

## 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., - **DECEMBER 11, 2018.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chairperson
	Ronald McRae	Trustee
	Scott King	Trustee
	Ryan Stimming	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Paul Carriere	Superintendent of Schools
	Dale Culler	Secretary Treasurer

Members of Senior Management  
General Public

Apologies:	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Jane Thurgood Sagal	Trustee
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:01 hours.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**M/S SMAILL / KING**

**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: 2018.11.13

**M/S SMAILL / SMITH**

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on November 13, 2018 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2018.11.13

3.2.1 Property Matters

3.2.1.1 The Board was provided an update on the Field Elementary School.

3.2.1.2 The Board was provided with an update on a soil investigation conducted at a site in Kimberley.

3.2.2 Legal Matters Nil

### 3.2.3 Personnel Matters:

3.2.3.1 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval, the Board approved one (1) CUPE personal leave of absence request and denied one (1) personal leave of absence request as presented.

3.2.3.2 The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

3.2.3.3 The Labour Relations Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

3.2.3.4 The Executive Compensation Report was received and filed as circulated.

3.2.3.5 A consent form was circulated to Trustees wishing to receive electronic communications from BCSTA.

## 4. **PRESENTATIONS**

### 4.1 **Rocky Mountain International Student Program Update**

Amy Shoup

Amy Shoup, International Education Manager, presented an International Program update to the Board. She advised Trustees that there are currently 211 students enrolled (160 FTE) from 18 countries. RMISP is working hard to continue to grow diversity in the program as the majority of students are from Germany and Mexico. Ms. Shoup also touched on the Shared Service Agreements (these are unique in Canada) which facilitate the placement of RMISP students in SD19 and SD5. Our program is also unique in that we offer an “experience program” which provides for a wide range of extra-curricular activities for the students. In addition, we operate the “Rocky Rewards” program, which encourages the students to volunteer in the community and at school, as well as to achieve good work habits and grades. Students with enough “Rocky Rewards” points can earn a year-end trip to Vancouver. The program is always looking for host families in all three communities and encourages anyone interested in hosting an international student to go to the website for more information at [www.rminternational.ca](http://www.rminternational.ca).

## 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 Policy 6910, Student Travel for Work Experience

Mr. Carriere explained that there has been no additional feedback regarding the amendments to Policy 6910 since the last meeting. The Policy Committee considered the proposed amendments brought forward at the last board meeting and is not recommending any of these amendments be included in the policy. The Policy Committee is recommending the Board consider third and final reading of the policy amendments at this meeting.

### **M/S SMAILL / KING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Policy 6910, Student Travel for Work Experience at this meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Second Reading:

6.1.2.1 Policy 5800, District Code of Conduct for Students

Mr. Carriere explained that this policy sets out the expectations for student behaviour in the District. There were two items of feedback considered by the Policy committee since first reading. The first item was to add e-cigarettes (vapes) as prohibited products, and the second item was to change some outdated language in the policy. The Policy Committee agreed with both of these amendments and is recommending the Board consider second reading of the policy amendments at this meeting.

**M/S SMAILL / STIMMING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Policy 5800, District Code of Conduct for Students at this meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.3 First Reading:

Nil

**7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

7.1 Board Committee Appointments

Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum reported that the standing committee appointments have been circulated with the agenda.

7.2 November 2018 Budget Utilization Summary

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported on the November 2018 budget utilization summary. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

**8. REPORTS**

8.1 Learning Leadership Report:

Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reported that this will be the last learning leadership report under District Directions 2018. Next year's report will be organized around District Directions 2023. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her report.

8.2 BC School Trustees Association

Jane Fearing

Each of the Trustees who had participated in the BCSTA Trustee Academy presented some highlights and reviewed what they learned while attending the conference. It was noted that SD6 was specifically mentioned by the Deputy Minister of Education for an improved School Completion Rate over time. Trustee Stimming noted that the District also had a high participation rate on this year's Foundation Skills Assessment.

8.3 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch

Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum reported on the BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch breakfast meeting held at the BCSTA Trustee Academy. School District No. 6 will be hosting the fall 2019 Branch AGM and planning will begin shortly.

Vice-Chairperson Smail reported that she will be attending the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual AGM scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Richmond, BC and will report back to the Board.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 9.1 Correspondence Nil
- 9.2 December 2018 and January 2019 Calendar Circulated
- 9.3 December 2018 Schedule of Christmas Events Circulated

**10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- 2018.12.18 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am
- 2019.01.08 Golden Zone Trustee Meeting, Golden Board Room, 12:15 pm
- 2019.01.08 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 2019.01.08 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm
- 2019.01.08 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

**11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Doug Murray, WTA President expressed concern over the comments regarding the FSA. Chairperson Byklum indicated that the Board is aware of these concerns.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S SMITH / STIMMING**  
**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 19:49 hours

CARRIED

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer