

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 14, 2017.**

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

Apologies: Rosemary Oaks Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 19:03 hours.

2. 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

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

3.1 Regular Meeting: 2017.1.10

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 January 10, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Synopsis of In-Camera Meeting: 2017.1.10

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.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Long Term Facility Plan (LTFP)

Anna Cholo
Golden Parent

The Chairperson introduced Anna Cholo a parent from Golden who presented the Board with information that she is one of the parents involved in the formation of a District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC). She explained that the DPAC will be a parental voice to promote interest in public education within the District as well as advise the Board on parents' views on educational issues. She indicated that the DPAC is not yet formed but they hope to be organized in March. They want to ensure that all parent views can be heard. Once formed they want to inform the Board about the impacts that they see from the LTFP including:

- The large investment in Early Childhood Learning at Alexander Park Elementary School (APES) being negatively impacted;
- inequity of resources between schools (playground equipment, books and other resources);
- potential of creating have and have not schools; and
- potential loss of the French Immersion program.

The Chairperson thanked Ms. Cholo for her presentation.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil

6. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

6.1 Policy Development:

6.1.1 Third Reading:

6.1.1.1 Policy No. 1500, Code of Ethics for School Trustees Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reviewed the proposed changes of the policy to date. He indicated that the members of the Policy Committee want more time to consider the input they have received and are recommending that the Board defer a decision on the policy until the next meeting.

M/S CAMPBELL / BARRETT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) table Policy No. 1500, Code of Ethics for School Trustees to the March 14, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Second Reading: Nil

6.1.3 First Reading:

6.1.3.1 Policy 6300, B.C. School Completion Certificate Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reported that this policy is in place to guide process for students having special needs who will be attaining an Evergreen School Completion Certificate. The Evergreen path is only intended for students with special needs who are not able to attain a Dogwood Certificate because of their disability. The proposed changes to the policy are intended to clarify this. The Policy Committee is recommending the Board consider first reading of the policy at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Policy No. 6300, B.C. School Completion Certificate at this meeting.

CARRIED

6.1.3.2 Policy 3800, Expenses on School Board Business

Paul Carriere

Mr. Carriere reported that on May 1st, per the teacher's collective agreement, the mileage reimbursement rate for teachers will increase from \$0.52 to \$.53 per km. Administration would like to see a consistent rate for all employees and is proposing that the policy be amended to increase the reimbursement rate from \$0.52 to \$0.53 per km. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider first reading of the policy at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / NEIDER

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Policy No. 3800, Expenses on School Board Business at this meeting.

CARRIED

7. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

7.1 December 2016 and January 2017 Budget Utilization Summary

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler reported on the December and January budget utilization summary. The results of operations are as expected.

7.2 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016-17

Dale Culler

Mr. Culler presented the amended annual budget for the 2016/17 school year to the Board for consideration. Mr. Culler explained that the Board must approve and submit its amended budget to the Ministry of Education prior to February 28, 2017. The proposed amended budget is providing updated operating grant revenue based on September 30, 2016 enrolment figures as well as other funding program announcements. There are also proposed amendments to expenditures for instructional, administrative and operations resulting from previously approved compensation and program announcements; as well as school initiated requests. The Finance and Audit Committee is recommending the Board consider all three readings of the amended annual budget at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / CAMPBELL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to consider all three readings of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/17 at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S SMAILL / BARRETT

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/17 at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S NEIDER / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/17 at this meeting.

CARRIED

M/S SMITH / CAMPBELL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/17 at this meeting.

CARRIED

7.3 Windermere Zone Intensive/Enhanced French Program

Paul Carriere

Trustee Neider provided the Board with a comprehensive background on the Intensive/Enhanced French program in the Windermere Zone. Trustee Neider explained the Windermere Zone trustees held meetings at all the schools in the zone with parents to discuss enrolment issues in the program at Windermere Elementary School (WES). He explained that the Trustees discussed with those parents the need to attract sufficient enrolment for the program to be sustainable into the future. The result of those meetings was a proposal to move the program to J. Alfred Laird Elementary School (JALES) to help ensure that class sizes be high enough to sustain the program. Trustee Neider informed the Board that the parents are very proud of the program at WES and voiced disappointment over the proposed recommendation to move the program, however based on enrolment data the only school that has enough students to sustain the program is JALES. Trustee Neider indicated that the Windermere Trustees primary interest is the long-term viability of the program and the best educational outcome of the program. Trustee Neider responded to questions from the Board.

M/S NEIDER / CAMPBELL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Grade 6 – 7 Intensive/Enhanced French Program at Windermere Elementary be moved to J. Alfred Laird Elementary commencing in the 2017-18 school year, and that the current Grade 6 class at Windermere Elementary complete their Grade 7 year at Windermere Elementary in the Enhanced French Program in 2017-18.

CARRIED

M/S NEIDER / HOOD

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve students at Windermere Elementary who wish to select the program at J. Alfred Laird Elementary in Grade 6 in the 2017-18 school year be automatically accepted to the program, and a quota system be implemented to ensure equitable access to the remaining spaces between the other schools.

CARRIED

M/S NEIDER / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve beginning in the 2018-19 school year, each school be assigned a quota of Grade 6 spaces in the program, with unused spaces being filled by lottery if necessary.

CARRIED

8. REPORTS

8.1 Learning Leadership Report:

Cheryl Lenardon

Ms. Lenardon reported that she asked the schools to consider how they are bringing Aboriginal Education content to life in the classroom and has received many submissions. Ms. Lenardon responded to questions and the Chairperson thanked her for the report.

8.2 BC School Trustees Association

Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing reported that she will be attending the Provincial Council meeting in Vancouver on February 17 – 18 and will provide an update to the Board when she returns.

8.3 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay-Boundary Branch

Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum reported that there was a motion building meeting held on Sunday February 12th and that there will be an upcoming meeting at Ainsworth sponsored by School District No. 8. She will report more once the rest of the information is available.

8.4 Public School Employers Association

Mac Campbell

Trustee Campbell reported that he had attended the BCPSEA AGM in Vancouver on January 27th.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Correspondence

9.1.1 Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce – School Calendar

The Board reviewed correspondence from the CVCC. Ms. Lenardon reviewed the process the Board follows to create the school calendar. She indicated that the Board approves the school calendar two (2) years at a time and surveys all parents and staff for input. The calendar was arrived at based on approximately 500 responses to the survey. The Board discussed making changes to the calendar mid cycle and concluded that they had done their due diligence in circulating and preparing the calendar. The Board felt any requests for changes to the school calendar based on the Christmas holiday alignment between BC and Alberta can be considered in the next calendar cycle in the fall of 2017. The Board requested Administration reply to the writer advising them that there would be no changes made to the calendar.

9.1.2 Letter to Board from K. Bostock Circulated

9.2 February and March 2017 Calendar Circulated

10. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2017.02.17-18 BCSTA Provincial Council & Committee Meetings, Vancouver
- 2017.02.28 Policy Committee Meeting, via Teleconference, 4:00 pm
- 2017.02.28 Windermere Zone Trustees Meeting, Board Office, 5:00 pm
- 2017.03.07 Golden Zone Trustees Meeting, via Teleconference, 12:15 pm
- 2017.03.07 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, via Teleconference, 8:30 am
- 2017.03.10 BCSTA Rural Education Regional Meeting, Revelstoke, 6:00 pm (pst)
- 2017.03.14 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, In Camera, 6:00 pm
- 2017.03.14 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, 6:30 pm
- 2017.03.14 Board Meeting, Video Conference from Zone Offices, Regular Meeting, 7:00 pm

11. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were a number of questions from the public regarding the Long Term Facility Plan, Amended Annual Budget, and the decision regarding the Intensive French Program. The Chairperson, Trustees and the Superintendent responded to these questions. There was also commentary received from the public that was not in the form of a question.

12. ADJOURNMENT

M/S SMAILL / NEIDER

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 21:00 hours

CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer