



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59

11600 – 7TH Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4R8

Open Session Minutes

DATE & TIME: February 13, 2019 - 1:00 PM

PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

PRESENT: Trustees:
T. Ziemer –(Chair)
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair)
R. Gulick
T. Jones
C. Anderson
B. Borton
J. Lalonde

C. Clouthier, Superintendent
C. Fennell, Assistant Superintendent
M. Panoulias, Secretary-Treasurer
R. Schwartz, Recording Secretary

Guests: E. Fitzpatrick, PRSTA
L. Michetti, Village of Pouce Coupe
B. Smith, Village of Pouce Coupe
C. Leggett, Village of Pouce Coupe

Media: A. Cozicar, Dawson Creek Mirror

Called to Order – 1:05 PM

The Board Chair acknowledged that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R7.6 DPAC Meeting
Move R5.1 & 5.2 to end of Secretary Treasurer Reports

Deletions:

(2019 02-005)
MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Borton
THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2019

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2019 02-006)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting January 16, 2019 approved as amended.

R1.2 Excerpts of Closed Meeting – January 16, 2019

(2019 02-007)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed meeting on January 16, 2019 approved as presented.

R1.3 Excerpts of Special Closed Meeting – February 6, 2019

(2019 02-008)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the special closed meeting on February 6, 2019 approved as presented.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R5.1 & R5.2 were moved to the end of the Secretary Treasurer Reports.

R5.3 2019-20 Enrolment Projections

The enrolment projections for 2019-20 school year were presented. The projections are predicting an overall decrease in school district enrolment.

R5.4 Pouce Coupe School Capacity

The Secretary-Treasurer presented options to the board to consider if the capital request to the Ministry of Education for a one classroom expansion is not approved for Pouce Coupe Elementary.

The board considered the following options:

- Utilize the library space for a final year and re-apply to the ministry \$0
- Bussing the students into Dawson Creek \$0
- Purchase a portable \$150,000 (with pilings \$175,000)
- Explore the utilization of the other two portables in the district, if they are no longer needed at their current location the cost to move would be \$55,000
- Build permanent 1 classroom addition \$525,000
- Build permanent 2 classroom/office space and washroom addition \$1.2 - \$1.5 million
- Build permanent library attached to school (equal to the square footage as existing library) and convert the existing library space into a minimum three classrooms or two classrooms and office space \$1.5 million

The Board discussed the options and agreed, while adding a permanent addition is the ideal option, the portable options would offer flexibility in providing additional space for the school while the

enrolment is still changing. The board directed the Secretary Treasurer to gather more information for the options including portables in addition to consulting with the Village of Pouce Coupe regarding their community plan, vacancy rates, and future development along with contacting local realtors to gather information about rural property sales surrounding Pouce Coupe.

R5.1 Finance Reports

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the finance reports ending January 31st, 2019.

R5.2 2018-19 Amended Operating Budget/Bylaw

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 2018-19 Amended Operating Budget and Bylaw. The amended budget is projecting a year end deficit of \$880,000.

(2019-02-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Lalonde

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2018-19 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2018-19 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$53,310,180 for the 2018-19 fiscal year be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2019-02-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Anderson/Roxanne

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2018-19 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2018-19 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$53,310,180 for the 2018-19 fiscal year be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2019-02-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Borton

THAT, the Board allows the third reading of Amended 2018-19 Budget Bylaw to occur in this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2019-02-014)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Lalonde

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2018-19 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2018-19 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$53,310,180 for the 2018-19 fiscal year be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R6.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported the following school news:

- Windrem Elementary students participated in a cereal box project
- Tumbler Ridge Elementary intermediate classes held various fundraising activities to give back to the community – funds raised were given to the SPCA, homeless shelter and Dawson Creek Hospital
- Kindness Club at Tremblay Elementary held a Hug and Friendship Day
- Pouce Coupe Elementary hosts a breakfast club

R6.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline report for the month of January was reviewed. A total of 43 suspensions were reported. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

- o Safety of Others 11
- o Controlled Substance 10
- o Non-Compliance 9
- o Fighting 6

R6.3 Field Trip

The final approval request was submitted for the field trip to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg, Manitoba from February 25th to March 1st, 2019.

(2019 02-015)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Borton

THAT, the Board give final approval for the Dawson Creek Secondary School group to proceed with their field trip to Winnipeg, Manitoba as planned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.4 2019/20 School Calendar - DRAFT

The Assistant Superintendent presented the draft calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. The board approved the draft calendar to be circulated for feedback.

(2019 02-016)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Anderson

THAT, the Board approve to circulate the 2019-20 draft school calendar for feedback;
WHEREAS; feedback must be made in writing to the Assistant Superintendent by March 6th, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Feedback must be made in writing to the Assistant Superintendent by March 6, 2019. A final calendar will be presented for approval at the regular open board meeting scheduled on March 13th, 2019.

R6.5 Mental Health Literacy

The Superintendent reported on the Mental Health Literacy workshop she attended. The workshop focus was on engaging the various systems in the communities to support mental health literacy. The district received a \$35,000 grant from the Ministry of Education to assist in developing, integrating and sustaining mental health infrastructure in the district.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

Trustee Jones updated the board on the latest news and events of BCSTA.

Three Trustees attended the BCSTA NIB conference in Prince George. The trustees had a chance to have an open forum with local MLA's. The NIB is not submitting any specific motions to the BCSTA AGM. Trustee Lalonde was elected to the executive as Communications Officer.

R7.2 BCPSEA/BCSTA Trustee Orientation Meeting – R. Gulick

Trustee Gulick attended the trustee orientation meeting hosted jointly by BCPSEA and BCSTA in Vancouver from January 25-26, 2019.

R7.3 Public Board Meetings

Trustee Gulick inquired about videotaping the public board meetings to make available for viewing. Videotaping the board meetings would give the public access to the board meetings and add transparency to the board.

The following motion was put forward with an amendment to add a trial period:

(2019-02-017)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board approve to videotape the public board meetings held at the School Board Office.

WHEREAS, the meetings will be recorded on a trial basis to the end of the current school year.

DEFEATED

The Board directed the Superintendent to gather information from other school districts and report back at the next meeting.

R7.4 Rolla Ratepayer's Meeting Update – T. Ziemer

The Board Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, and Director of Operations met with members of the Rolla Ratepayer's Association regarding the playground equipment on the Rolla School property. The association is looking at possible options for a community playground.

R7.4 Pro-D Update – T. Ziemer

Trustee Ziemer reported back to the board on the Collaborative Conflict Resolution training course offered by the Justice Institute of British Columbia that she attended in Prince George.

R7.5 DPAC Meeting – R. Gulick

Trustee Gulick provided an update from attending the DPAC meeting held in January.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Policy Committee

The committee brought forward revised Policy 4730: District Code of Conduct for approval to circulate for feedback. The revised policy includes policy and regulation for both District Code of Conduct and Student Code of Conduct, including student dress code guidelines.

(2019-02-018)

MOVED/SECONDED – Anderson/Jones

THAT, the board approve to circulate Policy 4370: District Code of Conduct for a period of 45 days for feedback.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Policy 4410: Student Dress Code will be repealed when the revised policy is adopted.

9.0 DIARY

10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question and answer period was held.

12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.1 - Regular Board Meeting - March 13, 2019 – Chetwynd

ADJOURNMENT

(2019-02-019)

MOVED – Jones

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (4:00 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(T. Ziemer) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer