

# 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 Lindsay Park Elementary School - **NOVEMBER 12, 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
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Paul Carriere	Superintendent of Schools
	Dale Culler	Secretary Treasurer
	Members of Senior Management	
	General Public	

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Culler called the meeting to order at 19:04 hours.

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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

## 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**M/S BARRETT / 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: 2019.10.8

**M/S BARRETT / STIMMING**

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on October 8, 2019 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2019.10.8

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 two (2) 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 Learning at Lindsay Park – Student Presentation Michelle Iacobucci

Michelle Iacobucci, Vice- Principal of Lindsay Park Elementary School introduced a number of Grade 3 students to the Board. They each had prepared statements describing what they feel is important about learning at their school. They demonstrated how they are learning words in the Ktunaxa language, doing outdoor learning activities, visiting Cominco Gardens, learning songs in music class, focusing on their reading skills, building projects, and using the 6 Cedars book to identify their different traits and learn more about indigenous ways of learning. The Chairperson thanked the children and Ms. Iacobucci for their presentation.

5.2 McGinty Lake Environmental Education Program Bob Johnstone

Mr. Carriere introduced Bob Johnstone, who is the President of the Meadowbrook Community Association. Mr. Johnstone introduced Andrea Chapman, Manager of Wildsight Kimberley/Cranbrook, Marty Musser, Meadowbrook Community Association Director, and Kim Urbaniak, who is the Wildsight Educator who organizes and delivers the McGinty Lake Program. Mr. Johnstone began by indicating that this educational program is supported with significant funding from the CBT as well as BC Hydro. He also expressed gratitude to the Board for funding transportation costs associated with SD6 students accessing the programming, which has helped them stretch the available funding and target it more to the actual program rather than to ancillary costs. Kim then proceeded with a presentation, where she illustrated a typical experience for the children at the site. She explained that they have the opportunity to explore the wetlands and that there are pre and post class lessons on a variety of topics. A sequenced curriculum for K-6 has been developed that aligns with the redesigned BC Curriculum. In the past year 684 students/34 classes from our District have been involved in the program. Kim responded to questions from the Board. The Chairperson thanked her for the presentation and thanked Mr. Johnstone and the other guests.

## 6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

6.1 Chairperson

The Acting-Chairperson called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain).

Trustee Smaill nominated Trustee Byklum for the position of Chairperson.

Trustee Byklum accepted the nomination.

The Acting-Chairperson called a second time for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

The Acting-Chairperson called a third time for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Hearing no further nominations for the position of Chairperson, nominations were declared closed and Trustee Byklum was acclaimed as Chairperson.

Mr. Culler vacated the chair, turning the meeting over to Trustee Byklum, the newly elected Chairperson.

## 6.2 Vice-Chairs

The Chairperson called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Kimberley Zone.

Trustee McRae nominated Trustee Smaill for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Kimberley Zone.

Trustee Smaill accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson called a second time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Kimberley Zone.

The Chairperson called a third time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Kimberley Zone.

Hearing no further nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Kimberley Zone, nominations were declared closed and Trustee Smaill was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson, Kimberley Zone.

The Chairperson called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Golden Zone.

Trustee Smith nominated Trustee Fearing for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Golden Zone.

Trustee Fearing accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson called a second time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Golden Zone.

The Chairperson called a third time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Golden Zone.

Hearing no further nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Golden Zone, nominations were declared closed and Trustee Fearing was acclaimed as Vice-Chairperson, Golden Zone.

## 6.3 BCPSEA Representative and Alternate

The Chairperson called for nominations for the position of B.C. Public School Employers' Association Representative.

Trustee McRae nominated Trustee Smaill for the position of B.C. Public School Employers' Association Representative.

Trustee Smaill accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson called a second time for nominations for the position of B.C. Public School Employers' Association Representative.

The Chairperson called a third time for nominations for the position of B.C. Public School Employers' Association Representative.

Hearing no further nominations for the position of B.C. Public School Employers' Association Representative, nominations were declared closed and Trustee Smaill was acclaimed as B.C. Public School Employers' Association Representative.

The Chairperson called for nominations for the position of B.C. Public School Employers' Association Alternative Representative.

Trustee Smaill nominated Trustee McRae for the position of B.C. Public School Employers' Association Alternative Representative.

Trustee McRae accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson called a second time for nominations for the position of B.C. Public School Employers' Association Alternative Representative.

The Chairperson called a third time for nominations for the position of B.C. Public School Employers' Association Alternative Representative.

Hearing no further nominations for the position of B.C. Public School Employers' Association Alternative Representative, nominations were declared closed and Trustee McRae was acclaimed as B.C. Public School Employers' Association Alternative Representative.

#### 6.4 BCSTA Provincial Council Representative and Alternate

The Chairperson called for nominations for the position of B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative.

Trustee Smaill nominated Trustee Fearing for the position of B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative.

Trustee Fearing accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson called a second time for nominations for the position of B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative.

The Chairperson called a third time for nominations for the position of B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative.

Hearing no further nominations for the position of B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative, nominations were declared closed and Trustee Fearing was acclaimed as B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative.

The Chairperson called for nominations for the position of B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternative Representative.

Trustee Fearing nominated Trustee Smith for the position of B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternative Representative.

Trustee Smith accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson called a second time for nominations for the position of B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternative Representative.

The Chairperson called a third time for nominations for the position of B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternative Representative.

Hearing no further nominations for the position of B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternative Representative, nominations were declared closed, and Trustee Smith was acclaimed as B.C. School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternative Representative.

## 7. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### 7.1 Selection of Committee Preferences

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere stated that pursuant to the Procedural Bylaw, Trustees are to submit their committee preferences to the Superintendent so that he can compile the preferences of all Trustees into a report for the Chairperson.

### 7.2 Committee Appointments will be made at the December Board Meeting

Mr. Carriere stated that pursuant to the Procedural Bylaw, the Chairperson, in consultation with the Superintendent, will determine committee appointments. These appointments will be subject to approval of the Board at the next Regular Meeting, which will be held on December 10, 2019.

## 8. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** Nil

**9. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

9.1 Policy Development:

9.1.1 Third Reading: Nil

9.1.2 Second Reading:

9.1.2.1 Policy 5130, Provision of Menstrual Products to Students

Mr. Carriere presented Policy 5130 to the Board on behalf of the Policy Committee. Mr. Carriere indicated that no feedback had been received on this Policy since first reading.

**M/S SMAILL / FEARING**

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

CARRIED

9.1.3 First Reading:

9.1.3.1 Bylaw No. 1, Procedural Bylaw

Mr. Carriere explained that the Policy Committee will be systematically reviewing the Policy Manual this year starting with the Bylaws. The proposed changes to Bylaw 1 allows for the Agenda on Regular Meetings of the Board to be adjusted to accommodate the election of officers of the Board and the making of committee appointments in each of the three November meetings between the general election of Trustees. In the past these agenda items have been added despite the wording of the Bylaw. There are also other housekeeping changes proposed. Mr. Carriere reported that the Policy Committee recommends all three readings at tonight's meeting.

**M/S BARRETT / THURGOOD SAGAL**

**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 SMAILL / BARRETT**

**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 SMAILL / MCRAE**

**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 MCRAE / STIMMING**

**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

9.1.3.2 Bylaw No. IV, School Calendar Approval Process Bylaw Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reported a number of housekeeping changes proposed by the Policy Committee. The main change is to clarify that in the event of the Ministry of Education varying the calendar by Ministerial Order, the Bylaw will be adjusted accordingly at the Regular Meeting that follows. Mr. Carriere reported that the Policy Committee also recommends 3 readings tonight for these changes.

**M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / SMAILL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to consider all three readings of Bylaw No. IV, School Calendar Approval Process Bylaw at this meeting.

CARRIED

**M/S SMAILL / BARRETT**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Bylaw No. IV, School Calendar Approval Process Bylaw at this meeting.

CARRIED

**M/S MCRAE / STIMMING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Bylaw No. IV, School Calendar Approval Process Bylaw at this meeting.

CARRIED

**M/S BARRETT / SMAILL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Bylaw No. IV, School Calendar Approval Process Bylaw at this meeting.

CARRIED

**10. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

10.1 Budget Utilization Summary – September 2019; October 2019

Dale Culler

The September 2019 and October 2019 budget utilization summaries are attached to the agenda for the information of the Board.

10.2 Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented the highlights of the report on achievement for the 2018-19 school year. Mr. Carriere noted the results in reading, writing, numeracy, on track score, graduation success and provided a narrative on these results. There continues to be significant alignment in the results for literacy between the provincial and local assessments and teacher marks. The alignment is not as strong in numeracy which is why we continue to have a focus on numeracy in school plans and as a staff development priority. Mr. Carriere also noted the extraordinary gains over time in results for both aboriginal learners and learners having special needs. He acknowledged the work of Assistant Superintendent Turner and the District Learning Services Team in supporting this improvement. Mr. Carriere finished his report by providing a narrative on groups of students we remain concerned about and how we are focused as a district on enhancing their achievement. He acknowledged the hard work of Assistant Superintendent Lenardon in the preparation of the report. He also noted that it would be featured on the District website. Mr. Carriere and Ms. Lenardon responded to a number of questions from Trustees and the Chairperson thanked him for the report.

10.3 Pilot Project – Electric Buses

Steve Jackson

Steve Jackson explained an opportunity for our District to become involved in this project which would allow the District to utilize an electric bus. He indicated that over time this could prove to be a wise financial decision and would also show leadership in the area of reducing our carbon footprint.

**M/S SMAILL / MCRAE**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the application for an electric bus and charging station including using local capital reserves for the District's portion of the purchase.

Trustees asked a number of questions about the specifics of the project. Following this dialogue, the Chairperson asked Mr. Jackson for his opinion. Mr. Jackson responded by indicating that while there were concerns that would have to be addressed with having this new technology a part of the fleet, the project is a good opportunity for the District. The Chairperson then called the question.

CARRIED

**11. REPORTS**

11.1 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.

11.2 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Vice-Chairperson Fearing suggested that the Board may benefit from having a professional learning session on local aboriginal history, perhaps at a Board Working Session. She also recommended an excellent film in the Haida language for Trustees to watch.

11.3 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch Jane Thurgood Sagal

Trustee Thurgood Sagal indicated that she had nothing to report.

11.4 Public School Employers' Association Sandra Smail

Vice Chairperson Smail attended the BCPSEA Representative Council Meeting in Vancouver for the purpose of participating in the consultation regarding Mediator David Schaub's report. The Mediator had attended with the parties for 16 days, and there were only 3 items resolved in 59 days of bargaining as well as the mediation. BCSPEA asked the Mediator for a report with recommendations which was provided 2 Fridays ago. The parties were asked whether their executives would support the recommendations. BCTF executive decided that they would not accept the recommendations nor circulate them to the membership. Therefore, there was no vote at the BCPSEA Rep Council meeting as the matter was rendered moot.

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS**

12.1 Correspondence Nil

12.2 December 2019 and January 2020 Calendar Circulated

**13. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

2019.11.26 Policy Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 4:00 pm  
2019.11.26 Windermere Zone Trustees Meeting, Board Room, 5:00 pm  
2019.11.28-30 BCSTA Trustee Academy, Vancouver  
2019.12.03 Golden Zone Trustee Meeting, via teleconference, 12:15 pm  
2019.12.03 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am  
2019.12.10 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 pm  
2019.12.10 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm  
2019.12.10 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

**14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Nil

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S SMAILL / BARRETT**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 20:50 hours.

CARRIED

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer