

Present:

Tim Bennett, Chair
Trish Perrin, Vice-Chair
Tony Cable, Trustee
Bob Harris, Trustee
Brenda Hooker, Trustee
Sharel Warrington, Trustee

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

Absent:

Bruce Wiebe, Trustee

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions to the agenda:

- Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 6.1 Consultant Survey Reports
 - 6.1.1 Edgewood Elementary School
 - 6.1.2 French Immersion Programming

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Corey Walker, Northern BC Regional Coordinator for Autism BC requested that the Board of Education consider allowing outside agencies to assist in the specialized training of school district staff to support special need students.

Daryl Beauregard representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association commented on the role of Trustees and the upcoming Municipal Election. Mr. Beauregard stated the newly elected Board will be faced with many issues that include ongoing Teachers Teaching on Call shortages, district support ratios and collective bargaining. He thanked the Board for their work as the democratic elected body.

4. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**4.1 Orange Shirt Day**

The Board Chair stated Orange Shirt Day *Every Child Matters* falls on Sunday, September 30th. He noted that the school district will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day during this week in support of educating individuals and to bring awareness of the residential school system and honor survivors.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**5.1 Public Meeting**

The minutes of the regular public meeting of June 19, 2018 were adopted as circulated.

5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of June 19, 2018 and special in camera meetings of June 19 at 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., July 10 at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., July 30, July 31, August 28 at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and September 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. was approved.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**6.1 Record of Votes**

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the votes taken on all motions considered at all regular public meetings during the September and October 2018 be recorded.

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

6.2 Consultant Survey Reports

6.2.1 Edgewood Elementary School

Trustee Bennett reviewed the parent survey results regarding a proposed catchment change for Edgewood Elementary School that was provided as a handout. He indicated that the results of the survey will be posted to the school district's website and that the Board will be discussing the next steps.

The Trustees had a lengthy discussion regarding catchment and capacity and the next steps regarding consultation with staff and community.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education continues with the inclusion of Edgewood Elementary in the Duchess Park catchment area.
DEFEATED

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

Trustees Hooker, Perrin and Warrington were opposed to the motion.

Trustee Bennett stated that this matter will be referred back to the Board for further discussion. He noted that staff understands that tonight's motion makes no changes to the existing catchment of Duchess Park Secondary School catchment area.

6.2.2 French Immersion Programming

Trustee Bennett reviewed the parent survey results regarding French Immersion Programming that was provided as a handout. He indicated that the results of the survey will be posted to the school district's website and that the Board will be discussing the next steps.

The Trustees had a lengthy discussion regarding catchment and capacity and the next steps regarding consultation with staff and community.

MOVED and SECONDED

That based upon survey results received, the Board of Education continue with French Immersion and the Francophone Program at Duchess Park Secondary School.

The motion was amended as follows:

AMENDED, MOVED and SECONDED

That based upon survey results received, the Board of Education recommends that the new Board of Education consider continuing with French Immersion and the Francophone Program at Duchess Park Secondary School.

DEFEATED

Trustees Hooker, Perrin and Warrington voted in favour of the amended motion.

Trustees Bennett, Cable and Harris were opposed to the amended motion.

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

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

Trustees Bennett, Hooker and Perrin were opposed to the motion.

Trustee Bennett stated that this matter will be referred back to the Board for further discussion. He noted that staff understands that tonight's motion makes no changes to the existing catchment of Duchess Park Secondary School catchment area.

7. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

7.1 2017-2018 Financial Statements

Corey Naphtali, KPMG partner reviewed the Independent Auditors' Report of the School District No. 57 (Prince George) financial statements as at June 30, 2018 that was included in the agenda package. Mr. Naphtali reported that the Audit Findings Report including the Auditors' Report for the year ended June 30, 2018 was presented to the Management and Finance Committee on September 18, 2018.

Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer presented a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the 2017-2018 financial statements.

Ms. Patterson responded to questions from the Trustees.

There were a number of questions related to the surplus reported in 2017-2018 appropriated operating surplus. It was noted that a number of Financial Health policies were adopted by the Board of Education at the May 29, 2018 Regular Public Board meeting and will be considered in the coming months in the review of the accumulated operating surplus of the School District.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2018, be approved.

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

7.2 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington reviewed and discussed the September 2018 Management and Finance Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on September 17, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

7.3 Signing Authority – Banking

Trustee Warrington explained that the bank signing authority required updating to reflect the change in the school district's administration staff.

MOVED and SECONDED

That, effective October 1, 2018, the signing authority for cheques be any two of the following:

Marilyn Marquis-Forster, Superintendent of Schools

Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer

Hannah Brown, Director of Finance

Marie St. Laurent, Director of Human Resources

Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

7.4 Submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

Trustee Warrington drew attention to the school district's submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services that was presented by the Board Chair on September 18, 2018 that was included in the agenda package.

The Chair called a recess at 9:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

8. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Cable reviewed and discussed the September 2018 Education Programs and Planning Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Programs and Planning Committee meeting held on September 18, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

8.2 Physical Literacy for Life

Deb Kaban, District Principal Learning Innovations delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of the Physical Literacy for Communities, BC Initiatives. A handout of the overview was also provided.

Ms. Kaban extended an invitation to the Board and public to attend the free Physical Literacy for Life training at Vanier Hall on September 28th.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education provide a letter of support for the initiative of Prince George becoming an official Physical Literacy for Life Community.

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

8.3 French Embassy Agreement

Deb Kaban, District Principal Learning Innovations presented a request for a motion of support for the school district to enter into an agreement with France for the purpose of education collaboration.

Ms. Kaban and the Superintendent responded to questions from the Trustees.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education enter into an agreement with France for the purpose of education collaboration.

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

9. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington drew attention to the September 2018 Education Services Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Services Committee meeting held on September 10, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

10. **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Perrin drew attention to the September 2018 Policy and Governance Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Policy and Governance Committee meeting held on September 12, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS**11.1 BC School Trustees' Association**

Trustee Warrington advised that a Trustee Academy "Building a New Board Elected, Engaged and Empowered" is being held on November 29 to December 1, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver, BC. Ms. Warrington also drew attention to the education services provided by BCSTA.

11.2 Board Annual Self Evaluation

The Board Chair reported that School District No. 57 (Prince George) Board of Education completed its annual Board Effectiveness Self-Assessment with a workshop on September 6, 2018. Mr. Bennett stated the Trustees followed a review process outlined by the British Columbia School Trustees Association, BCSTA with Mr. Hugh Blackman, Director of Education Services for BCSTA, facilitating. He reviewed the Board strengths and priorities identified for the 2018-19 year.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bennett drew the Board's attention to the item of correspondence included in the agenda for information, which were:

- Letter dated June 20, 2018 to the Minister of Education requesting funding to support the transition to the new Trustee Electoral Areas.

The Board Chair indicated that a response has been received from the Minister of Education and will be published in the October 30th agenda package.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer