

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 Golden Secondary School, Golden, B.C., – **June 11, 2024**

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
	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
	Melanie Spencer	Executive Assistant

* via Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Byklum called the meeting to order at 19:05 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/FEARING

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: 2024.05.14

M/S STIMMING/OAKLEY

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) held on May 14, 2024 be approved as presented.

APPROVED

4.2 Synopsis of in camera meeting: 2024.05.14 Alan Rice

4.2.1 Property matters: Long Range Facility Plan Review

4.2.2 Legal Matters: SD83 International Program

4.2.3 Personnel Matters:

4.2.3.1 The Personnel port - Pending Board Approval

The Board of Education approved three (3) district-initiated teacher transfers as presented.

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

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

4.2.3.4 French Immersion.

4.2.4 Student Matters:

4.2.4.1 Bylaw II Appeal

4.2.4.2 J. Alfred Laird Elementary School Garden Ambassadors' request for funding

4.2.4.3 Correspondence on land acknowledgement from Columbia River Metis Society

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 Policies under review feedback
Policy 5800, District code of conduct for students
Feedback on Policy 5800 was generally supportive of a move to restrict the use of personal devices during instructional time.

7.1.2 Third Reading
Policy 5800, Student District Code of Conduct for Students
Practice 5800, Student District Code of Conduct
Presented for third reading.

M/S STIMMING / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the third and final reading of policy and practice 5800 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

7.1.3 Second Reading:
Policy 1500, Trustee Role, Responsibility, and Code of Ethics

Presented for second reading.

M/S FEARING/ SMITH

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of policy 1500 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

Policy 5160, Community Coaches
Practice 5160, Community Coaches

Presented for second reading.

M/S FEARING/STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve second reading of policy 5160 presented at this meeting.

APPROVED

7.1.4 First Reading:
Bylaw II Appeals
Presented for first reading.

M/S STIMMING/FEARING

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

APPROVED

8. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

- 8.1 Major Capital 5-Year Plan Alan Rice
Major Capital Plan is due at the end of June. May 6th the Capital Committee met to review capital requests. The District is working on updating the long range facility plan and plan should go out next week for consultation and presented at the September meeting for approval.

M/S KING/OAKLEY

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the 2025-2026 major capital plan as presented.

APPROVED

- 8.2 2024-2025 Annual Budget Bylaw Alan Rice
The Board of Education received an update on the progress of the 2024 – 2025 Annual Budget Bylaw. Mr. Rice presented the budget and answered questions.

M/S OAKLEY / KING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve all three readings of the 2024-2025 Annual Budget Bylaw at this meeting.

APPROVED

M/S KING/STIMMING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the 2024 – 2025 Annual Budget Bylaw at first reading.

APPROVED

M/S FEARING/OAKLEY

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the 2024 – 2025 Annual Budget Bylaw at second reading.

APPROVED

M/S KING/FEARING

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) approve the 2024 – 2025 Annual Budget Bylaw at third and final reading.

APPROVED

- 8.3 Appointment of Auditors 2025-2027 Alan Rice
The report was received for the Appointment of Auditors for 2025 – 2027. BDO was the successful vendor for this service for the upcoming three years.

M/S STIMMING/OAKLEY

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) appoint BDO Canada LLP as the auditor for the fiscal years' ended June 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027.

APPROVED

9. REPORTS

9.1 Budget utilization report

Alan Rice

Mr. Rice presented the Budget utilization report (at March 31, 2024) on year-to-date operating expenditures comparing the current and previous year. The operating expenditures are currently above budget by 0.29% and the variance is considered reasonable.

9.2 Indigenous Targeted Funds

Trent Dolgopol

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.

9.3 Technology Update

Trent Dolgopol

Two IT specialists 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.

9.4 PIDA Disclosure Report

Steve Wyer

Policy 2850 – there are no disclosure reports this year.

9.5 BC School Trustees Association

Jane Thurgood Sagal

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.

9.6 BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch

Rhonda Smith

No report at this time. AGM will be held around the 3rd week in September in Nakusp, BC.

9.7 BC Public Schools Employers Association

Scott King

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 BCPSEA.

10 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 10.1 Correspondence received: Windermere PAC letter
- 10.2 June, July, August, September 2024 calendar*

11 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2024.05.27 Finance and Audit Committee, Virtual, 6:00-7:30
- 2024.05.28 Policy Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
- 2024.05.29 Field Trip Committee, Virtual, 4:30 p.m.
- 2024.06.04 Labour Relations Committee meeting, Virtual, 12:30 p.m.
- 2024.06.11 Board of Education Meeting, Golden Secondary School
 - In-Camera, 5:30 p.m.
 - Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 2024.06.15 Selkirk Secondary School graduation ceremony
- 2024.06.27 David Thompson Secondary School graduation ceremony
- 2024.06.27 Golden Secondary School graduation ceremony
- 2024.06.27 Last day of school for students

12 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Questions were received and answered, where applicable, from Caroline Carl Osbourne with respect to French Immersion and community coaches.

13 ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 20:49 hours.

Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Amber Byklum, Chairperson