



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: May 28, 2020 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

(Note: Due to COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was scheduled using zoom for members to attend electronically.)

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

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

Called to Order – 1:02 PM

“We acknowledge that we share this territory with the people of Treaty 8”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2020-05-007)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Jones

THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2020

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2020-05-008)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting April 23, 2020 approved as presented.

R1.2 Excerpts of Special Closed Board Meeting – April 23, 2020

(2020-05-009)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the special closed board meeting April 23, 2020 approved as presented.

R1.3 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – April 23, 2020

(2020-05-010)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting April 23, 2020 approved as presented.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

R4.1 – French Immersion Program in Chetwynd – Parents & Students

Parents and students presented to the board requesting the board to continue the French Immersion program at Chetwynd Secondary School in some way to allow the two students the opportunity to complete their French Immersion Program and graduate with a dual dogwood.

The board acknowledge the letters received on the matter and thanked the students and parents for their presentation.

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- Students continue to work from home and lots of creative activities are happening.
- Some teachers at Little Prairie Elementary created Flat Stanley avatar cutouts of themselves that were sent home to students.
- Welcome to Kindergarten events took place across the district. Many schools had a fun interaction with the students coming to pick up their package.
- Parkland intermediate students have been researching the timely topic of viruses.
- Canalta Elementary students have been creating Applied Design, Skills and Technology projects which have included building Minecraft rollercoasters, sheds and planters.

R5.2 French Immersion Program-CSS

The Superintendent brought forward the information presented at the April board meeting regarding the viability of the French Immersion program at Chetwynd Secondary School. The district has exhausted all resources to find other means of offering the program.

The option was considered to offer via zoom to link into the program at South Peace Campus, however, the following obstacles were brought forward:

- High school timetables don't match.
- Increased teacher time from South Peace.
- Oral component is being compromised.
- Can it be sustained for 3-years?
- Students may have conflict in timetable with courses from their own school.

The Superintendent reported that with only 2 students enrolled in the program, it is no longer educationally or financially sustainable.

(2020-05-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Jones

THAT, the Board support the closure of the French Immersion program at Chetwynd Secondary School, effective June 30, 2020.

CARRIED (Opposed-Hillton)

R5.3 K-12 Education Re-start Plan

The Ministry of Education has released a five-stage plan for resuming in-class instruction. The focus for the K-12 sector is to increase in-class instruction in a gradual and controlled manner while ensuring health and safety measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission are in place.

School Districts in BC had to develop plans outlining their approach to delivering education during stage 3 which allows students in grades K-5 to attend school two - three days per week, and grades 6-12 one day per week. At any given time, only 50% of students enrolled in each class is allowed as long as physical distancing measures can still be attainable.

The education plans had to address:

- Health and safety measures.
- How in-person instruction will be offered.
- Support for children of essential workers and students requiring additional support.
- How remote, online and in-person learning will be delivered and balanced over the school week.
- How support for meals and technology will continue.
- Ensure staff workloads between in-class and on-line delivery are balanced and manageable.

Health and Safety protocols have been established for each phase.

R5.4 High School Graduation Plan

The Superintendent reported the graduation celebration plans for each high school.

R5.5 Principal Announcements

The Superintendent announced the following appointments, effective August 1, 2020:

- Brendan Bogle, Principal of Tumbler Ridge Secondary School
- Stacie Deeley, Vice-Principal of Tumbler Ridge Secondary School
- Jody Bôugerolle, Principal of Don Titus Elementary School

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Interim Audit Report

The auditors conducted their interim audit of School District No.59 (PRS) and found no major weaknesses in internal controls. The audit team will be back in July to conduct the full audit.

R6.2 Finance Reports

The monthly finance reports were reviewed. School based surpluses as of April 30, 2020 were presented.

R6.3 2019-20 Capital Addition

The Secretary Treasurer requested an addition to the 2019-20 capital budget for the purchase of two c-cans for additional storage in the amount of \$12,000.

(2020-05-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Jones

THAT, the board approve the addition to the 2019-20 capital budget for the purchase of two c-cans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.4 2020-21 Budget Recommendations

The budget recommendations for the 2020-21 budget year were presented. The base per-student grant from the government has increased \$95, increasing the base per student funding to \$7,560.

The Secretary Treasurer provided detail about the main changes in the recommendations as compared to the previous year.

(2020 05-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Jones

THAT, the board approve the 2020-21 budget recommendations as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Ziemer

Trustee Ziemer presented the latest news and events from the BCSTA.

R7.2 Retirement & Long Service Recognition – C. Hillton

The board is unable to hold the dinner event to honour the retirees and long service recipients due to the provincial restrictions to large group gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Trustee Hillton asked the board to approve an exception to policy to allow an alternate recognition event.

(2020-05-014)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Lalonde

THAT, the board approve an exception to Policy 3090 (Long Service/Retirement Recognition) to allow an alternate recognition event in lieu of holding a dinner to honour the retiree and long service award recipients.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R7.3 Strategic Plan Update – C. Anderson

The Board chair provided an update on the strategic plan process. All trustees have been involved in reviewing the SWOC data and identifying themes in the data that will be developed into goals for the plan.

R7.4 Student Led Initiatives – T. Jones

Trustee Jones presented information requesting the board to provide funds (up to \$10,000/year) to start a Student Led Initiative program. The intent of the program is to provide funds for internal student initiatives. The students would be required to present their initiative idea or concept to a panel whom would evaluate all the student presentations and select award recipients.

The trustees engaged in discussion and considered where or if the idea would align with the new strategic plan.

(2020-05-015)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Lalonde

THAT, the Board approve a student led initiative program for implementation in September 2020 with funds up to \$10,000 allocated each school year to the program, whereas, District Administration will create a criteria rubric for the program.

DEFEATED (Opposed-Hillton, Gulick, Lalonde, Ziemer, Anderson)

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Policy Committee

The Policy Committee brought forward the following recommendations:

R8.1.1 Policies for Circulation

The Policy Committee presented two policies for review.

(2020-05-016)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Jones

THAT, the board approve to circulate the following revised policies for feedback for a minimum period of 45 days:

- Policy 2320 School Closure;
- Policy 4500 Communicable Disease

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R8.1.2 Policies for Adoption

The Policy Committee presented two policies for adoption.

(2020-05-017)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the following policies be adopted as presented:

- Policy 4200 Career Development Education;
- Policy 4580 Electronic/Social Media Communication and Information Access.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R8.1.3 Policies for Repeal

The Policy Committee recommended repealing the following policy as the determination of class sizes is set in the collective agreement.

(2020-05-018)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Jones

THAT, the board repeal Policy 4060 Determination of Class Sizes, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 DIARY

10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A question and answer period was provided.

12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.1 - Regular Board Meeting – June 24, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

(2020-05-019)

MOVED – Jones

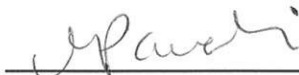
THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (3:21 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer