

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 Lady Grey Elementary School, Golden, B.C. – **May 10, 2022**

Present: Amber Byklum Chairperson
Jane Fearing Vice-Chairperson
Ronald McRae Trustee
Scott King 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
Viveka Johnson Director of Instruction, Learning and Support Services
Al Ure Director of Operations
Steve Jackson Operations Consultant
Amanda Garand Human Resources Manager
Jacinda Harding Finance Manager
Stacey Ursulescu Executive Assistant
Crystal MacLeod District Vice Principal, Early Learning

Apologies: Sandra Smail Vice-Chairperson
 Ryan Stimming Trustee

General Public

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Chairperson Byklum 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 BARRETT / MCRAE

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

APPROVED

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETINGS

4.1 Regular Meeting: 2022.04.12

M/S MCRAE / BARRETT

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on April 12, 2022 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

4.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2022.04.12 Alan Rice

4.2.1 C.21 Employee Presentation

4.2.2 Property Matters: Nil

4.2.3 Legal Matters: Nil

4.2.4 Personnel Matters:

4.2.3.1 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval:
The Board of Education approved five leave requests 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 Declaration of Related Party Transactions:
Mr. Rice provided the Board of Education with information about Trustee declaration of related party transactions.

4.2.3.5 COVID-19 vaccine mandate:
Ms. Shipka provided an update on vaccine mandates.

4.2.5 Student Matters:

4.2.5.1 Student International Travel
Ms. Shipka provided the Board of Education information about requests for student international travel.

4.2.5 Procedural Matters: Nil

- 5. **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS** Nil
- 6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** Nil
- 7. **STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES** Nil
- 8. **OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

8.1 Health Hub at Golden Secondary School: Steve Wyer
 The doctors in the Golden community have identified youth health literacy as a priority in their planning. In a presentation to School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) leadership, they made the case that many youth in the community face barriers to medical access and lower levels of medical health literacy. The District has an opportunity to partner with the doctors in Golden to trial the offering of medical services within Golden Secondary School. This service will enhance equity and access to required medical care for students.

M/S FEARING / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the Health Hub pilot program at Golden Secondary School.

APPROVED

8.2 Election Bylaw: Alan Rice
 Under the *School Act*, the Board of Education may, by Bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of Trustee elections. The Bylaw provides details of the electoral areas, number of Trustees in each area, definitions and other procedural items with respect to the election. The respective Chief Election Officers have indicated they will administer the election process, if required, on behalf of the school district.

M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to proceed with all three readings of the Trustee Election Bylaw No. 1-2022 at this meeting.

APPROVED

M/S BARRETT / MCRAE

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider the first reading of Trustee Election Bylaw No. 1-2022.

APPROVED

M/S BARRETT / SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider the second reading of Trustee Election Bylaw No. 1-2022.

APPROVED

M/S BARRETT / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) consider the third and final reading of Trustee Election Bylaw No. 1-2022.

APPROVED

9. REPORTS

- 9.1 Budget utilization summary – April 2022: Al Rice
Mr. Rice presented the Board of Education with a report on year-to-date operating expenditures compared to budget and prior year. Expenditures to date are in line with budgeted and greater than the prior year for the same timeframe.
- 9.2 District alternate programs: Steve Wyer
The District has an opportunity to enhance the quality of alternate programming by moving the three alternate programs under the leadership of one principal. Rocky Mountain Distributed Learning (RMDL) programming shares similarities and connections with all of the alternate programs. The principal of RMDL will assume the principal role for the alternate programs in School District No. 6.
- 9.3 District vice principals update: Steve Wyer
Mr. Wyer provided an update on the work being undertaken by the district vice principals.
- 9.4 Indigenous education graduation requirement: Steve Wyer
As part of the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and anti-racism, the Ministry has implemented a change to the BC graduation program to include 4 credits of Indigenous course content. Two schools within SD6 already offer some of these courses to students. The requirement is to come into effect for students with a 2024 year of graduation. The District will be implementing the Ministry’s changes to the graduation requirements for 2024 by introducing 4 required course credits in Indigenous Studies 11/12. In the following years, the 4 credits will be taken during a student’s first year of the graduation program in grade 10.
- 9.5 BC School Trustees Association: Jane Fearing
Chairperson Byklum congratulated Trustee Jane Fearing on being elected as a Director of the BCSTA. Trustee Fearing discussed the business that occurred at BCSTA AGM that was held in Vancouver from April 21-24, 2022. She discussed her role as a new Director and topics under consideration.
- 9.6 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB): Rhonda Smith
Trustee Smith reviewed the business of the BCSTA KBB breakfast meeting that was held on April 22, 2022. The KBB Chair indicated she will not be running as a Trustee in the next election and therefore will not be putting her name forward to be Chair of KBB. The KBB AGM will be held virtually on September 10, 2022.

9.7 BC Public Schools Employers' Association:
Trustee Thurgood Sagal had nothing to report.

Jane Thurgood Sagal

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 May and June 2022 calendar

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2022.05.31 Policy Committee Meeting, Teleconference, 4:30 p.m.
- 2022.06.02 Golden Zone Community Engagement Session, Golden Secondary School, 6:00 p.m.
- 2022.06.07 Labour Relations Committee Meeting, Teleconference, 12:30 p.m.
- 2022.06.07 Windermere Zone Community Engagement Session, David Thompson Secondary School, 6:00 p.m.
- 2022.06.09 Kimberley Zone Community Engagement Session, Selkirk Secondary School, 6:00 p.m.
- 2022.06.14 Board of Education Meeting, Windermere Elementary School
 - In-Camera 6:00, p.m.
 - Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 19:54 hours.

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Amber Byklum, Chairperson