



# School District No.59 (Peace River South)

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59

11600 – 7<sup>TH</sup> Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4R8

### Open Session Minutes

DATE & TIME: February 20, 2020 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

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

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

Called to Order – 1:00 PM

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R5.6 – Public Health

Deletions:

(2020-02-004)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Gulick

THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

##### R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2020

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2020-02-005)

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

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

(2020-02-006)

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

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

R5.1 School/Student News

The Superintendent reported school/student news:

- DCSS-Central Campus held a Valentine's Day dance, a group of students are participating in an equine program and some students have been skiing. Students from the French Immersion program just returned from their trip to Quebec and the Junior Boy's Basketball Team placed 1<sup>st</sup> at zones and are off to Provincials.
- The Industry Training Authority recognized SD59 for their commitment to training youth apprentices and being a top performer in the Youth Work in Trades program.
- The BC Skills Regional Competition was held on February 14, 2020. High school students competed in Junior Skills and Trades Competitions. SD59 students walked away with 14 medals. Gold medal winners will be competing at the Provincial Competition in Abbotsford, BC on April 15, 2020.

R5.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline summary report for the month of January 2020 was presented. A total of 36 suspensions were reported. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

○ Bullying	11
○ Fighting	7
○ Safety of Others	7
○ Non-Compliance	6

R5.3 Field Trip Request

The DCSS-SP Campus has put in a field trip application for the Senior Girls Volleyball Team to travel to San Diego, California in October 2020 to participate in an invitational volleyball tournament.

(2020-02-007)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board give approval of intent for the DCSS-SP Campus Senior Girls Volleyball Team to proceed with planning an international field trip to San Diego, California in October 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### R5.4 2020-21 School Calendar-DRAFT

The Assistant Superintendent presented the proposed 2020-21 school calendar. The proposed calendar was developed in accordance within the requirements of the School Act and consultation with PRSTA. The calendar reflects the current collective agreement language around the start, end and break times with special approval for the two-week spring break.

The school calendar regulation requires that a board must make the proposed school calendar publicly available prior to submission to the minister. The consultation period allows for the public to provide input on the school calendar before it is adopted by the Board of Education and submitted to the Ministry of Education by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Written feedback can be sent to Christy Fennell at [cfennell@sd59.bc.ca](mailto:cfennell@sd59.bc.ca) before March 5<sup>th</sup> to be considered.

#### R5.5 Tripartite Transportation Funding Update

The Assistant Superintendent informed the Board that transportation funding as part of the tripartite agreements is significantly less than expected. Both bands have agreed to use the funding to provide busing on an as needed basis for students on reserve to attend extra curricular activities.

#### R5.6 Public Health

Public Health has been providing information on the Coronavirus outbreak, including prevention and control services, which the schools have been sending home to parents.

### 6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

#### R6.1 Finance Reports

The monthly finance reports were reviewed.

#### R6.2 2019-20 Amended Operating Budget and Bylaw

The Secretary-Treasurer presented a balanced 2019-20 Amended Operating Budget.

(2020-02-008)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019-20 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2019-20 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$55,577,656 for the 2019-20 fiscal year be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2020-02-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Gulick

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019-20 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2019-20 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$55,577,656 for the 2019-20 fiscal year be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2020-02-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board allows the third reading of Amended 2019-20 Budget Bylaw to occur in this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2020-02-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019-20 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2019-20 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$55,577,656 for the 2019-20 fiscal year be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### R6.3 2020-21 Enrolment Projections

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2020-21 projected enrolment numbers. The district is conservative in projecting their numbers for next year to the Ministry and is projecting for a slight increase. The preliminary budget is based on the projected enrolment FTE submitted to the Ministry.

### R6.4 CSS Renovation

At the previous board meeting, the Secretary Treasurer reviewed the current status of the CSS renovation and submitted an alternate renovation plan. Costs incurred to date are \$657,000 and current estimated costs to complete the original plan total \$1.3 million. This is an increase from the original budget which was approved not to exceed \$1.75 million.

The alternate option proposed upgrading the other two hallway corridors and the library entrance area and tiling the office area to match the rest of the school. This plan does not include moving/upgrading the school office or developing a new student lounge. This alternate plan is estimated to cost \$943,000 and would allow for a larger science lab classroom. The alternate plan would be completed in the summer of 2020 which would allow for the science lab upgrade to be started in the 2021/22 fiscal year.

(2020-02-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board approve the alternate CSS renovation plan as presented and the Director of Operations may move forward with the tender process;

WHEREAS, the Board will review the renovation plan if the tender submissions are beyond the expected budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

### R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Ziemer

No Report. Trustee Absent.

### R7.2 BCPSEA – R. Gulick

Trustee Gulick reported the motion put forward by the Board encouraging the development of an online teacher education program was passed unanimously at the BCPSEA AGM.

No further dates have been set for mediation between BCTF and BCPSEA.

In a letter from the Minister of Education to the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch the Ministry of Education supports a teacher education program delivered through an online model.

R7.3 Board Evaluation/Trustee Self-Assessment – J. Lalonde

Trustee Lalonde suggested the board complete an evaluation process provided by BCSTA as well as individual self-assessments that are available to trustees through the BCSTA HUB. Trustee Lalonde believes the evaluation process is a great learning tool to evaluate how the board is operating and receive feedback for improvement.

The Board was in agreement this process would be beneficial.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Policy Committee

The Policy Committee brought forward the following recommendations:

R8.1.1 Policies for Adoption

(2020-02-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Hillton

THAT, the Board adopt the following policies as presented:

- Policy 4310 Accidents and Insurance

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.0 DIARY

10.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

11.0 QUESTION PERIOD

12.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

R12.1 - Regular Board Meeting – March 12, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

(2020-02-014)

MOVED – Jones

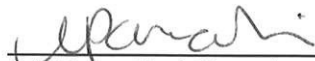
THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:30 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



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(C. Anderson) Board Chair



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(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer