

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., - **APRIL 14, 2020.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Sandra Smaill	Vice-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	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:03 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: 2020.3.10

M/S SMAILL / SMITH

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on March 10, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2020.3.10

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 one (1) personal leave of absence request 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 Superintendent Process.

4.2.3.4.1 Board Consultant – The Board discussed matters relating to the service provided to facilitate the Board’s selection of the new Superintendent.

4.2.3.4.2 Moving Expenses – The Board discussed matters relating to the District’s practice for new senior management hires.

4.2.4 Student Matters: Nil

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Selkirk Secondary School Leadership Class and Update on Learning Clint Dolgopol

Clint Dolgopol, Principal of Selkirk Secondary School (SSS) provided the Board with an update on the leadership program. Mr. Dolgopol indicated that the program has been running for a couple of years providing students with leadership class opportunities each semester. He indicated that the teacher, Scott McInnis, has done a really good job attracting students to the program which has opened it up to more students. The classes allow students to demonstrate leadership by working with businesses and other organizations from the community. They bring in guest speakers and organize a number of events throughout the year.

Mr. Dolgopol also provided the Board with an update on the programming being offered to students due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Mr. Dolgopol indicated that he is really proud of his staff as they have transitioned from the traditional model of instruction to facilitating student learning at home. He indicated that it has taken a lot of planning, with the bulk of his staff working remotely. All families were surveyed to find out if there were any technology issues and where necessary, support staff have been providing students with hard copies of material where there are internet challenges.

Mr. Dolgopol responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

5.2 Rocky Mountain International Student Program Presentation Amy Shoup

Amy Shoup, Manager of the Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP) provided the Board with an update on the program. She indicated that for the 2019-20 school year there were 199 students (142.4 FTE) enrolled in the programs across the three districts (SD5, SD6, and SD19). Ms. Shoup informed the Board that there are currently forty-two (42) students, mostly from Mexico and Germany, remaining in Canada. Seventy-seven (77) students have returned back to their home countries. Program coordinators found it was very challenging finding flights home for those students, due to limited flight availability and cancellations. For the 2020-21 school year the program is in a good position, with only a few cancellations to date. Currently there are 150 FTE enrolled which only leaves a few spaces available. Some registrants have asked to defer their start date till October, and they are seeing increased interest for the second semester. Ms. Shoup reviewed some of the excursions that the students go on which are included in their fees, and she also reviewed the Rocky Rewards program stating it is an attainable goal for students and it helps to maximize their experience by enhancing their integration into the school and community. Ms. Shoup ended her presentation by stating that the program is always looking for more host families. Ms. Shoup responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for her presentation.

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: Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere indicated that since the proposed amendments for the following seven (7) policies received first reading, there has been no further feedback. All the proposed amendments are housekeeping related; therefore the Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider both second and third reading of all seven (7) policies at this meeting.

7.1.2.1 Policy 4100, Staffing

7.1.2.2 Policy 4400, Non-Certified Teachers on Call

7.1.2.3 Policy 4500, Occupational Health and Safety

7.1.2.4 Policy 4510, Workplace Bullying and Harassment

7.1.2.5 Policy 4550, Prevention of Violence in the Work-place

7.1.2.6 Policy 4560, First Aid Attendants

7.1.2.7 Policy 4605, Use of District Facilities and Equipment by Staff

M/S SMITH / STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) proceed with second and third reading of the following policies at this meeting:

- Policy 4100, Staffing;
- Policy 4400, Non-Certified Teachers on Call;
- Policy 4500, Occupational Health and Safety;
- Policy 4510, Workplace Bulling and Harassment;
- Policy 4550, Prevention of Violence in the Work-place;
- Policy 4560, First Aid Attendants; and
- Policy 4605, Use of District Facilities and Equipment by Staff.

CARRIED

M/S BARRETT / SMITH

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

- Policy 4100, Staffing;
- Policy 4400, Non-Certified Teachers on Call;
- Policy 4500, Occupational Health and Safety;
- Policy 4510, Workplace Bulling and Harassment;
- Policy 4550, Prevention of Violence in the Work-place;
- Policy 4560, First Aid Attendants; and
- Policy 4605, Use of District Facilities and Equipment by Staff.

CARRIED

M/S SMAILL / STIMMING

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

- Policy 4100, Staffing;
- Policy 4400, Non-Certified Teachers on Call;
- Policy 4500, Occupational Health and Safety;
- Policy 4510, Workplace Bulling and Harassment;
- Policy 4550, Prevention of Violence in the Work-place;
- Policy 4560, First Aid Attendants; and
- Policy 4605, Use of District Facilities and Equipment by Staff.

CARRIED

7.1.3 First Reading: Nil

8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

8.1 March 2020 Budget Utilization Summary Dale Culler

Mr. Culler presented to the Board the March 2020 Budget Utilization Summary. Mr. Culler indicated that as at the end of the 3rd quarter the March 2020 results of operations are as expected. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

8.2 Transportation Request for Conseil Scolaire Francophone Students Dale Culler

Mr. Culler stated that at the April 9, 2019 regular meeting the Board approved a motion to provide transportation services to Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Columbie-Britannique (School District No. 93) for their students in Golden. Mr. Culler also stated that at that same meeting the Board passed a motion to have this item brought back to them in no more than one year's time so that the Board could review the agreement prior to it being renewed. Mr. Jackson provided an update on bussing in Golden indicating that there have been no operational issues in providing this contracted service to the Francophone school. Mr. Culler and Mr. Jackson responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked them for their presentation.

M/S SMAILL / STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) renew the transportation services agreement with Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Columbie-Britannique (School District No. 93) for one additional year.

CARRIED

8.3 COVID-19 Response Update Paul Carriere

Senior staff provided an update on the district response to the COVID 19 pandemic, covering four main areas.

1. Safety of students and workers. The District Response Team was activated. Mr. Jackson reviewed the pandemic plan, WorkSafe BC requirements, and the framework and safe work practices developed.
2. Services for essential service workers. Ms. Lenardon reviewed the framework that was developed to support essential service workers by providing educational services at school sites for their children.
3. Services for those who are vulnerable or have unique circumstances. Ms. Lenardon reported that staff has been working really hard to provide respite relief, technology, food and adaptive equipment for these students.

4. Providing continuity of educational opportunities for all students. Ms. Lenardon reported that staff had to adapt to a new way of providing educational opportunities for all students without overwhelming parents. There has been a lot work done around identifying the personal needs of students and developing programming to meet those needs.

Mr. Carriere added that the Board can review all the communication that staff and parents have received and that he is proud of the school district. Everyone has been working hard to re-invent things and they have done a fantastic job. The Chairperson and Trustees gave a huge thankyou to all staff for everything they have done.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reviewed the Learning Leadership Report with the Board, drawing their 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

Trustee Fearing provided an update on the Provincial Council indicating that most of the committee items have been tabled.

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

Trustee Thurgood Sagal reported that she participated in the BCSTA Strategic Planning Session webinar and provided an overview of the session. She advised Trustees that the presentation material can be found on the BCSTA Hub.

9.4 Public School Employers' Association Sandra Smaill

Vice-Chairperson Smaill provided an update on Provincial bargaining for teachers indicating that a proposed Provincial Collective Agreement was reached on March 26, 2020 between the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association and the British Columbia Teachers' Federation. Both parties are currently in the process of ratifying the agreement and she is hopeful to have this matter resolved for the next three years.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Correspondence Nil

10.2 April and May 2020 Calendar Circulated

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2020.04.28 Policy Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 4:00 pm
2020.04.28 Windermere Zone Trustees Meeting, via teleconference, 5:00 pm
2020.05.05 Golden Zone Trustees Meeting, via teleconference, 12:15 pm
2020.05.07 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am
2020.05.12 Board Meeting, via videoconference, In-Camera Meeting, 6:00 pm
2020.05.12 Board Meeting, via videoconference, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm
2020.05.12 Board Meeting, via videoconference, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

12. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** Nil

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 20:39 hours

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer