

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 Golden Secondary School, Golden, B.C. – **NOVEMBER 9, 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
	Members of Senior Leadership Team	
	Karen Shipka	Superintendent of Schools
	Alan Rice	Secretary Treasurer
	Steve Wyer	Assistant Superintendent
	Trent Dolgopol	Director of Instruction, Technology and Innovative Learning
	Steve Jackson	Director of Operations
	Viveka Johnson	Director of Instruction, Technology and Innovative Learning
	Jacinda Harding	Finance Manager
	Stacey Ursulescu	Executive Assistant
Apologies:	Amanda Garand	Human Resources Manager
	* via Microsoft Teams	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rice called the meeting to order at 19:03 hours.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Mr. Rice acknowledged that School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) resides in the traditional unceded shared territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc peoples and the chosen home of the Métis.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S FEARING / SMAILL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the agenda as circulated.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

4.1 Regular Meeting: 2021.10.12

M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / SMAILL

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on October 12, 2021 be approved as presented.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2021.10.12 Alan Rice

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 and denied 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 COVID-19 - Discussed vaccine mandates for school districts.

4.2.4 Student Matters:

4.2.4.1 Safety plan for field trips – Discussed COVID-19 pandemic risk matrix and safety plan that an organizer of a field trip is responsible for creating.

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

5.1 Ms. Cameron, Ms. Godlien, and Ms. Robinson

Ms. Cameron, Ms. Godlien, and Ms. Robinson presented on public COVID-19 vaccine clinics that have taken place in School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain).

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

6.1 Chairperson:

Mr. Rice, acting as chairperson, called for nominations for Chairperson of the Board.

Trustee Smaill nominated Trustee Byklum for Chairperson.

Trustee Byklum accepted the nomination.

The Acting Chairperson asked a second time for nominations for Chairperson.

Trustee Barrett nominated Trustee Fearing for Chairperson. Trustee Fearing declined the nomination.

The Acting Chairperson asked a third and final time for nominations for Chairperson.

Hearing no further nominations, the Acting Chairperson declared Trustee Byklum acclaimed as Chairperson.

Mr. Rice vacated the Chair, congratulated Trustee Byklum, and turned the meeting over to the newly elected Chairperson.

6.2 Vice-Chairs:

The Chairperson called for nominations for Vice-Chair, Kimberley Zone.

Trustee Barrett nominated Trustee Smaill for Vice-Chair, Kimberley Zone.

Trustee Smaill accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson asked a second time for nominations for Vice-Chair, Kimberley Zone.

Trustee Fearing nominated Trustee Barrett for Vice-Chair, Kimberley Zone. Trustee Barrett declined the nomination.

The Chairperson asked a third and final time for nominations for Vice-Chair, Kimberley Zone.

Hearing no further nominations, the Chairperson declared Trustee Smaill acclaimed as Vice-Chair, Kimberley Zone.

The Chairperson called for nominations for Vice-Chair, Golden Zone.

Trustee King nominated Trustee Fearing for Vice-Chair, Golden Zone.

Trustee Fearing accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson asked a second time for nominations for Vice-Chair, Golden Zone.

The Chairperson asked a third and final time for nominations for Vice-Chair, Golden Zone.

Hearing no further nominations, the Chairperson declared Trustee Fearing acclaimed as Vice-Chair, Golden Zone.

6.3 BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Representative and Alternate:

The Chairperson called for nominations for BC Public School Employers' Association Representative.

Trustee King nominated Trustee Smaill for BC Public School Employers' Association Representative.

Trustee Smaill accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson asked a second time for nominations for BC Public School Employers' Association Representative.

Trustee Barrett nominated Trustee Thurgood Sagal for BC Public School Employers' Association Representative.

Trustee Thurgood Sagal declined the nomination.

The Chairperson asked a third and final time for nominations for B.C. Public School Employers' Association Representative.

Hearing no further nominations, the Chairperson declared Trustee Smaill acclaimed as BC Public School Employers' Association Representative.

The Chairperson called for nominations for BC Public School Employers' Association Alternate Representative.

Trustee Smaill nominated Trustee Thurgood Sagal for BC Public School Employers' Association Alternate Representative.

Trustee Thurgood Sagal accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson asked a second time for nominations for BC Public School Employers' Association Alternate Representative.

The Chairperson asked a third and final time for nominations for BC Public School Employers' Association Alternate Representative.

Hearing no further nominations, the Chairperson declared Trustee Thurgood Sagal acclaimed as BC Public School Employers' Association Alternate Representative.

6.4 British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Representative and Alternate:

The Chairperson called for nominations for BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative.

Trustee Smaill nominated Trustee Fearing for BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative.

Trustee Fearing accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson asked a second time for nominations for BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative.

The Chairperson asked a third and final time for nominations for BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative.

Hearing no further nominations, the Chairperson declared Trustee Fearing acclaimed as BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Representative.

The Chairperson called for nominations for BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternate Representative.

Trustee Thurgood Sagal nominated Trustee Smith for BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternate Representative.

Trustee Smith accepted the nomination.

The Chairperson asked a second time for nominations for BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternate Representative.

The Chairperson asked a third and final time for nominations for BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternate Representative.

Hearing no further nominations, the Chairperson declared Trustee Smith acclaimed as BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council Alternate Representative.

7. STANDING COMMITTEES

7.1 Selection of Committee Preferences: Alan Rice

Mr. Rice circulated forms to each Trustee and asked that they submit their committee preferences to Ms. Shipka once they have determined their selections. Committees will be announced at the December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting.

7.2 Committee appointments will be provided for approval by the Board at the December Board meeting Alan Rice

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil

9. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

9.1 Policy Development:

9.1.1 Third Reading:

9.1.1.1 Policy Manual Sections 1000 – 2000 Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with the proposed amendments to policies found in 1000 and 2000 sections for third reading. Ms. Shipka reported that there was feedback received from Trustees and staff members. Policy 2020 saw changes to reflect an ongoing commitment to truth and reconciliation through traditional territory acknowledgements and the installation of flags at the Board office and each school of School District No.6 (Rocky Mountain) of the Ktunaxa Nation, Secwépemc First Nation, and Métis Nation of BC. Policy 2700.2 removed the requirement for only K-7 students to have parental signature. Parents are now required to sign the student acceptable use of digital technology form for all students. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider third reading of the policies found in sections 1000 and 2000 at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of policies found in sections 1000 and 2000 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1.2 Second Reading:

9.1.2.1 Policy Manual Sections 4000 – 5000

Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with the proposed amendments to policies found in 4000 and 5000 sections for second reading. Ms. Shipka reported that minor format and grammatical errors were corrected and that feedback received after the deadline will be taken into consideration prior to third reading. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider second reading of the policies found in sections 4000 and 5000 at this meeting.

M/S SMAILL / STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of policies found in sections 4000 and 5000 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1.3 First Reading:

9.1.3.1 Policy Manual Sections 6000, 7000, and 8000

Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with the proposed amendments to policies found in 6000, 7000, and 8000 sections for first reading. The Policy Committee is recommending that the Board consider first reading of the policies found in sections 6000, 7000, and 8000 at this meeting.

M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) remove policy 6300 from first reading presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

M/S SMAILL / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of policies found in sections 6000, 7000, and 8000 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

10. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

10.1 Capital Bylaw:

Annual five-year capital plan submission for 2021/22 amendment

Alan Rice

Mr. Rice explained to the Board that the capital amendment provides additional \$30,000 of funding to supplement the purchase of electric buses and additional \$50,000 for a charging station.

M/S KING / FEARING

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-CPSD6-02 at this meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

M/S SMAILL / STIMMING

THAT, the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD6-02 at this meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

M/S SMITH / KING

THAT, the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD6-02 at this meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

M/S SMAILL / STIMMING

THAT, the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD6-02 at this meeting.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 COVID-19 risk assessment for school sports

Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka and Ms. Craig, Health and Safety Officer, presented the COVID-19 risk matrix. Ms. Craig discussed concerns for Board of Education to consider for deciding whether to continue the use of COVID-19 risk matrix on an individualized basis.

M/S STIMMING / SMAILL

That the Board of Education requires the District Practice Risk Assessment Tool to be used for the approval process for overnight trips of students and staff, when travelling out of their home communities, during the COVID-19 pandemic status as directed by the BC. Government.

APPROVED

11. REPORTS

11.1 Budget utilization summary Alan Rice

September 2021 update was completed at the October Board meeting. Due to the proximity to the month end, two months of updates will be provided at the December Board meeting.

11.2 Rocky Mountain International School Program (RMISP) update Alan Rice

Mr. Rice provided a financial update on RMISP. RMISP contributes 11.5% of the tuition revenue (net of agent commissions) to SD6's budget on an annual basis. The program is designed to be self-sufficient covering the direct costs of running the program. The program enriches the experience for all students by sharing cultures, perspectives and creating life-long friendships. There is also a financial contribution to SD6 schools in the amount of \$6,000 per FTE which supplements the schools budget to increase services to all SD6 students. RMISP maintains a small surplus balance and uses funds from its operations to support extracurricular activities for all students through the purchase of Outdoor Education equipment.

11.3 Mental health Viveka Johnson

Ms. Johnson shared with the Board of Education that the Ministry of Education (MOE) provided additional grant funding this year to address emerging mental health concerns resulting from the pandemic. This funding is intended to identify mental health concerns, promote positive mental health, well-being and to provide additional supports to students, families and educators. Ms. Johnson shared many of the mental health initiatives and capacity building within the District.

11.4 District vice principals update Steve Wyer

Mr. Wyer provided an update on the work being undertaken by the district vice principals.

11.5 BC School Trustees Association Jane Fearing

Trustee Fearing shared information about the Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) meetings held October 21-22; Trustee Fearing thanked Trustee Smith for attending Provincial Council meeting virtually on October 15, 2021. Trustee Smith discussed motions brought forward at the Provincial Council meeting. Trustee Fearing reminded Trustees of the upcoming Trustee Academy.

11.6 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch Rhonda Smith

Trustee Thurgood Sagal forwarded Trustee Smith's name to BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch.

11.7 BC Public Schools Employers' Association Sandra Smaill

Trustee Smaill shared that she and Trustee Thurgood Sagal attended the virtual BCPSEA symposium on November 4 and 5, 2021. Trustee Smaill provided an overview of the program.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 Correspondence Nil

12.2 November and December 2021 calendar

13. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 2021.11.30 | Policy Committee Meeting, Teleconference, 4:30 p.m. |
| 2021.12.02-5 | BCSTA Academy, Vancouver |
| 2021.12.07 | Labour Relations Committee Meeting, Teleconference, Time TBD |
| 2021.12.07 | Finance and Audit Committee Meeting, Invermere/Teleconference, 6:00 p.m. |
| 2021.12.14 | Board of Education Meeting, Virtual |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-Camera 6:00, p.m.• Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. |

14. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 21:35 hours.

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Amber Byklum, Chairperson