved one (1) teacher leave of absence request and denied one (1) teacher leave of absence request; the Board also approved one (1) CUPE personal leave of absence request and denied one (1) CUPE personal leave of absence request 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 and the Board heard a report that the non-accountable allowance for elected officials will be eliminated for tax years 2019 and later.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 J. Alfred Laird Elementary School Jill Jensen

Ms. Jensen, Principal of J. Alfred Laird Elementary School (JALES) introduced Teacher Dylan Dainard who has been using Scholantis E-Portfolio with his class as a way to continuously communicate student learning rather than just three times per year. Mr. Dainard introduced two of his students who shared their portfolios with the Board. They explained that they can post their assignments to their page and their parents can see the work right away without it having to come home “all crumpled in their backpack”. The students stated that the system is easy to learn and uploading files is fairly simple. Mr. Dainard added that the system is a great tool for student learning. He then played a media file of a student reading aloud and stated that parents can see their student’s reading progress over the course of the year. Mr. Dainard emphasized that the student’s page can stay with them even as they go to secondary school. Mr. Dainard responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him and the students for their presentation.

4.2 2017-2018 Auditor’s Report and Draft Financial Statements Gordon Green, CPA, CA
Green Andruschuk, LLP

The Chairperson introduced Mr. Green who presented the Auditor’s Report and review of the draft Audited Financial Statements of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) for the year ended June 30, 2018. Mr. Green reviewed the Auditor’s report, the statement of financial position, statement of operations, schedules and the notes to the financial statements. Mr. Green added that the final statements which the Board will approve have been amended for one typographical error in Note 9 to correct the date to 2018 and a small wording change in Note 18 to provide additional clarity for the contingent liability. Mr. Green responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

M/S NEIDER / CAMPBELL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) accepts the Auditor’s Report and approves the Audited Financial Statements of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) for the year ended June 30, 2018 as amended at this meeting.

CARRIED

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil

6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

- 6.1 Policy Development:
 - 6.1.1 Third Reading: Nil
 - 6.1.2 Second Reading: Nil
 - 6.1.3 First Reading: Nil

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 School District No. 6 Reporting Practices for 2018-2019 Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon presented the Board with the proposed draft framework for reporting practices for the 2018-2019 school year. Ms. Lenardon reported that the recommended updates will align District practice with the Ministry draft reporting order currently being piloted by 14 districts across the province. The descriptors are improved as they better communicate achievement levels, and grades K-7 will be uniform, instead of letter grades being used once students reach grade 4. One advantage of this approach is that it will provide us with a single standard scale for data sets. Also, in grades 4-7 we will now follow a single term reporting model, meaning that each of the reports over the course of a year will be a snapshot of achievement in time, and previous term marks will not appear on successive report cards.

M/S CAMPBELL / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the reporting practices for the 2018-2019 school year as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.2 August 2018 Budget Utilization Summary Dale Culler

Mr. Culler presented the Board with the August budget utilization summary. Mr. Culler indicated that the report only contains the results of operations for the summer months which have comparatively fewer transactions compared to the remaining ten months of the school year; however he wanted to let the board know that all the budgets have been entered into the accounting system earlier than the prior year and the reports have all been rolled forward and reconciled to start the new year.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon presented the report to the Board. Ms. Lenardon indicated that there are many learning opportunities for staff to share. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her report.

8.2 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Chairperson Byklum reported that we are in an election year and that the nomination period for Trustees is open until Friday September 14th at 4:00 pm.

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

Chairperson Byklum reported that there are a number of Trustees planning on attending the upcoming BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch AGM at Trail, BC. The agenda includes a number of discussion topics and learning opportunities for trustees.

8.4 Public School Employers Association Mac Campbell

Trustee Campbell reported that there will be an upcoming meeting for the BCPSEA Board of Directors.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.1 Correspondence Nil
- 9.2 September and October 2018 Calendar Circulated

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2018.09.14-15 BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch AGM, Trail
- 2018.09.25 Policy Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 4:00 pm
- 2018.09.25 Windermere Zone Trustee Meeting, Board Room, 5:00 pm
- 2018.10.02 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am
- 2018.10.03 School Plans for Student Success, Kimberley Zone, Kimberley Board Room, 4:00 pm
- 2018.10.04 School Plans for Student Success, Windermere Zone, Conference Room, 4:00 pm
- 2018.10.09 Board Meeting, Marysville Elementary School, In Camera, 6:00 pm
- 2018.10.09 Board Meeting, Marysville Elementary School, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm
- 2018.10.09 Board Meeting, Marysville Elementary School, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 2018.10.10 School Plans for Student Success, Golden Zone, Golden Board Room, 4:00 pm

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Doug Murray asked if the teachers have been given a heads up on the report card changes. Ms. Lenardon responded that the Principals went back to their staff and the feedback was positive and they felt that there would not be a change to their workload.

Doug Murray asked for further clarification on the change to teacher’s workload. Ms. Lenardon elaborated that the changes could reduce the workload for intermediate teachers who no longer will use letter grades.

Doug Murray asked if there is any additional training required for teachers to learn the new system. Ms. Lenardon responded that the process for teachers is the same, with different options on drop-down menus.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S HOOD / CAMPBELL
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:26 hours

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer