
The meeting was held in the library at McBride Secondary School, with a video conference connection to the Boardroom at the Central Administration Office in Prince George.

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)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions to the agenda:

- New Business
 - Notice of Motion (T. Derrick)

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Raylene Westlund, Grade 11 student at McBride Secondary School provided a musical performance for the Board of Education and spoke to the benefits of living and learning the rural community. She also expressed appreciation for the support provided to the students from the schools and the residents of the Village of McBride.

Rick Thompson a resident of McBride brought forward concerns regarding the use of school facilities related to a recent Roundhouse Theatre Society event. Mr. Thompson provided an overview of the timeline for the set-up, performance and take-down for the event and the associated cost incurred by the non-profit society. He requested that the school district review Policy 1330 Use of School Facilities and to develop changes to the policy regarding use by rural communities.

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association noted that the Board is currently reviewing the recommendations of the Improving Equity and Accountability Report of the Funding Model Review Panel 2018 and is preparing to make a submission to the Ministry of Education. Ms. Hapke expressed concerns regarding the Prevalence Model recommendation included in the report, stating that the model is about reducing the administrative burden and not about serving students.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

4.1 Trustee Polillo

Trustee Polillo reviewed the School District News report that was included in the agenda package.

4.2 Trustee Warrington

Trustee Warrington provided an overview of the 15th Annual Spring Fling B.C. Pre-K-12 Education Conference held at Prince George Secondary School on April 12, 2019. Ms. Warrington stated the event provides over 68 workshops for teachers and is enjoyed by educators, support staff and guests.

Trustee Warrington reported on her participation in the grad transition interviews at DP Todd Secondary School on the afternoon of April 12, 2019. Ms. Warrington advised that Trustees also participated in grad transition interviews at McBride Secondary School earlier today and stated that Trustees appreciate the positive experience with the students.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Regular Public Meeting of April 9, 2019

The minutes of the regular public meeting of April 9, 2019 were adopted as published.

5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of April 9, 2019 and the special in camera meeting of April 17, 2019 was approved.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Board Chair Bennett expressed appreciation to all that attended the public consultation meeting held in Mackenzie on April 12th regarding the possible demolition of the closed Mackenzie Secondary School. Mr. Bennett advised that the school district is currently waiting for further conversation with the District of Mackenzie regarding future consultation.

7. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

7.1 Committee Report

Trustee Derrick reviewed the April 2019 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 April 23, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

7.2 Surplus Recommendation

7.2.1 Building Capacity in Elementary Schools

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

Deb Kaban, District Principal Learning Innovations and Lisa Horswell, District Principal Student Support Services provided a PowerPoint presentation on a proposed collaboration between the Learning Innovations and Student Support Services Department to build capacity a systems approach to safe, caring and effective learning environments in Elementary Schools.

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education consider approve an annual commitment of \$350,000 for three years to support the implementation of Building Capacity in Elementary Schools.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

The motion was amended as follows:

MOVED and SECONDED

That as part of the Expanded Committee of the Whole process the Board of Education consider approval of an annual commitment of \$350,000 for three years to support the implementation of Building Capacity in Elementary Schools.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the amended motion.

7.2.2 Supporting Information Technology

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

The Superintendent noted that the recommendation was presented to the committee at its January 22, 2019 meeting.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board approves an appropriation of surplus in the amount of \$50,000 to support the implementation of the Information Technology goals as outlined in Inspiring Learning Anywhere, School District No. 57 (Prince George) Strategic Plan 2016-2021. This implementation to include but not be limited to consultation services from George Couros, author of The Innovator's Mindset, Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, and Lead in a Culture of Creativity 2015.

The motion was amended as follows:

MOVED and SECONDED

That as part of the Expanded Committee of the Whole process the Board of Education consider approval of an appropriation of surplus in the amount of \$50,000 to support the implementation of the Information Technology goals as outlined in Inspiring Learning Anywhere, School District No. 57 (Prince George) Strategic Plan 2016-2021. This implementation to include but not be limited to consultation services from George Couros, author of The Innovator's Mindset, Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, and Lead in a Culture of Creativity 2015.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the amended motion.

8. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the April 2019 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 April 8, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

The Board Chair drew attention to the referral to the Board included in the Committee's Report under the Catchment and Capacity – September 2019 and Subsequent Years agenda item.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education approves the publication of the Report from the Catchment and Capacity Stakeholder Review Advisory Committee without the appendix information on the school district's website.

CARRIED

All Trustee voted in favour of the motion.

The following motion was brought forward related to the item included in the Committee's Report on the 2019 revised drinking water guidelines that included in the committee report.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education in support of the British Columbia School Trustees' Association motion regarding funding for lead mitigation.

CARRIED

All Trustee voted in favour of the motion.

8.2 Surplus Recommendation

8.2.1 Wireless Refresh Program

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

Chris Molcak, Principal, Information Technology, Skills, Trades and Careers and Morris Scarpino, District Technology Support Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation on a wireless refresh project for consideration in the 2019-2020 budget process. An overview of the Wireless Infrastructure Project was provided to the Trustees as a handout.

Mr. Molcak and Mr. Scarpino responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education support completion of the *Wireless Refresh Project* as funding is available by moving to the Expanded Committee of the Whole – 2019-2020 Budget Consultation for consideration in the 2019-2020 budget process.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

8.3 Long Range Facility Plan

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

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to move forward with the assistance of a consultant to update the current Long-Range Facilities Plan dated 2014/2015 to 2023/2024 to reflect the significant changes in the school district since the document was prepared.

CARRIED

Trustees Bekkering, Bennett, Derrick, Polillo, Thompson and Valimohamed voted in favour of the motion.

Trustee Warrington was opposed to the motion.

9. **MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bennett reviewed and discussed the April 2019 Management and Finance Committee of the Whole Report that was included in the agenda package.

Trustee Warrington stated that the meeting to review each of the recommendations of the Improving Equity and Accountability Report to prepared the Board's feedback to the Ministry of Education is tentatively scheduled to follow the May 13th Management and Finance Committee meeting.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Management and Finance Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 15, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

9.2 Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD57-01

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That, in accordance with Section 68 (4) of the School Act, all three readings of Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD57-01 be given at tonight's meeting.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD57-01 be given first reading.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD57-01 be given second reading.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

MOVED and SECONDED

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 2019/20-CP-SD57-01 be given third and final reading.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

9.3 Draft Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration Expenses

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the minor revisions to draft Policy 8230 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses be approved.

CARRIED

10. **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

10.1 Committee Report

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the April 2019 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 April 16, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

10.2 Draft Policy 1160 Role of the Board

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

MOVED and SECONDED

That the proposed minor revisions to Policy 1160 Role of the Board be approved.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

11.1 Aboriginal Education Committee

Trustee Warrington reviewed the report of the Aboriginal Education Committee meeting held on April 8, 2019 that was included in the agenda package.

11.2 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee Polillo drew attention to the report on the British Columbia School Trustees' Association that was included in the agenda package. Mr. Polillo provided a verbal report on the highlights of the BCSTA Annual General Meeting held on April 25th to 27th in Vancouver.

Trustee Polillo congratulated Board Chair Tim Bennett on his re-election to the BCSTA Board of Directors.

The Board Chair presented the following motion:

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Board of Education write a letter to Stephanie Higginson and Carolyn Broady to congratulate them on being elected as BCSTA President and Vice President and, a letter to Gordon Swan to thank him for his service as BCSTA President.

CARRIED

11.3 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo reviewed the report on the District Student Advisory Council meeting held on April 1, 2019 that was included in the agenda package.

11.4 Liaison Updates

11.4.1 Trustee Bekkering

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the report of Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 Notice of Motion

Trustee Derrick reviewed a notice of motion for School District No. 57 (Prince George) to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review how the school district can implement calls to action for the Truth and Reconciliation Report as well as the United Nations declaration for the rights of Indigenous people that will be presented at the May 28, 2019 regular public meeting.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer