



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

November 2022

INAUGURAL MEETING

On October 15, 2022, municipal and school board elections were held across British Columbia. Alan Rice as Secretary Treasurer started the meeting as acting Chairperson. He confirmed that he was in receipt of the Oath of Office for each newly elected and acclaimed Trustees as follows:

Electoral Area 1 (Town of Golden & Electoral Area A of CSRD)

- Acclaimed -
Jane Fearing
Scott King
Rhonda Hamilton Smith

Electoral Area 2 (City of Kimberley & Electoral Area E of RDEK)

- Elected -
Betty-Lou Barrett
Ronald McRae
Darryl Oakley

Electoral Area 3 (District of Invermere)

- Elected -
Ryan Stimming

Electoral Area 4 (Village of Canal Flats & Electoral Area F of RDEK)

- Acclaimed -
Amber Byklum

Electoral Area 5 (Village of Radium Hot Springs & Electoral Area G of RDEK)

- Acclaimed -
Jane Thurgood Sagal



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson

Alan Rice presided over the election of Chairperson. Amber Byklum was nominated and was acclaimed to the role.

Vice-Chairpersons

Chairperson Byklum resumed as Chairperson of the meeting and presided over the election of the Vice-Chairperson for Kimberley and Golden zones. Jane Fearing was nominated as the Vice-Chairperson for the Golden zone and Ron McRae was nominated as the Vice-Chairperson for the Kimberley zone. Both were acclaimed to their roles.

Representatives and alternates for associations

Representatives and alternates for the B.C. School Trustee Association (BCSTA) and the B.C. Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) were also elected. Trustee Jane Thurgood Sagal was acclaimed as the BCSTA Provincial Council Representative and Trustee Rhonda Smith as the BCSTA alternate.

Trustee Scott King was acclaimed as the BCPSEA representative and Trustee Jane Thurgood Sagal as the BCPSEA alternate.

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

Policy development • Karen Shipka

Second reading – Policy 3700, Procurement and Purchasing

Policy 3700, Procurement and Purchasing received second reading. This policy and district practice is a codification of practices already in place. Only minor editorial revisions were made to the policy based on Trustee feedback.

REPORTS

Budget utilization report • Alan Rice

Mr. Rice presented the Board of Education a report on year-to-date operating expenditures compared to budget and prior year. Expenditures to date are in line with budgeted for the current year. Expenditures are greater than the same timeframe in the prior year which is primarily related to an increase in enrolment. Mr. Rice responded to questions.

Rocky Mountain Alternate Program • Steve Wyer

Mr. Wyer updated the Board of Education on the alternate program. The alternate program is now a consolidated program with single leadership. This has provided consistency for parents and students in our entire system regardless of location. Additionally, the synergies will be realized of alternate staff working together through the creation of one team.



REPORTS

Strategic update • Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka, Superintendent, provided the Board of Education an update to the objectives of the District's Operational Planning as they pertain to Board strategic priorities. Ms. Shipka thanked the District team and school teams for their commitment to this strategic work to improve learning for students.

Much growth has taken place according to the Board's plans for students in School District No. 6. Completion rates are improving for all students and they have steadily increased for Indigenous Learners. The gap between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Learners has been closing over the four year period.

Read the [Board Report](#) for more details on the goals, actions and results to date.

The 2020-2023 strategic plan is in its final year. This report provides an update of some key data points and deliverables to use in considering priorities for the upcoming 2024-2028 cycle.

