

# 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 virtual meeting at Kimberley, Golden and Invermere locations, B.C., - **JUNE 8, 2021.**

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
	Karen Shipka	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 19:03 hours.

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Chairperson Byklum acknowledged that we are honored and privileged to work, live and raise our families on the traditional territory of the of the Ktunaxa and Secwepemc people.

For to many years the aboriginal children of Canada were taken from their homes, their families, their land, their language, and their way of life, they and their families were put through many unspeakable atrocities. We recognize not only the 215 children that were recently discovered at the Kamloops residential school, but all the children that lost their lives during this time of residential schools.

We reach out with open arms and surround in support the survivors and the families who endure these painful memories every day. We today and everyday commit to ensuring our district continues to build our relationships and work with our indigenous communities to support and educate our students. We are committed to the Calls to Actions from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, we are committed to ensuring the aboriginal students, their families and the aboriginal communities feel connected, recognized and safe within our district and school communities.

I would like to ask everyone for a moment of silence as we remember all our aboriginal children.

## 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**M/S SMAILL / STIMMING**

**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: 2021.5.11

**M/S FEARING / SMAILL**

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on May 11, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2021.5.11

4.2.1 Property Matters: Nil

4.2.2 Legal Matters:

4.2.2.1 The Board deliberated on a matter regarding the Code of Ethics for School Trustees.

4.2.3 Personnel Matters:

4.2.3.1 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval – The Board approved one (1) Exempt personal leave of absence request and two (2) CUPE 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.

4.2.4 Student Matters: Nil

**5. PRESENTATIONS** Nil

**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 9400, District Parent Advisory Council Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka presented Policy 9400, District Parent Advisory Council for the Board’s consideration. Ms. Shipka explained that this is a new policy that establishes the roles, responsibilities, and communication protocol of the DPAC. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider first reading of the policy at this meeting.

**M/S SMITH / THURGOOD SAGAL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Policy 9400, District Parent Advisory Council at this meeting.

CARRIED

**8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

8.1 2021-22 Annual Budget

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler presented the 2021 – 2022 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Board’s approval. Mr. Culler reviewed the changes in detail from the draft that was considered by the Board at the May 11, 2021 meeting. Mr. Culler asked that the Board consider third and final reading of the 2021 – 2022 Annual Budget Bylaw at this meeting. Mr. Culler 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 third and final reading of the 2021 – 2022 Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2021 – 2022 at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.2 2021 – 2022 Capital Bylaw; Ministry Response to Capital Plan

Dale Culler

Mr. Jackson presented the proposed 2021 – 2022 capital projects that have been approved by the Ministry of Education to the Board. Mr. Culler read the proposed Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD06-01 for the Board’s consideration. Mr. Culler asked the Board to consider all three readings of the Bylaw at this meeting. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked them for their presentation.

**M/S SMAILL / SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to proceed with all three readings of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD06-01 as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

**M/S FEARING / SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD06-01 as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

**M/S FEARING / SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD06-01 as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

**M/S FEARING / SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD06-01 as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.3 2022 – 2023 Five Year Major Capital Plan

Steve Jackson

Mr. Jackson presented the 2022 – 2023 five year major capital plan and discussed the new MyCaps system for capital planning needs and requests that has been rolled out by the Capital Planning Branch. The MyCaps system now generates the value of projects to help with consistency. Mr. Jackson reported that this year the Ministry has split the submission deadlines for the major and minor capital programs. The deadline for the major programs is July 31, 2021 and the deadline for the minor programs is September 30, 2021. Mr. Jackson only presented the major capital projects for Board consideration at this meeting explaining that the minor capital projects would be presented for Board consideration at the September 14, 2021 meeting. The Capital committee reviewed the plan and is recommending that

the Board consider approving the 2022 – 2023 Capital Plan at this meeting. Mr. Jackson responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

**M/S STIMMING / THURGOOD SAGAL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the 2022 – 2023 Capital Plan at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.4 2021 – 2022 Calendar Amendment – RSA Date Change Steve Wyer

Mr. Wyer requested the Board to consider amending the 2021 – 2022 school calendar for a RSA date change from April 11, 2022 to April 25, 2022. School District No. 6 co-plans the RSA day with School District No. 5 and the date had not yet been decided when our Board approved their calendar. Mr. Wyer responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

**M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / SMAILL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) amend the 2021 – 2022 School Calendar to change the RSA day from April 11, 2021 to April 25, 2022 as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.5 Wage Rate: Unqualified Youth Care Worker Amanda Garand

Ms. Garand reported that currently the Board compensates qualified Youth Care Workers and unqualified Youth Care Workers at the same rate. The Joint Job Evaluation Committee is recommending that unqualified Youth Care Workers earn a lower rate of pay than someone that has completed their post secondary education. The committee is proposing that the unqualified Youth Care Worker rate of \$23.59 per hour be effective July 1, 2021. Ms. Garand responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her presentation.

**M/S SMAILL / SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the wage rate for an unqualified Youth Care Worker at \$23.59 per hour effective July 1, 2021 as presented at this meeting.

CARRIED

8.6 Correspondence Julie Brown Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka reviewed the correspondence received by the Board on May 19, 2021 from Julie Brown requesting that the Board amend the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Regular Board meeting. Ms. Brown expressed her concern with the accuracy of the minutes indicating that they did not accurately reflect her presentation. Ms. Shipka proposed that the Board consider a motion to amend the previously approved minutes to reflect a change from statements of belief to statements of fact and to remove the statement where it indicates that Ms. Brown responded to questions. A Trustee indicated that the proposed changes more accurately reflect the presentation whereas other Trustees expressed their reluctance to amend previously adopted minutes.

**M/S SMITH / THURGOOD SAGAL**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) amend the previously approved Regular Meeting minutes of April 13, 2021 in agenda item 5.1 Healthy Schools, Healthy Children Julie Brown from "... she *believes* that it is not an endorsement by Health Canada for its use." to "...she *states* that it is not an endorsement by Health Canada for its use." And, from "...she *believes* that there will be growing evidence of health harm as research continues." to "...she *states* that there will be growing evidence of health harm as research continues." And, to remove "Ms. Brown responded to questions..."

DEFEATED

The Board considered attaching the correspondence from Ms. Brown to the minutes of April 13, 2021 and Chairperson Byklum directed Ms. Shipka to update the Community Update.

**M/S SMAILL / MCRAE**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) attach the correspondence received from Julie Brown on May 19, 2021 regarding her concern with respect to the minutes relating to her presentation to the Board on April 13, 2021.

CARRIED

**9. REPORTS**

9.1 Budget Utilization Summary April and May 2021 Jacinda Harding

Ms. Harding reviewed the Budget Utilization Summary results of operations for April and May 2021 with the Board. Ms. Harding responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her report.

9.2 Board/Authority Authorization Courses Steve Wyer

Mr. Wyer reviewed the requirements for Board/Authority Authorization Courses (BAA) with the Board indicating that he has reviewed all the BAA courses offered in the upcoming school year and no changes to any of the courses is required. Mr. Wyer responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his report.

9.3 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing stated that she attended the zone meeting for the Provincial Indigenous Committee indicating that it was an emotional meeting due to the discovery of 215 unmarked graves of children at a Kamloops residential school. Trustee Fearing expressed her concern that it is expected that there will be similar discoveries at other residential schools. She urged everyone to commit to act respectfully as reconciliation is about respect and to educate ourselves in indigenous culture. A Trustee inquired how some schools names were determined. Ms. Shipka responded that it would be a good project for schools to locate and document the history of how school names were determined.

**M/S KING / FEARING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) ask Administration to explore the history of the school names.

CARRIED

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

Trustee Thurgood Sagal reminded Trustees about the upcoming climate change workshop and encouraged all Trustees to sign up for the one (1) hour workshop.

9.5 Public School Employers' Association Sandra Smail

Trustee Smail indicated that she had nothing to report.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

10.1 Correspondence Nil

10.2 June and September 2021 Calendar Circulated

**11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

2021.09.07 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via Teleconference, 8:30 am  
2021.09.14 Board Meeting, McKim Middle School, In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 pm  
2021.09.14 Board Meeting, McKim Middle School, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

**12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC Nil**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 20:53 hours

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer