

Present:

Tim Bennett, Chair  
Trish Bella, Vice-Chair  
Tony Cable, Trustee  
Bob Harris, Trustee  
Brenda Hooker, Trustee  
(Skype/Telephone)  
Sharel Warrington, Trustee  
Bruce Wiebe, Trustee

Marilyn Marquis-Forster, Superintendent of Schools  
Allan Reed, Secretary Treasurer  
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

- Add 4.2 Skills Canada Competition
- Move Item 13.1 Policy 1160 Role of the Board to Item 6.6
- Move Item 13.2 Policy 2111 Role of the Superintendent to Item 6.7

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Tina Cousins, Teacher spoke regarding the Supreme Court Ruling in favour of the British Columbia Teachers' Association and the hardships experienced throughout the province since 2002 and made reference to the upcoming provincial election.

Eric Depeneau representing the Rocky Mountain Rangers requested the Board's support in establishing a Mess at their armoury located at the old Meadow Elementary School site.

Richard Giroday representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association (PGDTA) requested that the school district stresses to the Ministry of Education the importance of a complete and timely implementation of the supports for teachers and students following the November 10, 2016 Supreme Court ruling.

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Karen Wong representing CUPE 3742 requested the implementation of standardized hours for Education Assistants. Ms. Wong requested that the Board support a 35 hour work week for all Education Assistants within School District No. 57.

Gillian Burnett representing the District Parent Advisory Council requested that the school district communicates early, frequently and through a variety of methods with parents. Ms. Burnett reported on matters discussed at their last meeting. She acknowledged district staff for recent presentations to parents and executive members. Ms. Burnett noted upcoming events which included Ministry of Education Parent Engagement on Curriculum and Reporting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and PAC Café on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

##### 4.1 Rural Education Strategy

Trustee Bennett advised Parliamentary Secretary Linda Larson and the Ministry of Education will be hosting an open house on Rural Education at the Van Bien Training and Development Centre tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.

##### 4.2 Rural Education

Trustee Wiebe presented historical pictures from a recent teachers' publication highlighting school district experiences in Dunster, BC.

##### 4.3 Skills Canada Competition

Trustee Harris commented on the success of the "Trades Olympics 2017" held on January 11, 2017 at the College of New Caledonia. Mr. Harris advised winning students from a variety of trades have an opportunity to compete provincially, nationally and internationally.

#### 5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

##### 5.1 Regular Public Meeting

The minutes of the regular public meeting of November 29, 2016 were adopted as circulated.

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5.2 Inaugural Meeting

The minutes of the Inaugural meeting of December 13, 2016 were adopted as circulated.

5.3 Special Public Meeting

It was noted that the Board's officers for the special public meeting of December 13, 2016 were Mr. Bennett as Chair, Ms. Bella as Vice-Chair and Mr. Cable as Trustee.

The minutes of the special public meeting of December 13, 2016 were adopted as corrected.

5.4 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of November 29, 2016 and the special in camera meetings of December 13, 4:30 p.m. and December 13, 2016 at 4:53 p.m., January 10, and January 23, 2017 were approved.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

6.1 Motion to Record Votes

MOVED and SECONDED

That the votes taken on all motions considered at this meeting be recorded.

CARRIED

6.2 Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments

Trustee Bennett drew attention to the Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments effective January 2016 included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves the January 2017 Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments.

CARRIED

Trustees Bennett, Bella, Cable, Hooker, Warrington and Wiebe voted in favour of the motion.

Trustee Harris was opposed to the motion.

Trustees Cable abstained from the vote.

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6.3 Positive Path Forward – Dr. Leroy Sloan

Trustee Hooker reviewed the recommendation included in the agenda package that has been referred to this meeting from the Special In Camera meeting held on January 10, 2017.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education contract to continue working with Dr. Leroy Sloan until the “Positive Path Forward” is fully implemented, specifically assisting with the areas of policy revisions and committee structure review.

The motion was amended as follows:

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education contract to continue working with Dr. Leroy Sloan until the “Positive Path Forward” is fully implemented.

DEFEATED

A point of order was raised that a Trustee was speaking to the original motion and noted the amended motion is currently on the table. Chair Bennett ruled that the Trustee was speaking to the amendment to the motion.

Trustees Bella, Bennett and Hooker voted in favour of the motion.

Trustees Cable, Harris, Warrington and Wiebe were opposed to the motion.

6.4 Rocky Mountain Rangers – Request to Vary Policy 1330, Regulation 6

Trustee Bella reviewed the recommendation and rationale brought forward from the regular in camera meeting held prior to tonight’s regular public meeting. The Trustees discussed the rationale and history of the Rocky Mountain Rangers lease of the former Meadow Elementary School site.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approve a variance to Regulation 6 of Policy 1330 for the sole purpose of permitting the Rocky Mountain Rangers “B” Company to establish a Military Mess at the former Meadow Elementary School, 687 Dornbierer Crescent, and that this variance be in place only for the period of time that this property is leased by the Board of Education to the Department of National Defence.

CARRIED

Trustees Bennett, Cable, Harris, Hooker and Wiebe voted in favour of the motion.

Trustees Bella and Warrington were opposed to the motion.

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6.5 McBride Co-Location

Trustee Wiebe reviewed the recommendation included in the agenda package that was postponed from the regular public meeting held on November 29, 2016 and discussed at the special in camera meeting held on January 10, 2017. Mr. Reed responded to questions from the Trustees pertaining to the projected enrolment numbers for the McBride schools.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Item 7.3 of the minutes of the regular Board meeting held November 1, 2016 be reconsidered to reflect that the matter of the co-location of McBride Secondary School and McBride Centennial Elementary School be again brought forward to the Board of Education no earlier than the 2021-2022 school year or such time when the combined enrolment of the two schools is less than 140 students.

The motion was amended as follows:

MOVED and SECONDED

That Item 7.3 of the minutes of the regular Board meeting held November 1, 2016 be reconsidered to reflect that the matter of the co-location of McBride Secondary School and McBride Centennial Elementary School be again brought forward to the Board of Education when the combined enrolment of the two schools is less than 125 students.

DEFEATED

Trustee Wiebe voted in favour of the motion.

Trustees Bella, Bennett, Hooker and Warrington were opposed to the motion.

Trustees Cable and Harris abstained from the vote.

MOVED and SECONDED

To postpone further debate on this matter until the Board of Education has received the Rural Education Strategy Report from Parliamentary Secretary Larsen.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

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## 6.6 Policy 1160 Role of the Board

A point of order was raised that the motion to amend Policy 1160 Role of the Board as presented on page 98 of this meeting's agenda was out of order as the policy was approved at the Special In Camera meeting held on December 13, 2016 and has been acted upon. Chair Bennett ruled that the motion was in order and advised a challenge to his decision can be made.

A challenge to the Chair was issued regarding the ruling on the point of order.

Trustees Cable, Harris, Warrington and Wiebe voted in favour to uphold the decision of the Chair.

Trustees Bella and Hooker were opposed to the Chair's decision.

Trustee Cable reviewed the recommendation and referred to the letter dated January 10, 2017 from the District Parent Advisory Council, CUPE Local 3742, Prince George District Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 4991 outlining their concerns regarding the motions passed on Draft Policy 1160 Role of the Board and Draft Policy 2111 Role of the Superintendent at the December 13, 2016 special public meeting.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the motion adopted on December 13, 2016 with respect to the approval of Policy 1160, Role of the Board, be amended, to approve Policy 1160, in principle, in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy and Policy Development, Regulations 6 and 8, and be distributed for a 60-day consultation period prior to final approval by the Board of Education.

The Trustees held a lengthy discussion regarding the policies developed through the Board Performance Review Workshop facilitated by Dr. Leroy Sloan and the importance of partner group input.

MOVED and SECONDED

To refer Policy 1160 Role of the Board and Policy 2111 Role of the Superintendent to the Policy and Governance Committee.

DEFEATED

Trustees Bella, Bennett and Hooker voted in favour of the motion to refer.

Trustees, Cable, Harris and Wiebe were opposed to the motion to refer.

Trustee Warrington abstained from the vote.

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The discussion returned to the original motion, and it was DEFEATED.

Trustees Cable, Harris and Wiebe voted in favour of the motion.

Trustees Bella, Bennett, Hooker and Warrington were opposed to the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

To move to item 7.2 Board Authorized Course – School of Rock prior to addressing item 6.7 of the agenda.

CARRIED.

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

6.7 Policy 2111 Role of the Superintendent

A point of order was raised stating debate had started without receiving an opening statement. Chair Bennett invited Trustee Harris to open debate.

The Trustees reviewed and discussed the process undertaken to develop the policy through the Board Performance Review Workshop facilitated by Dr. Leroy Sloan and debated partner group input.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the motion adopted on December 13, 2016 with respect to the approval of Policy 2111, Role of the Superintendent, be amended, to approve Policy 2111, in principle, in accordance with Policy 8310, Policy and Policy Development, Regulations 6 and 8, and be distributed for a 60-day consultation period prior to final approval by the Board of Education.

DEFEATED

Trustees Cable, Harris and Wiebe voted in favour of the motion.

Trustees Bella, Bennett, Hooker and Warrington were opposed to the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board in the future seriously considers the implications of waiving a complete policy in order to expedite a decision.

CARRIED

Trustees Cable, Harris, Warrington and Wiebe voted in favour of the motion.

Trustees Bella and Hooker were opposed to the motion.

Trustee Bennett abstained from the vote.

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**7. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE****7.1 Committee Report**

Trustee Cable reported on the Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting held on January 17, 2017. Agenda items included an update on the various programs of the Skills, Trades and Careers portfolio. Mr. Cable reported that the Industry Training Authority has awarded School District No. 57 (Prince George) with a \$5,000 Youth Work in Trades Performance Award in recognition of having the highest number of Youth Work in Trades registrants for the Cariboo region. A copy the letter from the Industry Training Authority and an overview of the Careers Program was provided to the press in the gallery. Trustee Warrington requested a presentation on the Career Programs be included at an upcoming regular public meeting when appropriate.

Trustee Cable stated the committee received an update from the LGBTQ Advisory Group regarding the Ness Lake Bible Camp and reported the language in the camp's rental agreement was under review.

**7.2 Board Authorized Course – School of Rock**

By motion, this matter was considered prior to addressing item 6.7 of the agenda.

Trustee Cable reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

He invited Steve Baker, Teacher at Prince George Secondary School, to review the proposed course and the intended learning outcomes. Mr. Baker responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That School of Rock 11 be approved as a Board authorized course.

CARRIED.

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

The Chair called a recess at 10:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:17 p.m. and considered agenda item 6.7.



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### 7.3 Long Range Facility Plan – Mackenzie Grade Configuration

Trustee Cable reviewed the recommendation included in the agenda package, and invited John McLay, Assistant Superintendent to speak to the recommendation.

Mr. McLay drew attention to the Mackenzie Zone report that was included in the agenda package. He advised the Mackenzie Zone report includes a recommendation from the Mackenzie Principals to proceed with the Middle Years Program at Mackenzie Secondary School in September 2017 with support structures in place. He provided an overview of the consultation under taken by himself and the Mackenzie principals with School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) and with the Mackenzie school staff, students and parents. Mr. McLay responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approve a change in the grade configuration of Morfee Elementary School to enroll Grades Kindergarten to 6 and a change in the configuration of Mackenzie Secondary School to enroll Grades 7 to 12 inclusive of a Middle Years Program for the 2017-2018 and subsequent school years as recommended in the January 2017 Mackenzie Zone Report to the Education Programs and Planning Committee.

CARRIED

Trustees Bella, Cable, Harris, Hooker, Warrington and Wiebe voted in favour of the motion.

Trustee Bennett was opposed to the motion.

## 8. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### 8.1 Committee Report

Noting that it was 11:00 p.m. Trustee Warrington postponed the report on the Management and Finance Committee agenda items from the meeting held on January 16, 2017 that are not presented at this evening to the regular public meeting of February 28, 2017.

### 8.2 2016-2017 Amended Annual Budget

MOVED and SECONDED

That, in accordance with Section 68 (4) of the *School Act*, all three readings of Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016-2017 be given at this meeting.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016-2017 be given first reading.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016-2017 be given second reading.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

With the assistance of Darleen Patterson, Director of Finance, Ms. Warrington reviewed the budget document and the related PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was provided to the gallery. Ms. Patterson and Mr. Reed responded to questions.

Trustee Bella requested that a summary of lease revenue received by the school district be reviewed by the Management and Finance Committee.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016-2017 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

To move to item 10 Policy and Governance Committee prior to item 9 Education Service Committee of the agenda.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

## 9. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

### 9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Wiebe reported on the Education Services Committee meeting held on January 9, 2017. Agenda items included an update on MyEdBC that included a historical review, the provincial progress to date, unresolved issues and a look forward. The committee also received an updated from the Transportation Department on route optimization and bus safety, a video on the Baragar Software System and the review of Purchase Orders over \$25,000.

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10. **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

By motion, the Policy and Governance Committee matters were considered after agenda item 8, Management and Finance Committee matters.

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bella reported on the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held on January 4, 2017. In addition to the item being brought forward to the Board at tonight's meeting, the committee reviewed and discussed the feedback received on draft Policy 5144 Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings. Ms. Bella advised the committee will continue to review the feedback received on Draft Policy 1231 Aboriginal Education Committee and will review Policy 1230 Aboriginal Education at the February 7<sup>th</sup> committee meeting with representatives from the Aboriginal Education Department present to respond to questions.

10.2 Draft Policy 4117 SOGI

Trustee Bella reviewed the recommendation included in the agenda package.

Cindy Heitman, District Principal Learning Innovations representing the school district's LGBTQ Advisory Group reviewed the rationale included in the agenda package and responded to questions.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the proposed revisions to Policy 4117 LGBTQ be approved for distribution to reference groups for input.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

To move the remaining items of tonight's agenda to the regular public meeting of February 28, 2017.

CARRIED

Trustees Bennett, Bella, Cable, Harris, Hooker, Warrington voted in favour of the motion.

Trustee Wiebe was opposed to the motion.

The agenda continued with the Education Services Committee matters.

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11. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

11.1 Superintendent of Schools

Postponed to the regular public meeting of February 28, 2017.

12. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

12.1 BC School Trustees' Association

Postponed to the regular public meeting of February 28, 2017.

12.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Postponed to the regular public meeting of February 28, 2017.

12.3 District Student Advisory Council

Postponed to the regular public meeting of February 28, 2017.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Postponed to regular public meeting of February 28, 2017.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary Treasurer