

## 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 Nicholson Elementary School - **OCTOBER 8, 2019.**

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

Apologies: Betty-Lou Barrett Trustee

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**M/S SMAILL / MCRAE**

**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: 2019.9.10

**M/S SMITH / SMAILL**

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on September 10, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2019.9.10

4.2.1 Property Matters Nil

4.2.2 Legal Matters Nil

4.2.3 Personnel Matters:

4.2.3.1 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval; the Board approved one (1) 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.

4.2.4 Student Matters: Nil

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 Leader In Me School – NES Student Presentation Margo Reinders

Margo Reinders, Principal of Nicholson Elementary School introduced three (3) students who did a presentation for the Board on what it means to be part of a Leader in Me school. Each of the students spoke about what they liked about the program and some of their responsibilities. The students said that they learn about the eight (8) habits which are largely focused on how working together helps everyone do better. Some of the key points that the students presented are summarized below:

- They get to practice speaking at assemblies;
- They can be part of the Lighthouse team which allows them to take part in planning school activities like going on walks to stretch their legs;
- They have responsibilities such as turning off the lights and carrying the clipboard;
- They learn to write personal and school wide goals;
- They can help with breakfast club;
- They learn to be proactive and do first things first, helping them prepare for adulthood.

One of the students ended her presentation telling the Board that she wants to be a scientist who protects the earth and that she hopes to win a Nobel prize. Ms. Reinders indicated that there are approximately forty (40) students on the Lighthouse team, that the greeter at the door was on the team, and that they also set up the rooms for the Board meeting. The Chairperson thanked them for 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: Nil

7.1.3 First Reading:

7.1.3.1 Policy 5130, Provision of Menstrual Products to Students Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented Policy 5130, Provision of Menstrual Products to Students for the Board's consideration at first reading. Mr. Carriere informed the Board that the Ministry of Education announced that by December 31, 2019 schools will be required to provide menstrual products in washrooms. Mr. Carriere indicated that the policy is based on a draft that was created by the BCSTA that fulfills the Ministerial Order. The Board will be kept apprised on how the District is complying with the Order by December 31, 2019. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider first reading of Policy 5130 at this meeting.

**M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Policy 5130, Provision of Menstrual Products to Students at this meeting.

CARRIED

**8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

8.1 August 2019 Budget Utilization Summary

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported on the August 2019 Budget Utilization Summary for the Board's information. Mr. Culler indicated that all the reporting templates for the 2019-20 school year have all been rolled forward and updated with the annual budget figures. Mr. Culler indicated that due to the early date for this meeting the September month end could not be finalized in time to get the September Budget Utilization Summary on the agenda for this meeting; he will present both the September and October reports at the next meeting. Mr. Culler responded to a question regarding the variance between actual and estimated expenses. He indicated that the estimate assumes expenses are incurred evenly throughout the year; however, administration services and supplies such as software licenses and fees, and audit fees are one-time expenses that are front loaded and always appear in the first quarter of the year which explains the variance. The Chairperson thanked him for his report.

8.2 Calendar Process, School Calendar Recommendations

Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon presented the draft 2020-21 and 2021-22 calendars for the Board's consideration. Ms. Lenardon explained that it has been the Board's practice to set the calendars for two (2) years at a time. Ms. Lenardon emphasized that these draft calendars are just a starting point for discussion. Mr. Carriere added that the calendars must be available for public input and circulated to the community for at least thirty (30) days to allow for commentary and feedback prior to Board approval and submission to the Ministry by March 31, 2020. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her presentation.

**M/S SMAILL / KING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the draft school calendar recommendations as presented at this meeting.

Mr. Culler asked the Chairperson to confirm for the minutes whether the motion on the floor included the approval of both the draft 2020-21 and 2021-22 school calendars. The Board proposed an amendment to the motion to clarify that the motion include both the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school calendars as presented.

**M/S SMAILL / STIMMING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the two years of draft calendars; 2020-21 and 2021-22 as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

**M/S SMAILL / KING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the two years of draft calendars; 2020-21 and 2021-22 as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.3 Enrolment Report

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented to the Board the Enrolment Report and the Enrolment Change by Zone Report for the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Carriere indicated that enrolment for this school year is up 43 students and is very close to the projection provided to the Board in the Long-Term Facility Plan. Mr. Carriere explained that the report indicated that the District can expect modest growth through 2025 followed by a leveling off and a decline thereafter. Mr. Carriere indicated that based on those projections there are no surprises. Mr. Carriere responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

8.4 Groundswell Network Society Request

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented to the Board a request from Groundswell Network Society asking the Board to consider approval in support of their fundraising event being held on Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> at their greenhouse on the property at David Thompson Secondary School. The society plans on serving alcohol at the event; and because they have a license of occupation with the District for the greenhouse they require approval from the Board in order to apply for an event liquor license. Mr. Carriere responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

**M/S SMAILL / KING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the request from Groundswell Network Society in support of their fundraising event in order to apply for an event liquor license.

CARRIED

**9. REPORTS**

9.1 Learning Leadership Report:

Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reviewed the Learning Leadership Report with the Board drawing their attention to a number of highlights. 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 she will be attending the Provincial Council meeting on October 25 – 26 in Vancouver. She will also attend her first Indigenous Education Committee meeting. In preparation for the meeting she met with the Aboriginal Education staff at both Lady Grey Elementary School and Golden Secondary School, and she indicated that she would like to meet with all the Aboriginal Education staff across the District.

9.3 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch

Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum reported that the BCSTA KBB AGM hosted by our District on September 27 – 29 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort was very successful. Trustees indicated that the event was very well attended and that it was both educational and entertaining. Chairperson Byklum indicated that as Past-President she was automatically the BCSTA KBB representative for our District; however now that she no longer holds that position it is appropriate and that a new representative be elected from our Board of Trustees. Chairperson Byklum asked Vice-Chairperson Smail to conduct the election.

Vice-Chairperson Smail called for nominations for the position of BCSTA KBB representative.

Trustee Stimming nominated Trustee Thurgood Sagal for the position of BCSTA KBB representative. Trustee Thurgood Sagal accepted the nomination.

Vice-Chairperson Smaill called for a second time for nominations for the position of BCSTA KBB representative.

Vice-Chairperson Smaill called for a third time for nominations for the position of BCSTA KBB representative.

Hearing no further nominations for position of BCSTA KBB representative, nominations were declared closed and Trustee Thurgood Sagal was acclaimed as BCSTA KBB representative.

9.4 Public School Employers' Association

Sandra Smaill

Vice-Chairperson Smaill reported that negotiations with the BC Teachers' Federation continue with the assistance of a mediator; however, because of the current state of negotiations it was decided that the BCPSEA Symposium scheduled for November 4 – 5 in Vancouver be cancelled. Vice-Chairperson Smaill is expecting that a report from the mediator will be forthcoming shortly and she will report back to the Board when there is more information.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

10.1 Correspondence Nil

10.2 October and November 2019 Calendar Circulated

**11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- 2019.10.17 BCSTA Meeting of the Board Chairs, Richmond
- 2019.10.18 BCSTA & Ministry of Education Joint Liaison Meeting, Richmond
- 2019.10.24-25 BCSTA Indigenous Education Committee Meeting, Vancouver
- 2019.10.25-26 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting, Vancouver
- 2019.10.29 Policy Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 4:00 pm
- 2019.10.29 Windermere Zone Trustees Meeting, Board Room, 5:00 pm
- 2019.11.05 Golden Zone Trustee Meeting, via teleconference, 12:15 pm
- 2019.11.06 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am
- 2019.11.12 Board Meeting, Lindsay Park Elementary School, In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 2019.11.12 Board Meeting, Lindsay Park Elementary School, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm
- 2019.11.12 Board Meeting, Lindsay Park Elementary School, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

**12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S KING / FEARING**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 19:42 hours

**CARRIED**

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer