

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 Windermere Elementary School - **APRIL 9, 2019.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson
	Ronald McRae	Trustee
	Scott King	Trustee
	Ryan Stimming	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Jane Thurgood Sagal	Trustee
	Paul Carriere	Superintendent of Schools
	Dale Culler	Secretary Treasurer
	Members of Senior Management	
	General Public	

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Chairperson Byklum acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa and Shuswap people.

3. 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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

4.1 Regular Meeting: 2019.3.12

M/S MCRAE / FEARING

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on March 12, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2019.3.12

4.2.1 Property Matters

4.2.1.1 Mr. Jackson provided an update to the Board regarding Field Elementary School.

4.2.1.2 Mr. Jackson provided an update to the Board on a meeting held with the Director of Family Dynamix Daycare.

4.2.1.3 The Board passed a resolution in support of working with the College of the Rockies on an expansion project at David Thompson Secondary.

4.2.1.4 Mr. Jackson advised the Board of a newly created capital program for the demolition of surplus facilities and the possible utilization of the fund in SD6.

4.2.2 Legal Matters Nil

4.2.3 Personnel Matters:

4.2.3.1 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval: the Board approved three (3) CUPE personal leave of absence requests and denied one (1) CUPE personal leave of absence request as presented.

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

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

4.2.3.4 The Board approved a motion to submit the Teacher Bargaining Plan to BCPSEA.

4.2.3.5 Ms. Lenardon provided the Board with an update on the CUPE Bargaining Plan.

4.2.3.6 The Board approved an amendment to an Exempt staff member's contract.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Art from the Heart – Windermere Elementary School Joseph Baron

Mr. Joseph Baron, Principal of Windermere Elementary School showed a video presentation from his combined grade 4/5 class. The class worked together on an art project submitted for the Art from the Heart display, which runs at Pynelogs Cultural Centre & Art Gallery in Invermere from April 2-27. The theme this year is collaboration, and Mr. Baron was proud to inform the Board that the submission from this class won first place out of all the submissions from the Elementary students from the Windermere Zone. The students indicated that their painting is based on the planets and that each student was allowed to use only two colours. The students learned how important it was to collaborate and share with other students. One of the students commented that this is how we can change the world. Mr. Baron responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for the presentation.

5.2 DPAC Chenoa Paccagnan and Michelle Rievai

Ms. Paccagnan and Ms. Rievai were not in attendance at the meeting to provide the Board with their presentation.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil

7. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

7.1 Policy Development:

7.1.1 Third Reading: Nil

7.1.2 Second Reading:

7.1.2.1 Policy 5100, Student Safety

Mr. Carriere explained that the Policy Committee received considerable input, notably that helmets used should be rated specifically for the sport. The proposed amendments to the policy include a requirement that students and adult supervisors wear helmets for sports such as cycling, and curling. The Policy Committee recommended that secondary students also be required to wear helmets while skating. The Policy Committee expressed that our District should be “leading rather than following” in areas of safety. Mr. Carriere indicated that the District supports schools purchasing class sets of protective headgear for sports such as curling. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider second reading of Policy 5100 at this meeting.

M/S KING / STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Policy 5100, Student Safety at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.1.2.2 Policy 3110, Grant Applications

Mr. Carriere reported that the Policy Committee did not receive any feedback on Policy 3110 since first reading. Mr. Carriere indicated that the policy was drafted to ensure that when schools are applying for grants for projects over \$5,000 that they communicate with the Secretary-Treasurer. This is to prevent schools from applying for grants for projects, prior to determining if there are any barriers that would prevent a project from being completed. Mr. Carriere noted that Mr. Culler had presented the draft based on a review of policies in other school districts. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider second reading of Policy 5100 at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Policy 3110, Grant Applications at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.1.3 First Reading:

7.1.3.1 Policy 3800, Expenses on School Board Business

Mr. Carriere reported that the mileage reimbursement rate in the RMTA collective agreement will increase to \$0.55 per km effective May 1, 2019. Mr. Carriere indicated that the rate in Policy 3800 is currently \$0.54 per km and that the two rates have normally been aligned. Mr. Carriere indicated that the Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider all three readings of the amendments to Policy 3800 at this meeting to be effective May 1, 2019.

M/S SMAILL / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to consider all three readings of Policy 3800, Expenses on School Board Business at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S SMAILL / MCRAE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Policy 3800, Expenses on School Board Business at this meeting to be effective May 1, 2019.

CARRIED

M/S SMAILL / STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Policy 3800, Expenses on School Board Business at this meeting to be effective May 1, 2019.

CARRIED

M/S MCRAE / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Policy 3800, Expenses on School Board Business at this meeting to be effective May 1, 2019.

CARRIED

7.1.3.2 Bylaw No. 1, Procedural Bylaw

Mr. Carriere reported that it is appropriate to amend the Procedural Bylaw based on the resolution that was passed at the March 12th, 2019 Board meeting, regarding the acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa and Shuswap people at all business meetings and formal gatherings of the Board. The proposed amendment to the bylaw adds the Acknowledgement of Territory immediately after the Call to Order at all regular meetings of the Board. Mr. Carriere indicated that the Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider all three readings of the amendments to Bylaw No. 1, Procedural Bylaw at this meeting.

M/S SMITH / FEARING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to consider all three readings of Bylaw No. 1, Procedural Bylaw at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S KING / THURGOOD SAGAL

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

CARRIED

M/S SMITH / FEARING

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

CARRIED

M/S KING / THURGOOD SAGAL

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

8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

8.1 March 2019 Budget Utilization Summary

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported that the utilization of the District budget is as expected for the Instruction, Administration and Transportation functions. He has forecasted that Operations will not require the entire increase in the utility budget that had been approved for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Mr. Culler and Mr. Jackson will adjust the budget, and transfer eighty thousand dollars from utilities to local capital reserves, to allow Mr. Jackson to replace two additional vehicles in the white fleet. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

8.2 Board Authority Authorized Courses

Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon presented two Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses for Board consideration; Leadership 11 and Teacher Assistant 12. Ms. Lenardon reviewed Leadership 11 with the Board indicating that this is an extension to the Leadership 10 course that was previously approved by the Board. The course will focus on the theoretical and practical applications of human relations and focus on leadership style and leadership systems to gain a deep understanding of how leaders effectively lead for change. Ms. Lenardon also reviewed Teacher Assistant 12 with the Board indicating that this course is designed to give students the opportunity to develop a sense of social responsibility through the application of Teaching Assistant skills and theories. Students will work under the supervision of a teacher mentor to develop skills necessary related to supporting a teacher. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her presentation.

M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / MCRAE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Board/Authority Authorized Leadership 11 course to be available for the 2019-2020 school year at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S FEARING / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Board/Authority Authorized Teacher Assistant 12 course to be available for the 2019-2020 school year at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.3 Variance to Policy 3600, CSF Transportation Collaboration Request

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported to the Board a summary of the conversation that he had with Mr. Jackson and Mr. Sylvain Allison, Secretary-Treasurer of the Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (School District No. 93) to discuss the potential options that were available for transportation collaboration between our Districts. Mr. Culler reported that Policies 3600 and 3601 were reviewed with Mr. Allison, who indicated that he was comfortable with the language and restrictions in the policies. Mr. Jackson reviewed the existing bus routes in Golden and explained the safety concerns with having a bus drop students off at the intended site of the Francophone school. Mr. Jackson explained that Mr. Allison understood those safety concerns and was in agreement with having the Francophone students dropped off at Alexander Park Elementary School. The Francophone school is prepared to arrange for a "walking school bus" from Alexander Park Elementary School for the two blocks required to get their students to the school each day. Mr. Culler proposed that in the draft agreement, the Board consider the transportation priority of the students to be as follows: School District No. 6 eligible students, School District No. 93 eligible students (contracted service), School District No. 6 courtesy riders and School District No. 93 courtesy riders. It would be understood that SD93 courtesy riders would be approved if room were available, and would be an optional paid service, approved by SD93. There was some discussion among Trustees about SD93 eligible students being placed ahead of SD6 courtesy riders in the order of priority. Mr. Culler and Mr. Jackson responded to questions and the Board emphasized that they want the contract to come back to them for review prior to it being signed.

M/S SMAILL / FEARING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve a variance to Policy 3600, Transportation of Students on Regular School Bus Routes to contract transportation services with Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (School District No. 93) for their students in Golden.

CARRIED

M/S STIMMING / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) review the transportation services agreement with Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (School District No. 93) in no more than one (1) year's time.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS

9.1 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reported that March was a short month because of spring break; however there were a number of quality submissions that she showcased with the Board. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her presentation.

9.2 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Vice-Chairperson Fearing, reported that there are two events upcoming for Trustees. The first is the BCSTA Trustee Leadership Development Session being held in Cranbrook on April 15-16, 2019. She also reported that the BCSTA AGM will be held in Richmond BC from April 25-28, 2019.

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

Chairperson Byklum reported that School District No. 6 will host the next Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB) AGM, and that it will be held at Fairmont Resort September 27-29, 2019. She indicated that planning is just starting for the event and that professional development sessions and other activities are being planned for Trustees. She also informed Trustees that there will be a KBB breakfast meeting held at the upcoming BCSTA AGM in Richmond later in the month.

9.4 Public School Employers' Association Sandra Smaill

Vice-Chairperson Smaill had nothing to report.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Correspondence Nil

10.2 April and May 2019 Calendar Circulated

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2019.04.15–16 BCSTA Leadership Development Training, Cranbrook

2019.04.25–27 BCSTA AGM, Richmond

2019.04.27 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting, Richmond

2019.04.30 Policy Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 4:00 pm

2019.04.30 Windermere Zone Trustees Meeting, Board Room, 5:00 pm

2019.05.07 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am

2019.05.07 Golden Zone Trustee Meeting, via teleconference, 12:15 pm

- 2019.05.14 Board Meeting, Alexander Park Elementary School, In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 2019.05.14 Board Meeting, Alexander Park Elementary School, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm
- 2019.05.14 Board Meeting, Alexander Park Elementary School, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sally Struthers asked the Board whether a teacher can decline the assignment to supervise and mentor a student requesting to take the Board/Authority Authorized Teaching Assistant 12 course. Ms. Lenardon responded that the Board is approving the curriculum for the course and the school administration approves the placement of the student with the teacher.

Sally Struthers asked the Board whether the teacher would be getting a separate training course to prepare them for the mentorship. Ms. Lenardon responded that was not part of the Board's consideration when they decided to approve the course.

13. ADJOURNMENT

M/S KING / FEARING

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:27 hours

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer