



**ROCKY
MOUNTAIN**
School District #6



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

September 2021

PRESENTATIONS

2020-2021 Auditor's report and draft financial statements • Angela Spencer

Angela Spencer, partner with BDO Canada, presented the Board of Education (Board) with the Auditor's report and draft audited financial statements of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) for the year ended June 30, 2021. Ms. Spencer reviewed the independent auditor's report, statement of financial position, statement of operations, statement of changes in net financial debt, and the statement of cash flows in detail with the Board of Education.

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer, presented the financial statement discussion and analysis report. All financial reporting documents presented to the Board are available on the website or by accessing them here.

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

Policy Development • Karen Shipka

Several policies and district practices were presented for first reading. The policies and practices covered a range of topics including communication protocol; presentations/delegations at Board meetings; Trustee role, responsibilities and Code of Ethics; consultation process, school planning, and learning process; school administrative entitlement; flag and national anthem protocols; assistance dogs; social media; and acceptable use of digital technology for employees and students of the District. You can review the proposed policy and district practices and provide feedback to Karen Shipka by noon on Friday, September 24, 2021.

The policy and district practice 9400, District Parent Advisory Committee, received second reading. Feedback was received and will be considered before third reading which is hoped to occur at the next Board meeting on October 12, 2021.

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES CONT'D

Two policies proceeded through all three readings. A housekeeping amendment was made to policy 3800, expenses on board of education business. The mileage rate was amended from \$0.57 to \$0.58.

In Bylaw IV, school calendar approval procedures, instructional time was amended to reflect the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a new statutory holiday. The prescribed minimum hours of instruction that the Board will offer to students are as follows:

- a. For a student in kindergarten: 848 hours;
- b. For a student in grades 1 to 7: 873 hours;
- c. For a student in grades 8 to 12: 947 hours.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

2022-2023 five year capital plan summary – minor capital program submission • Steve Jackson

Steve Jackson presented the proposed 2022-2023 five year capital plan summary – minor capital program to the Board. The submission includes five projects applied to under the school enhancement program, five projects under the carbon neutral capital funding, and three bus replacements under the bus replacement program. The Board approved the submission and it will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education. You can view the proposed projects [here](#).

The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report • Karen Shipka

The Board approved the [Enhancing Student Learning Report 2021](#) (FESL) report. The report formalizes an approach to the planning and reporting expectations for schools. It is focused on enhancing student learning success and combines accountability with evidence-informed decision-making and system-wide continuous improvement to support equity of outcomes for all students.

Calendar change to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation • Steve Wyer

The [school calendar](#) for 2021-2022 was revised to reflect the new statutory holiday on September 30 to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

REPORTS

Trustee reports on association business • Trustees Fearing and Sagal Thurgood

Trustee Fearing and Trustee Thurgood Sagal reported that BCTA and BCSTA Kootenany Boundary Branch activities. Trustee Fearing will be attending the Indigenous Education Committee meetings next month and Trustee Thurgood Sagal shared that the BCSTA KBB meeting has been moved online and the AGM will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

COVID-19 communications updates and immunization clinics • Karen Shipka

Karen Shipka provided the Board with an update on COVID-19 communications that have been shared in the District. She also let the Board know that the Interior Health Authority will be conducting COVID-19 vaccination clinics in the schools over the next couple of months.

Budget utilization summary for June 30, 2021 • Alan Rice

Mr. Rice presented to the Board of Education with the June 2020 budget utilization summary. Overall the District is projecting an operating surplus of approximately \$371,400 and spending increase of approximately \$458,500 compared to the prior year for the same timeframe.