

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 10, 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
	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 19:09 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 / FEARING

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: 2019.11.12

M/S SMAILL / STIMMING

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

CARRIED

4.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2019.11.12

4.2.1 Property Matters

4.2.1.1 The Board was updated on the progress of the transfer of Field Elementary School.

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) personal leave of absence requests as presented; and denied one (1) personal leave of absence request.

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 was presented with the Executive Compensation Report.

4.2.3.5 The BCPSEA representative provided the Board with an update of a meeting that was attended.

4.2.3.6 The Board discussed matters relating to the upcoming Superintendent retirement and the hiring process for his replacement.

4.2.4 Student Matters: Nil

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Climate Change Awareness Darren Danyluk

Darren Danyluk, Principal of David Thompson Secondary School introduced two (2) students, Aurora Orchiston and Masha Stitch, to the Board. They gave a presentation on climate awareness. The students discussed how global warming is a serious issue and that climate change education is not substantial enough within our district during this current crisis. They further discussed that by incorporating more climate awareness into the education curriculum it would align with the District Directions 2023 and Student Success Plan which supports “learning that is plant based, outdoors and focused on environmental stewardship as well as “research based, collaborative learning community”. They expressed that while climate change has been politicized, the science has been “settled”. The students answered questions from the Board and the Chairperson thanked them for their presentation.

5.2 KBEE Take Me Outside for Learning Challenge – Presentation Award Duncan Whittick

Mr. Carriere introduced Duncan Whittick, Executive Director of the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEEN) who presented to the Board the results from the Take Me Outside for Learning Challenge. Mr. Whittick explained that the number of students participating has increased significantly from the 2016/17 school year where there were 18,000 student days with commitment to outside learning, to an estimated 389,000 student days in the 2019/20 school year. Mr. Whittick explained that SD6 has 80% of teachers participating in the initiative. Mr. Whittick then presented Chairperson Byklum with an award for the highest participation in the Kootenay-Boundary region.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil

7. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

7.1 Policy Development:

7.1.1 Third Reading:

7.1.1.1 Policy 5130, Provision of Menstrual Products to Students

Mr. Carriere presented Policy 5130, Provision of Menstrual Products to Students to the Board on behalf of the Policy Committee. Mr. Carriere indicated that no feedback had been received on this Policy since second reading and the Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider third and final reading of Policy 5130 at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / SMITH

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

CARRIED

7.1.2 Second Reading: Nil

7.1.3 First Reading:

Mr. Carriere explained the following six (6) policies being proposed for first reading were discussed with the Policy Committee; and since it was determined that the proposed amendments are primarily housekeeping items the Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider all three readings of the policies at this meeting. A Trustee raised a concern that several policies may still contain some grammatical errors and that the Policy Committee should review these policies again and bring them back for second and third reading.

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 the following policies at this meeting:

- Policy 1100, Policy Development;
- Policy 1210, Parent’s Advisory Council;
- Policy 1500, Code of Ethics for School Trustees;
- Policy 2200, Community Use of School District Property and Facilities;
- Policy 2205, Loans to Parents’ Advisory Councils/Schools; and
- Policy 2300, Business Education Partnerships.

DEFEATED

7.1.3.1 Policy 1100, Policy Development

Mr. Carriere indicated that the proposed amendments to this policy are primarily housekeeping items and asked the Board to send him any other proposed changes that they would like the Policy Committee to consider.

M/S SMAILL / STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider first reading of Policy 1100, Policy Development at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.1.3.2 Policy 1210, Parent's Advisory Council

Mr. Carriere indicated that the proposed amendments to this policy are primarily housekeeping items and asked the Board to send him any other proposed changes that they would like the Policy Committee to consider.

M/S SMAILL / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider first reading of Policy 1210, Parent's Advisory Council at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.1.3.3 Policy 1500, Code of Ethics for School Trustees

Mr. Carriere indicated that the proposed amendments to this policy are primarily housekeeping items and asked the Board to send him any other proposed changes that they would like the Policy Committee to consider.

M/S SMAILL / FEARING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider first reading of Policy 1210, Parent's Advisory Council at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.1.3.4 Policy 2200, Community Use of School District Property and Facilities

Mr. Carriere indicated that the proposed amendments to this policy are primarily housekeeping items and asked the Board to send him any other proposed changes that they would like the Policy Committee to consider.

M/S STIMMING / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider first reading of Policy 2200, Community Use of School District Property and Facilities at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.1.3.5 Policy 2205, Loans to Parents' Advisory Councils/Schools

Mr. Carriere indicated that the proposed amendments to this policy are primarily housekeeping items and asked the Board to send him any other proposed changes that they would like the Policy Committee to consider.

M/S BARRETT / FEARING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider first reading of Policy 2205, Loans to Parents' Advisory Councils/Schools at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.1.3.6 Policy 2300, Business Education Partnerships

Mr. Carriere indicated that the proposed amendments to this policy are primarily housekeeping items and asked the Board to send him any other proposed changes that they would like the Policy Committee to consider.

M/S BARRETT / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider first reading of Policy 2300, Business Education Partnerships at this meeting.

CARRIED

8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

8.1 Board Standing Committee Appointments Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum presented the Board Standing Committee appointments for the upcoming year.

M/S FEARING / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Board Standing Committee appointments as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.2 Adoption of School Calendars – School Calendar Feedback Received Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon presented the feedback received and recommendations on the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school calendars. The Board discussed various options for dates of the 2020-2021 Spring Break due to the timing of the proposed break and Easter.

M/S KING / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve both the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 calendars as presented at this meeting.

M/S FEARING / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) amend the 2020-2021 calendar to encompass Easter in the Spring Break and leave the 2021-2022 calendar as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) amend the 2020-2021 calendar to encompass Easter in the Spring Break and to circulate for feedback and bring back to the January meeting; and leave the 2021-2022 calendar as presented at this meeting.

DEFEATED

M/S KING / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve to amend the 2020-2021 calendar to encompass Easter in the Spring Break and leave the 2021-2022 calendar as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS

9.1 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reviewed the Learning Leadership Report drawing the Board’s 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 attended the BCSTA Fall Academy and reported on a number of highlights from the event. She was extremely impressed with the quality of the speakers and presenters and was thankful for the opportunity to spend some time with her colleagues on the board and other boards from across the province. Other trustees that attended the Academy in turn also commented on what they considered to be

the highlights. Trustee McRae emphasized how impressed he was with the organization of the event and the inspiring quality of the presenters.

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

Trustee Thurgood Sagal reported on the BCSTA Kootenay-Boundary Branch breakfast meeting that was held during the BCSTA Fall Academy. She indicated that all the boards were asked to present the progress on their district's strategic plan and how it ties back to Board meetings.

9.4 BC Public School Employers' Association Sandra Smaill

Vice-Chairperson Smaill reported that the BCTF and BCPSEA continued with a further two days of negotiations with a mediator.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Correspondence Nil

10.2 December 2019 and January 2020 Calendar Circulated

10.3 December 2019 Schedule of Christmas Events

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2020.01.07 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am

2020.01.07 Golden Zone Trustee Meeting, via teleconference, 12:15 pm

2020.01.14 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 pm

2020.01.14 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm

2020.01.14 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 20:39 hours

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer