

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 J. Alfred Laird Elementary School, Invermere, B.C. - **APRIL 11, 2023**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Jane Fearing*	Vice-Chairperson
	Ron 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
	Amanda Garand	Manager Human Resources
	Jacinda Harding	Finance Manager
	Nathan Skretting	IT Manager
	Stacey Ursulescu	Executive Assistant

General Public

* via Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:00 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 STIMMING / THURGOOD SAGAL

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: 2023.03.14

M/S FEARING / KING

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on March 14, 2023 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

4.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2023.03.14 Alan Rice

4.2.1 Property Matters:

4.2.1.1 McKim Middle School rental by Kimberley Congregation of Jehovah's Witness

4.2.2 Legal Matters: NIL

4.2.3 Personnel Matters:

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

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

4.2.4 Student Matters:

4.2.4.1 Transportation of students living at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

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:

7.1.1.1 Policy 8900, Child care

Ms. Shipka reported that she did not receive any further feedback on the policy.

M/S BARRETT / THURGOOD SAGAL

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of policy 8900 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

7.1.2 Second Reading: NIL

7.1.3 First Reading: NIL

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 by 2.62% and greater than the prior year by \$2,568,000 for the same timeframe. The operating variance of actual to budget for year-to-date is considered reasonable.

9.2 Technology update: Trent Dolgopol and Nathan Skretting

The Board of Education was provided an update on SD6 information technology changes and advancements. Increased expectations, increased devices/ratios, higher service levels, strategic planning and implementation, and improvements to network infrastructure all require strategic allocation of resources. The number of student devices has grown by 32% from 1700 devices to 2250 devices. In conclusion, the Information Technology Department is making progress towards the District goals outlined in the Technology Plan.

9.3 BC School Trustees Association: Jane Thurgood Sagal

Trustee Thurgood Sagal reported on a number of items to the Board of Education. She reported on the BCSTA and Ministry of Education and Child Care online session “Working with People” held on March 30, 2023. The next online session is “Relations with First Nations” on April 13, 2023. Nominations for the BCSTA Board of Directors have been received and reminded fellow Trustees to register for AGM voter training.

9.4 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB): Rhonda Smith

Trustee Smith reported on motions that the KBB will be supporting at the BCSTA AGM.

9.5 BC Public Schools Employers' Association: Scott King

Trustee King provided an overview of emails received from BCPSEA since the previous Board of Education meeting. He noted that the current round of support staff bargaining is now complete, with all local agreements fully ratified. Just over 40,000 K-12 support staff are now covered by 69 local agreements ratified under the Province's Shared Recovery Mandate. He also reminded Trustees that BCPSEA regional meeting is scheduled for May 8 in Cranbrook.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Correspondence NIL

10.2 April and May 2023 calendars

11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2023.04.15 Board Working Session, District Administration Building,
8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
- 2023.04.18 Field Trip Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
- 2023.04.25 Policy Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
- 2023.04.27-30 BCSTA AGM, Vancouver
- 2023.05.02 Labour Relations Committee meeting, Virtual, 12:30 p.m.
- 2023.05.09 Board of Education Meeting, Marysville Elementary School
- In-Camera, 6:00 p.m.
 - Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 2023.05.10 Public Engagement Session, David Thompson Secondary School,
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 2023.05.11 Public Engagement Session, Golden Secondary School,
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
For Golden Secondary School, Nicholson Elementary School,
Alexander Park Elementary School, and Lady Grey Elementary School
- 2023.05.17 Public Engagement Session, Marysville Elementary School,
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 2023.05.10 Public Engagement Session, Eileen Madson Primary
School, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 2023.05.23 Public Engagement Session, McKim Middle School, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Public Engagement Session, J. Alfred Laird Elementary School,
6:00 -8:00 p.m.
- 2023.05.25 Public Engagement Session, Martin Morigeau Elementary School,
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

2023.05.26 Retirement Celebration Event at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
2023.05.30 Public Engagement Session, Lindsay Park Elementary School,
6:00 -8:00 p.m.
2023.05.30 Public Engagement Session, Edgewater Elementary School,
6:00 -8:00 p.m.

12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

13. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 19:46 hours.

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Amber Byklum, Chairperson