

Present:

Tim Bennett, Chair
Sharel Warrington, Vice-Chair
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Trent Derrick, Trustee
Ron Polillo, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee
Shuirose Valimohamed, Trustee

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

Absent:

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
 - Record of Votes (S. Warrington)
 - Amendments to Bylaw No. 1 (S. Warrington)
 - Election of an Alternate Representative to the B.C. Public School Employers' Association (S. Warrington)
 - Election of an Alternate BCSTA Provincial Councillor (S. Warrington)

- New Business
 - Regular Public Meetings

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Tracey Eyles, representing the local chapter of the Canadian Parents for French British Columbia & Yukon, provided an overview of the non-profit organization. Ms. Eyles stated part of the chapters' role is to work with the local school district and administration regarding a second language for students. An opportunity to make a formal presentation to the Board at a future meeting was requested.

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association expressed concerns related to teachers' request for additional supports in elementary schools. Ms. Hapke requested that administrators share their long term plans for the use of surplus dollars to support students currently enrolled in schools with their teaching staff. She noted that the PGDTA has provided the Board Chair and Superintendent with notice of its intent to commence local bargaining no later than March 1, 2019.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

4.1 Athletics

Trustee Polillo provided an overview of a number of athletic groups that have recently travelled to competitions and championships representing the school district. Mr. Polillo congratulated the students on behalf of the Board of Education.

4.2 CHSS Accident

The Board Chair commented on the November 27th accident that involved the College Heights Secondary School Senior Girls' Volleyball team when traveling to participate in the B.C. high school Triple-A Championships in Powell River. Trustee Bennett extended gratitude to the first responders to the accident.

4.3 PGSS Remembrance Day Ceremony

Trustee Bekkering commented on her attendance at the PGSS Remembrance Day Ceremony.

4.4 Community Voices

Trustee Derrick provided a brief overview of the 3rd Annual Community Voices Key Directions Stakeholder Event hosted by the Superintendent on November 23rd at the Van Bien Training and Development Centre.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Regular Public Meeting of October 30, 2018

The minutes of the regular public meeting of October 30, 2018 were adopted as published.

5.2 Inaugural Meeting of November 6, 2018

The minutes of the Inaugural meeting of November 6, 2018 were adopted as amended.

5.3 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the special in camera meeting of October 30, 2018 and the regular in camera meeting of October 30, 2018 was approved.

6. **PRESENTATION**

6.1 Teacher Librarian of the Year Award

The Board Chair congratulated Leisbet Beaudry, Teacher Librarian at Lac des Bois Elementary School on being named a BC Teacher Librarian Association Teacher Librarian of the Year.

Ms. Beaudry provided an overview of her work as a Teacher Librarian in the school district in the areas of leadership, professional growth and sharing of ideas.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

7.1 Records of Votes

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was provided as a handout.

Ms. Warrington responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the votes taken on all motions considered at all regular public meetings during the 2018-19 school year be recorded.

CARRIED

Trustees Bennett, Polillo, Thompson and Warrington were in favour of the motion.

Trustees Bekkering, Derrick and Valimohamed were opposed to the motion.

7.2 Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments

Trustee Bennett drew attention to the Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointment – December 2018 that was included in the agenda package.

Mr. Bennett reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments – December 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

7.3 Amendments to Bylaw No. 1

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and rationale to amend Bylaw No. 1 that was provided as a handout.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Bylaw No. 1 Section 2.7 be amended to include the election of an alternate BC School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Provincial Councilor and an alternate representative to the B.C. Public School Employers' Association

And

That the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 1 Section 2.7 be approved as presented on page 23 of the December 4, 2018 Regular In Camera Board meeting

And

That the Board of Education hold the election of an alternate BC School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Provincial Councilor and an alternate representative to the B.C. Public School Employers' Association at this evening's regular public meeting.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

7.4 Election of an Alternate Representative to the B.C. Public School Employers' Association

The Board Chair called for nominations for an alternate representative to the B.C. Public School Employers' Association.

Trustee Warrington nominated Trustee Thompson, who accepted the nomination.

The Board Chair called twice more for nominations and, hearing none, declared Trustee Thompson elected by acclamation.

7.5 Election of an Alternate BCSTA Provincial Councillor

The Board Chair called for nominations for an Alternate BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Trustee Warrington nominated Trustee Derrick, who accepted the nomination.

The Board Chair called twice more for nominations and, hearing none, declared Trustee Derrick elected by acclamation.

8. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington reviewed and discussed the November 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 November 26, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

8.2 2018-2019 Budget Consultation – Expanded Committee of the Whole

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package and responded to questions from the Trustees.

A housekeeping revision was noted in the background of the recommendation.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Terms of Reference of the Budget Consultation Expanded Committee of the Whole, and suggested meeting timelines and proposed agendas, be confirmed for the 2019-2020 Annual Budget process.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

9. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Derrick reviewed and discussed the November 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 November 27, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

10. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the November 2018 Education Services Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer corrected that the Portable Classroom Replacement recommendation will appear on the January 29, 2019 regular public meeting agenda for consideration by the Board for approval.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Services Committee meeting held on November 19, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

11. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

11.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the November 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 November 20, 2018 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

11.2 Draft Policy 4133.1 Reimbursement of Travel and Meeting Expenses

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

Housekeeping edits were noted in Appendix A of the draft policy.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the proposed minor revisions to Policy 4133.1 Reimbursement of Travel and Meeting Expenses be approved as amended.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

12. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**12.1 Superintendent of Schools**

The Superintendent provided an update on the school district and community response to mental health issues related to the recent tragedies at College Heights Secondary School.

Ms. Marquis-Forster reported that a Critical Community Collaborative Response Stakeholders Group met on November 13th at the Civic Centre to discuss the needs of the community and how to move forward in developing a specific and long term community plan for responding to critical incidents and traumatic events.

The Superintendent advised that she participated in a Community Roundtable session at the Northern Health Board Community Roundtable session held December 3rd. The roundtable included discussions regarding potential collaborations to research and providing services to address community challenges, with a particular focus on mental health promotion and community responses to mental distress.

The school district is also working through Safer School and is exploring the mental health training for staff over the next years.

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS**13.1 BC School Trustees' Association**

Trustee Polillo provided an overview of the 2018 BCSTA Trustee Academy held on November 29 to December 1, 2018 in Vancouver

13.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Warrington reported on the District Parent Advisory Council meeting held on December 3, 2018. Items discussed included digital classrooms, literacy standards, district grants, and reporting of bullying issues.

13.3 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo reported on the District Student Advisory Council meeting held on December 3, 2018. Agenda items included the discussion of creating an Environmental Working Group to focus on recycling plastic within our school district. The group also discussed the possibility of holding a Job Fair to provide an opportunity for students to get one and one consultation with career professionals regarding their roles and the path taken to their chosen careers.

14. **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Polillo brought forward the following recommendation to begin all regular Board meetings at 6 p.m.

MOVED and SECONDED

That all regular public board meetings be scheduled at 6 p.m. starting January 29, 2019.

CARRIED

All Trustee voted in favour of the motion.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Letter dated November 5, 2018 to the Minister of Finance and Minister of Education regarding the funding model review update

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer