

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
(Telephone)

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 7:02 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was amended as follows:

Consider the matters of the Education Programs and Planning Committee prior to the matters of the Management and Finance Committee.

Addition of item 13.2 Notice of Motion (T. Bella)

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Joseph Jeffery, School District No. 57 teacher provided an overview of the various roles he has filled within the school district and stated he looks forward to the additional support to be provided by the Supreme Court ruling of November 10, 2016.

Sarah Holland, parent requested that the Board focuses on the importance of educating students. Ms. Holland expressed concerns with the number of in camera meetings reported in the public agenda package. She requested that the Board maintain a professional decorum during their meetings.

Don Sabo, parent expressed his support for the District of Mackenzie's request for a Trustee variance to the School District No. 57 Board of Education. He requested that the Board be more inclusive of Aboriginal and rural communities.

Richard Giroday representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association (PGDTA) stated the first stage of implementation of the restored contract language as a result of the Supreme Court ruling has taken place and noted the shortage of Teachers' Teaching on Call. Mr. Giroday requested that the Trustees, principals, administrative teams, teachers and parents to be vigilant to ensure the supports provided to teachers in the restored contract language remain in place.

Gillian Burnett representing the District Parent Advisory Council expressed concerns regarding the structure, timing and supervision of lunch hours and stated that 15 minutes is not enough time for student to wash their hands and collect and consume their lunches. Ms. Burnett also expressed concerns regarding congestion and chaos around schools in the mornings and afternoon when student pick up and drop off occurs.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Trustee Bennett offered congratulations to school district staff that celebrated 25 years of service at the event held on February 23, 2017.

Mr. Bennett acknowledged the success of Pink Shirt Day held on February 22nd and the participation of school district students in the Ramada Flash Mob in support of respectful behaviour.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Regular Public Meeting

The minutes of the regular public meeting of January 31, 2017 were amended to reflect the order in which they were addressed. Other minor housekeeping items were also requested.

The minutes of January 31, 2017 were adopted as amended.

5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the special in camera meeting of January 30, 2017, the regular in camera meeting of January 31, 2017 and the special in camera meetings of February 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. was approved.

6. PRESENTATION**6.1 District of Mackenzie – Trustee Variance**

Mayor Crook and Councillor Atkinson presented an update to the Board on the District of Mackenzie's application to the Ministry of Education for a Trustee Variation on the School District No. 57 Board of Education and requested the Board's support. A package which included a letter of support from Member of Parliament Bob Zimmer, a petition from the Corporation of the Village of McBride and a list of names and address of residents from the District of Mackenzie was provided to the Trustees.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**7.1 Motion to Record Votes**

MOVED and SECONDED

That the votes in the positive, negative and abstentions be recorded on all motions considered at this meeting.

CARRIED

8. EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**8.1 Committee Report**

Trustee Cable reported on the Education Programs Committee meeting held on February 21, 2017. Agenda items included a detailed presentation and review of student data in support of the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.

8.2 Board Authorized Course – Novice Chef 10

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

He invited Jenna McManus, Teacher at Kelly Road Secondary School, to review the proposed course and the intended learning outcomes. Ms. McManus responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Novice Chef 10 be approved as a Board authorized course.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

8.3 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, Data Review – Update

Marilyn Marquis-Forster provided comment on the summary of School District No. 57 Student Achievement data presented by Cindy Heitman, District Principal of Learning Innovations to the Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting held on February 21, 2017.

Ms. Marquis-Forster stated that committee was provided with an opportunity to ask questions and to consider the implications for strategic planning and budget decisions.

She advised that senior administration, principals and vice-principals are working with the 2016-2017 data and historical trend information to inform implementation of the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan.

The Education Programs and Planning Committee will be provided with a copy of the accountability reports prior to submission to the Ministry of Education. Ms. Marquis-Forster responded to questions from the Trustees and advised the public can view student achievement data through the Ministry of Education website.

Trustee Bella requested that the presentation be made to all Trustees and partner groups on the summary of School District No. 57 Student Achievement.

9. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington advised the report of the committee meeting held on January 16, 2017 was postponed at the last regular public meeting and will be included in this evening's report.

Agenda items at the January 26, 2017 meeting included a presentation by KPMG on Enterprise Risk Management, a financial update to December 31, 2016 and the review of the draft yearly plan for the committee. Other items discussed appeared on the regular public meeting agenda of January 31, 2017.

Agenda items at the February 20, 2017 meeting included the receipt of a financial update to January 31, 2017, the review of lease revenue, a review of a letter from the Office of the Auditor General and the Province of British Columbia regarding summary financial statements and the analysis of Trustee travel.

The committee also received information on the return of \$622,655 in administrative savings that will be accomplished by the elimination, or reduction of the school district's charges for the Next Generation Network, School Protection Plan Premium, School Protection Plan Property Premium and/or MyEdBC. Other items discussed appear on tonight's agenda.

9.2 Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustee Warrington drew attention to Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Warrington stated the remuneration is reviewed each year by the Management and Finance Committee and referred to regulation 2 and 2.1 of the policy. She stated the annual remuneration for trustees was last increased effective with the Inaugural meeting of the Board in December 2014 and prior to that the annual remuneration for trustees was increased in 2006. Allan Reed responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT, in accordance with Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses, Regulation 2, Policy 8230, Regulation1, be revised, effective July 1, 2017, to reflect the annual remuneration for trustees as follows:

- 1.1 Chairperson - \$18,270
- 1.2 Vice- Chairperson - \$16,770
- 1.3 Trustees \$15,270

CARRIED

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

Trustee Hooker was opposed to the motion.

9.3 Expanded Committee of the Whole

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and background that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Warrington drew attention to the suggested revisions to the Terms of Reference and reviewed the schedule of meetings for the Expanded Committee of the Whole.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Terms of Reference of the Budget Consultation Expanded Committee of the Whole be revised to reflect a reference to the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, a change in Committee membership, and a change in the number of Committee meetings as set out in the revised Terms of Reference attached.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

10. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**10.1 Committee Report**

Trustee Bella reported on the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held on February 7, 2017. In addition to the items being brought forward to the Board at tonight's meeting, the committee reviewed and discussed the feedback received on draft Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct. The committee has requested additional information from senior administration regarding draft Policy 5131 and will continue their review at the next committee meeting.

10.2 Policy 1231 Aboriginal Education Board

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

Ms. Bella advised that the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held on February 7, 2017 was attended by all Trustees with the District Administrator and District Principal of the Aboriginal Education Department in attendance. The committee reviewed and discussed the feedback received following the 60-day consultation period of Policy 1231 Aboriginal Education Committee.

She stated that the committee expressed concerns with revising a policy that had been created specifically for the Aboriginal Education Board to reflect the existing structure. The committee has requested that senior administration draft a new or revised policy for review at a future committee meeting.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Policy 1231 Aboriginal Education Board be rescinded.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

10.3 Policy 5131.62 No Smoking or Vaping

Trustee Bella reviewed and discussed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package with Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That draft Policy 5131.62 No Smoking or Vaping be approved.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

11. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**11.1 Superintendent of Schools**

Marilyn Marquis-Forster drew attention to the recent communications from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Environment Premier's Award for the school district's participation in the Carbon Neutral Government Program that was included in the agenda package and responded to questions from the Trustees.

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS**12.1 BC School Trustees' Association**

Trustee Warrington reported on the provincial council meetings held on February 17 and 18, 2017. Ms. Warrington advised the speakers series heard at the pre-conference is available to view through the BCSTA website. Agenda items on February 18th included motions on the Fraser Valley Branch Constitution and Bylaws, funding of the direct and indirect costs arising from the Supreme Court of Canada decision, recruitment and retention in northern districts and Syrian refugee funding.

Ms. Warrington discussed her concerns with the motion brought forward at the provincial council meeting to increase membership fees with the Trustees and stated that she voted against the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education write a letter to the BCSTA stating that we believe any fee increases should be discussed and voted upon at the Annual General Meeting by the membership.

CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education put forward a late motion to the BCSTA 2017 Annual General Meeting voicing displeasure with the fee increase being put to Provincial Council and that future decisions of fee increases be addressed at the Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

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

Trustee Hooker was opposed to the motion.

12.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Harris advised the report of the committee meeting held on January 9, 2017 was postponed at the last regular public meeting and will be included in this evening's report.

Trustee Harris reported on the District Parent Advisory Council meetings held on January 9 and February 6, 2017. Items of discussion included concerns on the process regarding the Board's approval of draft Policy 1160 Role of the Board and draft Policy 2111 Role of the Superintendent at the Special Public meeting held on December 13, 2016, communication of the Long Range Facility Plan, and the impact of the Supreme Court ruling.

12.3 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Wiebe advised the report of the committee meeting held on January 16, 2017 was postponed at the last regular public meeting and will be included in this evening's report.

Trustee Wiebe reported on the District Student Advisory Council meetings of January 16 and February 20, 2017. Agenda items included the review and discussions of Draft Policy 5131.62 No Smoking or Vaping, draft Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct, and a presentation from the University of Northern British Columbia.

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

13.1 Draft Policy 4112.5 Administrative Appointments

Trustee Bennett advised that the Board worked with senior administration to revise this policy over the last several months and reported that at the regular in camera meeting held earlier this evening that the Board approved draft Policy 4112.5 Administrative Appointments in principle and distribution for a 60-day consultation period prior to final approval of the Board.

13.2 Notice of Motion

Trustee Bella brought forward the following motion:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Education commit to meeting between August 28 and September 15, 2017 in a facilitated workshop focusing on Board Effectiveness for the 2017-2018 school year.

Trustees discussed the effectiveness of the Board and the workshops complete with Dr. Leroy Sloan and the recently approved policies on the Role of the Board and the Role of the Superintendent.

The motion was amended as follows:

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Board of Education commit to meeting between August 28 and September 15, 2017 in a facilitated workshop in concert with the Board's annual self-evaluation process focusing on Board Effectiveness for the 2017-2018 school year.

CARRIED.

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

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

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Wiebe drew the Board's attention to the items of correspondence included in the agenda for information, which were:

- Letter dated January 3, 2017 from The Ministry of Education regarding the Rural Education Enhancement Fund
- Letter dated January 4, 2017 from the Ministry of Education regarding the Rural Education review.
- Letter dated January 23, 2017 from the District of Mackenzie to the Honourable Mike Bernier requesting a variance to the Board of Education.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer