

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., - **FEBRUARY 12, 2019.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Jane Thurgood Sagal	Trustee
	Ronald McRae	Trustee
	Scott King	Trustee
	Ryan Stimming	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	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 19:13 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

3.1 Regular Meeting: 2019.1.8

M/S SMAILL / BARRETT

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

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2019.1.8

3.2.1 Property Matters Nil

3.2.2 Legal Matters Nil

3.2.3 Personnel Matters:

3.2.3.1 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval – Nil.

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

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

3.2.3.4 The Board approved the District-based Executive and Exempt Staff document for submittal to BCPSEA.

4. **PRESENTATIONS** Nil

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** Nil

6. **STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES**

6.1 Policy Development:

6.1.1 Third Reading: Nil

6.1.2 Second Reading: Nil

6.1.3 First Reading: Nil

6.1.3.1 Policy 5100, Student Safety

Mr. Carriere explained that the proposed amendments to the policy add language to address the expected school response in situations where a student sustains a significant impact to the head or body. In these circumstances there is always the possibility that a student has sustained a concussion and the proposed amendments to the policy will recognize this, and will refer staff to a District Practice on how to respond. Mr. Carriere responded to questions and stated that any proposed amendments to the policy from the discussion be brought forward to the Policy Committee for consideration at their next meeting. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider first reading of the policy amendments 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 5100, Student Safety at this meeting.

CARRIED

7. **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

7.1 2018-2019 Amended Annual Budget Dale Culler

Mr. Culler presented the Amended Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2018/2019 to the board for third and final reading. Mr. Culler reviewed the changes to the budget since first and second reading at the January 8th, 2019 meeting. These changes include an updated projection from the Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP) and some minor changes at several schools. Mr. Culler indicated that no feedback or input on the budget has been received since the January 8th, 2019 meeting. The Finance and Audit Committee met to consider the changes and is recommending the board consider third and final reading at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / MCRAE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019 at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.2 December 2018 and January 2019 Budget Utilization Summary Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported that the results of operations for both the December and January budget utilization summaries are as expected. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

7.3 Appointment of Auditor Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported that at the Inaugural meeting of the Board held on December 12, 2017 Green Andruschuk LLP was appointed as Auditor for the 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 fiscal years. On January 21, 2019 Mr. Culler received notification from Green Andruschuk LLP that they were resigning as Auditor due to changes at their firm that caused them to re-evaluate the services that they were able to provide to clients. Mr. Culler thanked them for their many years of service as Auditor for the District. Mr. Culler indicated that the Finance and Audit Committee met to discuss this matter and after considering options available as outlined in Policy 3100, Tendering of Audit Services they are recommending that the Board consider appointing BDO Canada LLP (Cranbrook) as Auditor for the 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 fiscal years including an option to renew for an additional two year period. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

M/S MCRAE / STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) appoint BDO Canada LLP (Cranbrook) as Auditor for the 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 fiscal years including an option to renew for an additional two year period at this meeting.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reported on the highlights that celebrate successes across the District. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Board recognized the value in the report as it showcases learning in the District and helps to support the District Directions.

8.2 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Vice-Chairperson Fearing reported on the Provincial Council Meeting that she attended in February 2019. Assistant Deputy Minister Reg Bawa from the Finance Division was present and spoke about the Funding Formula Review. He indicated that the Ministry will prioritize unique student needs ahead of student enrolment in determining District allocations. She also indicated that concerns were shared at the meeting about the provinces which have eliminated boards of education and how that has impacted democratic processes in school district governance.

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

Chairperson Byklum had nothing to report.

8.4 Public School Employers' Association Sandra Smail

Vice-Chairperson Smail reported that she attended the BCPSEA AGM held on January 23rd and 24th, 2019 in Richmond, BC. The Association filled vacancies on the BCPSEA Board of Directors; Trustee Smail was a candidate however Dawn Lang from School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) was successful in being elected to the Board representing the Kootenay-Boundary Region. A main topic of the meeting was teacher bargaining;

general direction and process. Information on progress will be shared with Trustees in the form of periodic updates.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.1 Correspondence Nil
- 9.2 February and March 2019 Calendar Circulated

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2019.02.21 BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs, Richmond
- 2019.02.22 BCSTA / Ministry of Education Partner Liaison Meeting, Richmond
- 2019.02.26 Policy Committee, via teleconference, 4:00 pm
- 2019.02.26 Windermere Zone Trustee Meeting, Board Room, 5:00 pm
- 2019.03.05 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am
- 2019.03.05 Golden Zone Trustee Meeting, via teleconference, 12:15 pm
- 2019.03.12 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 2019.03.12 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm
- 2019.03.12 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC Nil

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S STIMMING / FEARING
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:35 hours

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer