

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 Kimberley, Golden, and Invermere District Offices, B.C., - **JANUARY 10, 2023**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Jane Fearing	Vice-Chairperson
	Ronald McRae	Vice-Chairperson
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Scott King	Trustee
	Darryl Oakley	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Ryan Stimming	Trustee
	Jane Thurgood Sagal	Trustee
	Karen Shipka	Superintendent of Schools
	Alan Rice	Secretary Treasurer
	Steve Wyer	Assistant Superintendent
	Sharon Collin	Director of Instruction, Instruction and Learning
	Trent Dolgopol	Director of Instruction, Technology and Innovative Learning
	Crystal MacLeod	Director of Instruction, Early Learning and Child Care
	Al Ure	Director of Operations
	Danielle Warren	Director of Rocky Mountain International Student Program
	Amanda Garand	Manager Human Resources
	Jacinda Harding	Finance Manager
	Stacey Ursulescu	Executive Assistant
	General Public	

* via Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:01 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 FEARING / OAKLEY

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: 2022.12.13

M/S STIMMING / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on December 13, 2022 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

4.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2022.12.13 Alan Rice

4.2.1 Property Matters:

4.2.1.1 Columbia Valley School

4.2.1.2 Childcare projects update

4.2.2 Legal Matters:

4.2.2.1 CUPE bargaining update

4.2.2.2 Employment Standards Act – Vacation

4.2.2.3 Exempt compensation report

4.2.3 Personnel Matters:

4.2.3.1 CUPE General Leaves of Absence Guidelines for Supervisors

4.2.3.2 The Personnel Report – Pending Board Approval:
The Board of Education approved one leave request.

4.2.3.3 The Personnel Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

4.2.3.4 The Labour Relations Information Report was received and filed as circulated.

4.2.4 Student Matters: Nil

- 4.2.5 Procedural Matters: Nil
- 5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS Nil
- 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Nil
- 7. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES
 - 7.1.1 Third Reading: Nil
 - 7.1.2 Second Reading:

7.1.2.1 Policy 2800, Fraud and whistleblower protection

Ms. Shipka informed the Board that whistleblower protection policy currently exists but there is a new requirement to include statements regarding fraud in the policy.

M/S SMITH / STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of policy 2800 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

7.1.2.2 Policy 8800, French programming

Ms. Shipka reminded the Board that a letter was received in the spring regarding the sibling policy that currently exists in the policy. The proposed amendment would remove this preferential treatment for siblings. All students applying to the program would be included in the lottery program.

M/S STIMMING / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of policy 8800 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

Trustee Stimming abstained

Trustee King raised a point of order stating that the given Trustee Stimming’s abstention that he cannot move a motion. The point of order was well taken at the time and the motion was found to be out of order. The motion was repeated with a new mover.

M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of policy 8800 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

Trustee Stimming abstained

7.1.3 First Reading:

7.1.3.1 Policy 8700, Fees for educational programs

Ms. Shipka advised the Board of Education that policy is a duplication of policy 3400. It is recommended that the Board repeal policy 8700 to remove redundancy.

M/S BARRETT / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT, the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) unanimously agree to proceed with all three readings to repeal Policy 8700, Fees for educational programs.

APPROVED

M/S BARRETT / MCRAE

THAT, the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading to repeal Policy 8700, Fees for educational programs at this meeting.

APPROVED

M/S BARRETT / FEARING

THAT, the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading to repeal Policy 8700, Fees for educational programs at this meeting.

APPROVED

M/S MCRAE / FEARING

THAT, the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading to repeal Policy 8700, Fees for educational programs at this meeting.

APPROVED

8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES Nil

9. REPORTS

9.1 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 below budget but are greater than the prior year for the same time-period, which is mainly due to an increase in salaries and benefits, TTOC replacement costs, District Day, Pro D, and travel. Mr. Rice responded to questions.

9.2 District principals and vice principals: Steve Wyer

Mr. Wyer provided the Board of Education an update on the initiatives of the district principals and vice principals. The main operational strategies presented included: anti-racism strategy; reporting policy and district initiatives committee; grade 4-7 numeracy leaders; book clubs; grade 8 and 9 numeracy assessment; school based team growth; early

learning framework and play today; fall literacy assessment, analysis and strategy; performance-based literacy assessment; phonological awareness; and learning services. The district principals and vice principals are very busy, however, they find time to collaborate and overlap their projects. None of them operates in isolation and the team has built strong working relationships.

- 9.3 Rocky Mountain International School enrollment : Danielle Warren
Ms. Warren provided the Board of Education an update on RMISP enrollment. She noted that a shortfall between projected FTE for 2022-23 for the RMISP program, and the current FTE for 2022-23 which is leading to a variance of 17 FTE between the projected and actual FTE. The program is estimating to break-even for 2022-23 as well as providing the District with approximately \$208,000 for the annual cost recovery of the program.
- 9.4 BC School Trustees Association: Jane Thurgood Sagal
Trustee Thurgood Sagal reported to the Board of Education in four areas: She reported that there is a new Minister of Education, the Honourable Rachna Singh, and Minister of State for Child Care, Honourable Grace Lore. She discussed the orientation session and reminded Trustees of the motion building deadline of January 25. She also noted that the BCSTA Board of Directors have interim vice president. She is seeking input from Trustees on who to vote for.
- 9.5 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB): Rhonda Smith
Trustee Smith discussed the motion building deadline and the proposed motion that is being put forward by School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) regarding public private partnerships for new school infrastructure.
- 9.6 BC Public Schools Employers' Association: Scott King
Trustee King shared that BCPSEA AGM will be held on January 26 and 27, 2023 in Vancouver. This upcoming AGM will see BCPSEA Board Nominations for the Northern Interior and Metro Regions. Trustee King has distributed several BCPSEA documents and will be participating in a BCPSEA meeting via Zoom on January 11 to review the proposed budget and financial information, as well as the AGM processes.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 10.1 January and February 2023 calendar

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2023.01.25 Field Trip Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
2023.01.26-27 BCPSEA AGM, Vancouver
2023.01.31 Policy Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
2023.02.07 Labour Relations Committee meeting, Virtual, 12:30 p.m.
2023.02.14 Board of Education Meeting, Zone Offices
- In-Camera 6:00, p.m.
 - Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 20:02 hours.

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Amber Byklum, Chairperson