

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (ROCKY MOUNTAIN)

MINUTES of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held at Marysville Elementary School, Marysville, B.C., - **JUNE 13, 2017.**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson
	Denny Neider	Trustee
	Rosemary Oaks	Trustee
	Shannon Hood	Trustee
	Mac Campbell	Trustee
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Paul Carriere	Superintendent of Schools
	Dale Culler	Secretary Treasurer

Members of Senior Management

Apologies: Sandra Smaill Vice-Chairperson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 19:08 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S HOOD / OAKS

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: 2017.5.9

M/S CAMPBELL / NEIDER

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on May 9, 2017 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2017.5.9

3.2.1 Property Matters Nil

3.2.2 Legal Matters Nil

3.2.3 Personnel Matters:

The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval was approved as presented. The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated. The Labour Relations Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Marysville Elementary School Activities

Jennifer Quigley

Ms. Quigley, Principal of Marysville Elementary School (MES) presented a slideshow entitled, “What Makes Marysville Special”. Ms. Quigley indicated that it was her first year at MES and wanted to show a brief glimpse of the things that show the essence of “us”. Ms. Quigley responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for the presentation.

4.2 International Education

Duncan MacLeod

Mr. MacLeod, International Education Manager presented the Board with an update on an exchange trip to China. Mr. MacLeod gave a brief history on the development of the relationship with China which allowed this exchange trip to be possible. There were 18 students across all three (3) zones in the District that participated as the first group of students under this two way co-operation. Mr. MacLeod explained that this was a pilot project with the goal for it to be reciprocal. A number of the students shared their experience with the Board, expressing what a fantastic opportunity it was. The students responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked them for their presentations.

4.3 District Parent Advisory Council

Coralie Hockly

Ms. Hockly, President of the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC), gave a presentation to the Board informing them that the newly reformed DPAC is back up and operating. The executive is in place and they are looking forward to working with the Board. Ms. Hockly responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for the presentation.

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:

6.1.3.1 Policy 5000, School Attendance Areas

Mr. Carriere explained the two amendment requests to the policy. The first is a change to establish catchment lines in Kimberley; and the second is the change to reflect the closure of Field school. Mr. Carriere explained that both of these requests are housekeeping items and the Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider all three readings of the policy at this meeting.

M/S SMITH / HOOD

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to consider all three readings of Policy 5000, School Attendance Areas at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S OAKS / BARRETT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Policy 5000, School Attendance Areas at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S OAKS / HOOD

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Policy 5000, School Attendance Areas at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S BARRETT / OAKS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Policy 5000, School Attendance Areas at this meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.3.2 Bylaw No. 1 Procedural Bylaw

Mr. Carriere explained the amendment to the bylaw is to give the Board the ability to strike a sub-committee when needed. Mr. Carriere indicated that there are two new sections; 7.1 and 7.2 being proposed. New section 7.1 is to give the Board the ability to strike a sub-committee should an issue arise. Section 7.2 clarifies that the Board may act as a Committee of the Whole if it chooses. Under both of these new sections the committees established will make recommendations to be brought back to the Board for approval. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider first reading of the bylaw at this meeting.

M/S OAKS / NEIDER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Bylaw No. 1, Procedural Bylaw at this meeting.

CARRIED

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 Approval of 2018 – 2019 Capital Plan

Steve Jackson

Mr. Jackson presented the Board with the 2018 – 2019 capital plan. Mr. Jackson discussed the various capital programs that are available and the proposed projects that the District will be applying for. The Capital Committee is recommending the Board approve the 2018 – 2019 Capital Plan at this meeting.

M/S NEIDER / OAKS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the 2018 – 2019 Capital Plan at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.2 May 2017 Budget Utilization Summary

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported on the May budget utilization summary and responded to questions. The Chairperson thanked him for his report.

7.3 2017 – 2018 Annual Budget

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler presented the 2017 – 2018 Annual Budget for the Board’s approval. 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 approval of the 2017 – 2018 Annual Budget at this meeting. Mr. Culler responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

M/S OAKS / CAMPBELL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to consider all three readings of the 2017 – 2018 Annual Budget at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S BARRETT / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of the 2017 – 2018 Annual Budget at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S BARRETT / FEARING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of the 2017 – 2018 Annual Budget at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S NEIDER / OAKS

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of the 2017 – 2018 Annual Budget at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.4 2017 – 2018 School Bus Routes

Steve Jackson

Mr. Jackson provided an update on the 2017 – 2018 school bus routes. Mr. Jackson explained that each year the bus routes are analyzed according to Policy 3600, Transportation of Students on Regular School Bus Routes. There are 21 routes that are being analyzed to ensure that they are operating per the Board policy. Mr. Jackson explained that if bus transportation was not practical, then transportation assistance will be made available to parents and a message will go out to them explaining the change. Mr. Jackson responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked him for his presentation.

7.5 District of Invermere Request

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler explained that the District of Invermere indicated that their Council approved a special event at Mount Nelson Athletic Park in July for a fundraiser for the Legacy Trail. The event organizers are requesting a designated area for alcohol. Currently the license of occupation that the District of Invermere has with the Board does not allow alcohol; therefore they are requesting the Board consider a one-time amendment to the license of occupation for the event.

M/S CAMPBELL / NEIDER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the attachment of a letter to the license of occupation on the Mount Nelson Athletic Park property to allow alcohol on a one time basis for the Legacy Trail event being held in July.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 Learning Leadership Report: Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reported that this would be the last report for the school year. Ms. Lenardon indicated that she is very pleased with the willingness of the schools and community to share and collaborate. The Chairperson thanked her for her report.

8.2 Early Development Instrument (EDI) Jennifer Turner

Ms. Turner presented the Board with Early Development Instrument (EDI) summary information; this assessment measures the development health of the Kindergarten students across the province. EDI data illustrate the distinct differences in children's developmental outcomes that exist across communities in BC. Ms. Turner reviewed the School District 6 report highlighting that the information helps us to better understand the children as they come into our system. Ms. Turner responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for the report.

8.3 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing reported that she will be going to the Aboriginal meeting being held in Whistler this summer. There will be lots of relevant and important information being shared.

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

Chairperson Byklum reported on the branch meeting to be held in September currently scheduled to be held in Ainsworth.

8.5 Public School Employers Association Mac Campbell

Trustee Campbell reported that he had participated in the BCPSEA regional meeting held on June 7th in Cranbrook. Information was presented on MoU No. 17 coming out of the Supreme Court of Canada ruling and that planning is starting for the 2019 collective agreement negotiations.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence Nil

9.2 June and September 2017 Calendar Circulated

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2017.06.15	DTSS Awards Ceremony, DTSS Gym, 10:00 am
2017.06.15	NES Grade 7 Farewell, 7:00 pm
2017.06.15	SSS Academic Awards, McKim Theatre, 6:30 pm
2017.06.16	GSS Recognition Assembly, GSS, 2:00 pm
2017.06.19	GSS Awards Ceremony, Gym, 7:00 pm
2017.06.23	SSS Grad March, through Platzl, 4:00 pm
2017.06.24	SSS Grad Ceremony, Kimberley Civic Centre, 3:00 pm
2017.06.27	EES Leaving Ceremony, 10:30 am
2017.06.27	EMPS Leaving Ceremony, 1:30 pm
2017.06.27	Policy Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 4:00 pm
2017.06.28	DTSS Grad March, Invermere Main Street, 5:30 pm
2017.06.28	DTSS Grad Prom/Dinner, Invermere Curling Rink, 6:00 pm

2017.06.28 LPES Grade 3 Farewell Assembly, 11:00 am
 2017.06.28 WES Year End Assembly, 9:00 am
 2017.06.29 DTSS Grad Ceremonies, DTSS Gymnasium, 2:00 pm
 2017.06.29 GSS Grad Ceremony, Golden Arena, 7:00 pm
 2017.06.30 GSS Grad Last Lap, GSS, 4:00 pm
 2017.09.05 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via teleconference, 8:30 am
 2017.09.12 Board Meeting, Lady Grey Elementary School, In Camera, 6:00 pm
 2017.09.12 Board Meeting, Lady Grey Elementary School, Information Exchange, 6:30 pm
 2017.09.12 Board Meeting, Lady Grey Elementary School, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Pamela Currie asked a question regarding the proposed bussing changes in Kimberley and whether the Board put in place a contingency plan to accommodate parents work schedules and personal life. Mr. Jackson responded that bus routes are designed for eligible riders per Policy 3600. Each year the bus routes take into consideration where the students live; then the bus route is designed from that information.

Sally Struthers asked questions pertaining to the budget. She asked questions regarding the Classroom Enhancement Fund, Coding and Curriculum Implementation; and how many teaching staff are hired due to the International Program. Mr. Culler and Mr. Carriere responded to her questions expressing that the funds in question provide significant benefits to the District and all our employees.

Sally Struthers asked about savings for transportation. Mr. Jackson responded that there were no savings in Kimberley and the routes are adjusted to optimize bussing annually.

Doug Murray inquired about enrolment estimates for the upcoming school year. Mr. Culler indicated that the enrolment estimate is up slightly compared to the 2016 – 2017 school year.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S BARRETT / OAKS

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 21:20 hours

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer