

## 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 from various locations. - **MAY 12, 2020.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	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

Apologies: Sandra Smaill Vice-Chairperson

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:10 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 MCRAE / 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: 2020.4.14

**M/S MCRAE / THURGOOD SAGAL**

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on April 14, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2020.4.14

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 requests 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 discussed matters relating to moving expenses for Senior Staff.

4.2.3.5 The Board discussed matters relating to the ratification of the proposed Provincial Collective Agreement reached on March 26, 2020 between the British Columbia Public School Employees' Association and British Columbia Teachers' Federation.

4.2.4 Student Matters: Nil

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 Lady Grey Elementary School – Youth Take Charge Blaine Broderick

Blaine Broderick, Principal of Lady Grey Elementary School (LGES) introduced three grade seven students and their adult allies who presented the Board a video on their experience at the Canada We Want Conference in Toronto. 170 youth and adult allies from every province and territory in Canada came together to take action on issues that are impacting young people. Some of the issues that were discussed included indigenous issues and Truth and Reconciliation. The students from LGES were asked to speak and present a video at the event explaining how they can contribute to our country and have their voices heard. The students were able to ask questions to Member of Parliament Adam Van Koevorden who is on the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs. The students spoke very positively about their experience, how they felt it was a safe environment and that they felt love from everyone at the conference.

Mr. Broderick then introduced Vice-Principal Laurie MacDougall who shared a video from a student with the Board. Ms. MacDougall reported that she has received a number of videos from parents demonstrating how families are learning together with their children. The video demonstrated how one student is developing his mechanical and engineering skills by building a go-kart from parts in their home shop. The student explained how he was going to put the go-kart together and then ended with a demonstration of him driving it in the yard.

The Board thanked Mr. Broderick and Ms. MacDougall for their presentations.

**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

Mr. Carriere presented the Board with proposed amendments for the following nine (9) policies that have been reviewed with the Policy Committee. All the proposed amendments are housekeeping related with the exception of Policy 5000, which is being reorganized, and Policy 3800, Expenses on Board of Education Business, which is proposing to increase the mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.55 per km to \$0.57 per km effective July 1, 2020 to be consistent with the allowance approved in the Teachers' Collective Agreement that was ratified on May 1, 2020. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider both first and second reading of all nine (9) policies at this meeting to allow an opportunity for feedback prior to third reading.

7.1.3.1 Policy 5000, School Catchment Areas

7.1.3.2 Policy 5120, Healthy Schools

7.1.3.3 Policy 5140, Medical Alert and Administering Medication to Students

7.1.3.4 Policy 5150, Allergic Reaction / Anaphylaxis

7.1.3.5 Policy 5500, Students Records

7.1.3.6 Policy 5510, Custody of Children and Educational Information

7.1.3.7 Policy 5800, District Code of Conduct for Students

7.1.3.8 Policy 5850, Interrogation of Students

7.1.3.9 Policy 3800, Expenses on Board of Education Business

**M/S STIMMING / SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to proceed with both first and second readings of the following policies at this meeting:

- Policy 5000, School Catchment Areas;
- Policy 5120, Healthy Schools;
- Policy 5140, Medical Alert and Administering Medication to Students;
- Policy 5150, Allergic Reaction / Anaphylaxis;
- Policy 5500, Students Records;
- Policy 5510, Custody of Children and Educational Information;
- Policy 5800, District Code of Conduct for Students;
- Policy 5850, Interrogation of Students; and
- Policy 3800, Expenses on Board of Education Business.

CARRIED

**M/S SMITH / FEARING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of the following policies at this meeting:

- Policy 5000, School Catchment Areas;
- Policy 5120, Healthy Schools;
- Policy 5140, Medical Alert and Administering Medication to Students;
- Policy 5150, Allergic Reaction / Anaphylaxis;
- Policy 5500, Students Records;
- Policy 5510, Custody of Children and Educational Information;
- Policy 5800, District Code of Conduct for Students;
- Policy 5850, Interrogation of Students; and
- Policy 3800, Expenses on Board of Education Business.

CARRIED

**M/S STIMMING / KING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of the following policies at this meeting:

- Policy 5000, School Catchment Areas;
- Policy 5120, Healthy Schools;
- Policy 5140, Medical Alert and Administering Medication to Students;
- Policy 5150, Allergic Reaction / Anaphylaxis;
- Policy 5500, Students Records;
- Policy 5510, Custody of Children and Educational Information;
- Policy 5800, District Code of Conduct for Students;
- Policy 5850, Interrogation of Students; and
- Policy 3800, Expenses on Board of Education Business.

CARRIED

**8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

**8.1 2020-21 Annual Budget**

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler presented the 2020 – 2021 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Board’s approval. Mr. Culler reviewed the District’s revenue sources and proposed expenditures in detail. Mr. Culler explained that the Finance and Audit Committee met to review and provide input into the budget and is recommending that the Board consider first and second readings of the 2020 – 2021 Annual Budget Bylaw at this meeting. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

**M/S MCRAE / FEARING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to proceed with both first and second readings of the 2020 – 2021 Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2020 – 2021 at this meeting:

CARRIED

**M/S MCRAE / STIMMING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of the 2020 – 2021 Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2020 – 2021 at this meeting:

CARRIED

**M/S MCRAE / BARRETT**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of the 2020 – 2021 Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2020 – 2021 at this meeting:

CARRIED

**8.2 April 2020 Budget Utilization Summary**

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler presented to the Board the April 2020 Budget Utilization Summary. Mr. Culler indicated that April’s financial results includes the first full month of operations under COVID-19. Mr. Culler reviewed expense categories that resulted in cost savings and categories that have resulted in increased expenditures. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

8.3 Board of Education, Schedule of Meetings, 2020-2021 Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere presented the Board of Education Schedule of Meetings for the school year 2020-21 for Board consideration. Mr. Carriere responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

**M/S FEARING / THURGOOD SAGAL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Board of Education Schedule of Meetings 2020-21 at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.4 School Fees, 2020-2021 Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reported that annually in May the Board approves school fees for the upcoming school year in compliance with the *BC School Act*. Mr. Carriere reviewed the fees that the schools propose to charge parents in 2020-2021 for various activities and programs that are permissible within the guidelines of the *Act*. Mr. Carriere indicated that once approved, the fee schedule will be made available on the district website for parents to access. Mr. Carriere responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

**M/S MCRAE / SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the School Fees, 2020-21 at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.5 Local Reporting Practice Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reported that due to the suspension of in-class instruction as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic she is requesting that the Board approve a variance to the District reporting practice. She indicated that the Ministry has provided flexibility to Boards to narrow the curricular focus to include literacy, numeracy and core competencies and allow teachers to evaluate students in a format that is different from the usual practice. Ms. Lenardon explained how reporting would look at K -7 and also at Grades 8 – 12. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her report.

**M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / FEARING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the addendum to the Rocky Mountain School District Reporting Practice for the June 2020 final report card as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.6 COVID-19 Response Update Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reported that he the Province has released the BC Restart Plan which lays out a plan for restarting the BC economy. The plan will reintroduce face to face instruction after guidelines from the Ministry have been released. Senior staff provided an update on the district response to the COVID 19 pandemic, covering four main areas.

1. Safety of students and workers. Mr. Jackson reviewed the work that has been done to update safe work practices.

2. Services for essential service workers. Ms. Lenardon reported that 42 children of essential service workers have been receiving at least part of their instruction in schools largely from EA's and school based staff.

3. Services for those who are vulnerable or have unique circumstances. Ms. Lenardon reported that there has been an increase in the number of vulnerable students that have been receiving services from the school.

4. Providing continuity of educational opportunities for all students. Ms. Lenardon reported that the focus has been on literacy, numeracy and core competencies.

## 9. REPORTS

9.1 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing provided an update from Provincial Council indicating that there is a new Director from the Sea to Sky School District. She indicated that the Directors are largely from the lower mainland noting that there is no representation from the East Kootenay region. She reported that the budget was adopted and an Auditor was appointed. Committees continue to be tabled.

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

Trustee Thurgood Sagal reported that School District No. 51 was to host the AGM this fall; however it has been postponed until the spring of 2021.

9.3 Public School Employers' Association Sandra Smail

Vice-Chairperson Smail was not in attendance to provide a presentation.

## 10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Correspondence Nil

10.2 May and June 2020 Calendar Circulated

## 11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2020.05.26 Policy Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 4:00 pm  
2020.05.26 Windermere Zone Trustees Meeting, via teleconference, 5:00 pm  
2020.06.02 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am  
2020.06.02 Golden Zone Trustees Meeting, via teleconference, 12:15 pm  
2020.06.09 Board Meeting, via videoconference, In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 pm  
2020.06.09 Board Meeting, via videoconference, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm  
2020.06.09 Board Meeting, via videoconference, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

**12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Sally Struthers asked a question related to the Budget, inquiring what the overhead cost would be to the District if the International Student Program were not able to have students attend the program for the 2020-21 school year due to Federal restrictions. Mr. Culler responded that amount has not yet been calculated and that he will be meeting with the International Program Manager to finalize their budget once she has more information and he will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 20:55 hours

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer