



**ROCKY
MOUNTAIN**
School District #6



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

June 2024

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

Policy development • Steve Wyer, Acting Superintendent

Policy under review feedback • Steve Wyer, Acting Superintendent

Consultation is being conducted for policy 5800, district code of conduct for students. Mr. Wyer reported that feedback was received and considered for incorporation.

Practices under review • Steve Wyer, Acting Superintendent

Mr. Wyer advised the Board of Education of proposed changes to the district practice 5800, district code of conduct for students, and there are no changes for district practice 5160, community coaches.

Third reading • Steve Wyer, Acting Superintendent

Policy 5800, district code of conduct for students received the third and final reading.

Second reading

– **Policy 1500, Trustee Role, Responsibility, and Code of Ethics**

Changes include an omission and to add social media and digital citizenship.

The policy was to set out best practices and provide guidelines for the voluntary development or refinement of a board of education's school trustee code of conduct. Changes to the policy and district practice have been proposed to reflect these changes. Policy 1500 will be moved to the third and final reading.

– **Policy 5160, Community Coaches**

There were no changes proposed and policy 5160 will move to the third and final reading.

Feedback is being collected until June 30, 2024. Please visit the [Policies Under Review](#) webpage to provide your comments.

First reading – Bylaw II Appeals

The Bylaw II Appeals includes the right of appeal, initiating an appeal, pre-hearing process, hearing with the board, decision and avenues beyond the appeals process.

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OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Major Capital 5-Year Plan • Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

The School Act provides that the Minister of Education and Child Care (MOECC) may require a Board of Education to prepare and submit a capital plan. Five-year Capital Plans have been established as the appropriate time period for Government capital planning purposes. The Ministry of Education utilizes a web-based Capital Asset Planning System (CAPS) which school districts must use for their annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submissions. The CAPS enables the Ministry to issue separate “Call for Submissions” for Major Capital programs and Minor Capital programs, with different capital project request submission deadlines. The Board approve the Major Capital Plan for the replacement of Eileen Madson Elementary as the top priority and the major renovation of Selkirk Secondary as the second priority.

The Board of Education approved the 2025/26 - 5 Year Capital Plan for Major Capital as presented.

2024 – 2025 Annual Budget Bylaw • Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

As a part of the 2024/25 collaborative budget process, the board met with all principals and senior management to review staffing and discretionary spending. The board has reviewed estimated enrollment from standard schools. The budget review process also aimed to ensure the alignment of budget allocations with the FESL, district operational plans and school plans for student success.

The Board has approved a balanced budget for the 2024-25 school year.

Appointment of Auditors 2025-2027 • Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

The RFP for audit services was issued on May 1, 2024 and closed May 31, 2024. The Secretary Treasurer recommended, and the Board approved, that BDO Canada LLP be appointed as the auditors for a three-year term commencing June 30, 2025.

REPORTS

Budget utilization report • Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

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 0.29% and greater than the prior year for the same timeframe. The operating variance of actual to budget for year-to-date is considered reasonable.

Indigenous Targeted Funds • Trent Dolgopol, Director of Instruction, Technology & Innovative Learning

Mr. Dolgopol presented the Indigenous Targeted Funds report. Historically, the allocation of targeted resources has been decentralized. An engagement process last October determined this year’s additional supports will be centralized for equitable staffing, enrollment, and additional support needs of schools. Last meeting was held May 3rd and the funding model was approved at that time.

Technology Update • Trent Dolgopol, Director of Instruction, Technology & Innovative Learning

Two IT specialists were hired. Projects underway – data centre upgrade, working with IBM (security), copier/printing refresh, telephone refresh (next 6 months). Tech leaders and Advisory Committee – artificial intelligence, teaching student/staff about cyber security, education and awareness on being safe.

Annual PIDA Disclosure • Steve Wyer, Acting Superintendent

Policy 2850 applies to alleged wrongdoing related to the School District's operations or personnel. This Policy does not displace other mechanisms set out in School District Policy for addressing and enforcing standards of conduct, disputes, complaints, or grievances, including issues of discrimination, bullying and harassment, occupational health and safety, or disputes over employment matters or under collective agreements.

Since September 12, 2023, the creation date of this policy, there have been no items to report.

BC School Trustees Association • Jane Thurgood Sagal, Trustee

Trustee Thurgood Sagal shared that the BCSTA is joining the CSBA to advocate for a national school food program. The CSBA AGM will be held July 2026 in Whistler and the BCSTA AGM will be in April 2026. All boards are to establish an Indigenous Education Council and Ministry funding has been provided. Lastly, the BCSTA has created an Instagram account.

BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch • Rhonda Smith, Trustee

Trustee Smith shared the next AGM will be held around the 3rd week in September in Nakusp, BC.

BC Public Schools Employers Association • Scott King, Trustee

Trustee King submitted the BCPSEA report. The following topics were discussed, The Pay Transparency Act has come into effect and has been implemented in Rocky Mountain. There have been BCPSEA leadership changes in areas of responsibility and Leanne Bowes will be leaving BCSPSEA.