

**Rocky Mountain School District No. 6**

**MINUTES** of the **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held at Martin Morigeau Elementary School, Canal Flats, B.C., – **April 9, 2024**

Present:	Amber Byklum	Chairperson
	Jane Fearing*	Vice-Chairperson
	Betty-Lou Barrett	Trustee
	Scott King*	Trustee
	Darryl Oakley	Trustee
	Rhonda Smith	Trustee
	Ryan Stimming	Trustee
	Jane Thurgood Sagal	Trustee
	Steve Wyer	Acting Superintendent
	Alan Rice	Secretary Treasurer
	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	Manager, Finance
	Stacey Ursulescu	Executive Assistant

Apologies: Ron McRae Vice-Chairperson

\* 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 territory of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc Nations. We honour the cultures, languages, and First Nations people of these territories.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**M/S THURGOOD SAGAL / BARRETT**

**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: 2024.03.12

**M/S FEARING / STIMMING**

**THAT** the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on March 12, 2024 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

4.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2024.03.12 Alan Rice

4.2.1 Property matters:

4.2.1.1 SD93 request for space

4.2.1.2 Mount Nelson Athletic Park

4.2.2 Legal Matters:

4.2.2.1 Complaint from K. Hunter

4.2.3 Personnel Matters:

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

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

4.2.3.3 Employee outcome review

4.2.3.4 Superintendent process

4.2.4 Student Matters:

4.2.4.1 Bylaw II suspension appeal

4.2.6 Procedural Matters: NIL

5. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS NIL

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NIL

7. STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

7.1.1 Policies under review feedback NIL

7.1.2 Practice under review  
District Practice 5850, Student suspension  
Acting Superintendent advised the Board of Education of a proposed change to the appeal process for student suspensions.

7.1.3 Third Reading:  
Policy 7000, Transportation of students on regular bus routes  
The proposed amendment would see the transportation assistance rate tied to the collective agreement between the Rocky Mountain School District Board of Education and Rocky Mountain Teachers' Association. The rate for transportation assistance will be 75% of the rate described in district practice 3800. Mr. Wyer informed the Board of Education that no feedback had been received on this proposed amendment.

**M/S BARRETT / SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third and final reading of policy 7000 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

7.1.4 Second Reading: NIL

7.1.5 First Reading:  
Policy 5800, District code of conduct for students  
In response to Premier Eby's announcement earlier this year, Rocky Mountain School District is proposing an amendment to the District code of conduct for students to include a section on the use of electronic devices and communication.

**M/S SMITH / STIMMING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of policy 5800 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

**8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES**

**8.1 Capital Bylaw – Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission for 2024/25**

In accordance with Section 143 of the School Act, Boards of Education are required to adopt a single Capital Bylaw for its approved 2024/25 Capital Plan as identified in the Capital Plan Response Letter.

As per the response letter we received, below is the list of capital projects that are approved for funding:

- School Enhancement Program
  - Renovations (SEP) at Kimberley Alternate School - \$980,000
  - Lighting Upgrade (CNCP) at Martin Morigeau Elementary School - \$245,000
  - Kitchen upgrades (FIP) at Lindsay Park Elementary School, Marysville Elementary School, and Nicholson Elementary School - \$100,000
- Four Replacement Busses - diesel

**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 of the 2024-25 Five-Year Capital Plan cited as School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD06-01.

APPROVED

**M/S BARRETT / STIMMING**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No.6 (Rocky Mountain) approve first reading of the 2024-25 Five-Year Capital Plan cited as School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD06-01.

APPROVED

**M/S BARRETT / OAKLEY**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No.6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of the 2024-25 Five-Year Capital Plan cited as School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD06-01.

APPROVED

**M/S BARRETT / SMITH**

**THAT** the Board of Education of School District No.6 (Rocky Mountain) approve third reading of the 2024-25 Five-Year Capital Plan cited as School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD06-01.

APPROVED

**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 above budget by 0.66% and greater than the prior year by \$2,603,000 for the same timeframe. The operating variance of actual to budget for year-to-date is considered reasonable.

- 9.2 Annual facilities grant Al Ure  
 The school district is provided with funds each year to complete general maintenance of the facilities which is referred to as the Annual Facilities Grant (AFG). The AFG has been approximately \$1 million over the past few years. Nineteen projects are planned for 2024-25 school year.
- 9.3 First Nations School of Choice Trent Dolgopol  
 On November 7, 2023 the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia passed Bill No. 40 – *School Amendment Act*. The legislation identifies new requirements for engagement with First Nations to identify schools of choice, for those First Nations students who live on-reserve. Rocky Mountain School District collaborated with both ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation and Shuswap Band to establish a process for confirming schools of choice.  
 The school district has received confirmation of schools of choice from both ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation and Shuswap Band.  
 ʔakisq̓nuk First Nation’s schools of choice:
- Windermere Elementary School
  - David Thompson Secondary School
- Shuswap Band’s schools of choice:
- Eileen Madson Primary School
  - J. Alfred Laird Elementary School
  - David Thompson Secondary School
- 9.4 BC School Trustees Association: Jane Thurgood Sagal  
 Trustee Thurgood Sagal reminded Trustees that the BCSTA AGM will be held on April 18-21, 2024. She shared with Trustees information about the AGM handbook, voter training, and AGM motions. She also reminded Trustees about virtual trustee orientations.
- 9.5 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB): Rhonda Smith  
 Trustee Smith reported that the KBB Branch meeting agenda scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2024, was sent out and requested that the Senior Leadership Team provide a report.
- 9.6 BC Public Schools Employers’ Association: Scott King  
 Trustee King provided an overview of correspondence received from the BCPSEA since the last Board of Education meeting. He reported that he is attending a Teacher Regulation Branch information session on April 10, 2024 about the certification process for teachers.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 10.1 Correspondence
- 10.1.1 Rocky Mountain Teachers’ Association received and responded to
  - 10.1.2 DTSS PAC regarding safe sports
  - 10.1.3 Elyse de Jong concerns regarding Intensive French program
- 10.2 April and May 2024 calendars

**11. FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- 2024.04.18-21 BCSTA AGM, Vancouver
- 2024.04.24 Field Trip Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
- 2024.04.30 Policy Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
- 2024.05.06.1 Labour Relations Committee meeting, Virtual, 12:30 p.m.
- 2024.05.07 Operations Appreciation Day
- 2024.05.14 Board of Education Meeting, Selkirk Secondary School
  - In-Camera, 5:30 p.m.
  - Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**12. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Caroline Carl, RMTA Local 18 President, asked a question about how the funding is allocated for projects in the capital plan and annual facilities grant. Al Rice and Al Ure responded to her questions specifically related to Nicholson Elementary School water and Lady Grey Elementary School mercaptan, and air conditioning and HVAC systems in schools.

Adam, parent, asked a question regarding the proposed change to policy 5850, District Code of Conduct for Students regarding the storage of personal electronic devices.

Elyse de Jong, parent, asked questions regarding the Intensive French program.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 20:02 hours.

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Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

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Amber Byklum, Chairperson