



School District No.59 (Peace River)

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59

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

Open Session Minutes

DATE & TIME: February 17, 2021 – 1:00 PM via Zoom

PLACE: School District Board Office – Dawson Creek, BC

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

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

Called to Order – 1:02 PM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R6.7 Capital Addition

Deletions:

(2021-02-008)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Ziemer

THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2021

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2021-02-009)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting January 20, 2021 approved as presented.

R1.3 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – January 20, 2021

(2021-02-010)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting January 20, 2021 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 Musical Theatre streamed out the Frog Prince production.
- TRSS shop students learned different methods of joinery by making three legged stools.
- Women in Trades event was held virtually this year. Students in SD59, SD60 and SD81 all participated.
- Crescent Park students are learning about ancient worlds.
- Dual credit information sessions will be held virtually this year.
- Pouce Coupe Elementary students participated in a makerspace activity “I wonder...”
- Devereaux had a presentation about science fairs from a previous student now in grade 9. The student showcased her current project about underwater soundscape.
- Tremblay Elementary held Spirit Week. Classes have been using the 3D printer to create 3D projects.
- Schools throughout the district participated in the Moose Hide Campaign.

R5.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline summary report for the month of January 2021 was presented. A total of 46 suspensions were reported for January. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

- Safety of Others 17
- Fighting 7
- Instigating 7

R5.3 COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent reported on the enhanced safety measures announced by the province on February 4, 2021. The biggest change to the current protocols is in regard to mask wearing for students at middle and secondary schools and all staff. Guidelines were also strengthened for Music and PE classes. Districts have until February 26th, 2021 to fully implement all the changes.

R5.4 FSA Update

The Foundational Skills Assessment is a province wide assessment conducted annually with students in grades 4 and 7. The original dates for administering the assessments were postponed; the assessments will now be scheduled between February 15th to March 12th, 2021.

R5.5 Completion Rates and Other Data

The province has published the 2019-20 completion rates for all school districts. School District No.59's overall completion rate for the 2019-20 school year is 85%. The District also noted the completion rate for Indigenous Students is 79% which is the highest completion rate the district has seen for Indigenous students to date. This data along with other provincially collected information is available on the province website at <http://studentsuccess.gov.bc.ca>.

R5.6 2021-2022 School Calendar

The draft calendar for the 2021-2022 school year was presented. The proposed calendar was developed in accordance with the requirements of the School Act and in consultation with the PRSTA. The proposed calendar reflects the current collective agreement language around the start, end and break times with special approval for the two-week spring break.

Public feedback is accepted on the proposed calendar. The consultation period allows the public to provide feedback before the school calendar is adopted by the board and submitted to the Ministry of Education. All feedback will be considered, and a final calendar will be presented to the board for adoption at the March board meeting.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The Secretary Treasurer presented Finance Reports as of January 31, 2021.

R6.2 Amended Operating Budget and Bylaw

The 2020-21 Amended Operating Budget and Bylaw was presented.

(2021-02-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Borton

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2020-21 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2020-21 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$57,885,139 for the 2020-21 fiscal year be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2021-02-012)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Gulick

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2020-21 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2020-21 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$57,885,139 for the 2020-21 fiscal year be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2021-02-013)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Hillton

THAT, the Board allows the third reading of Amended 2020-21 Budget Bylaw to occur in this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2021-02-014)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Jones

THAT, the School District No. 59 (Peace River South) Amended Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2020-21 showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2020-21 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$57,885,139 for the 2020-21 fiscal year be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.3 2021-22 Enrollment Projections

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2021-22 projected enrollment numbers. Enrollment is predicted to decrease slightly. The preliminary budget is developed based on the projected enrollment FTE submitted to the Ministry.

R6.4 Disposal of Property Bylaw – 3rd Reading

The Secretary Treasurer received no feedback from the public consultation period, therefore, recommended the third and final reading of the disposal of property bylaw. The small section of property houses a regulation station station for PNG.

(2021-02-015)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board of Education of School District No. 59 (Peace River South) hereby authorizes the granting of a portion (70.7 m²) of the property for a regulation station on the property known as Pouce Coupe Elementary School. The portion of the premises is legally described as, Plan EPP105021, reference plan for meter site over part of Parcel B (Plan B6588) of the Northeast ¼ of Sec 32, TP 77, Range 14, W6M Peace River Land District;

WHEREAS, the Disposal of Real Property By-Law No. 2021-01 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.5 Distributed Learning Enrollment

The Distributed Learning Enrollment update was presented. Current enrollment total is 164. The enrollment in and out of Distributed Learning is quite fluid as 83 students returned to in-class instruction since September.

R6.6 Chetwynd Transportation

The Secretary Treasurer provided an update to the Chetwynd Transportation inquiry from the previous board meeting in regard to the cost to upgrade the buses to a 5 camera system. The

cost would be approximately \$36,000 to outfit 13 buses. The Secretary Treasurer noted it would be unusual for the district to purchase capital equipment for a contracted service.

(2021-02-016)

~~MOVED/SECONDED – Borton/Hillton~~

~~THAT the Board direct staff to further research the next steps in equalizing the camera system on buses between Dawson Creek and Chetwynd.~~

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Note: The motion was struck from minutes and addressed under Business Arising in March 10, 2021 board meeting minutes)

R6.6 Capital Addition

The Secretary Treasurer requested a capital addition to purchase a new storage area network system to replace the unit that recently failed. The cost of the capital item would be covered within the technology department operating budget.

(2021-02-017)

MOVED/SECONDED Hillton/Ziemer

THAT the board approve a capital addition for a storage area network system (SAN Array) to be purchased with funds from the 2020-21 Technology Department operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

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

At the recent Northern Interior AGM meeting, Trustee Gulick accepted the position of Professional learning Coordinator and Trustee Jones was elected as Vice-Chair.

Jones will be attending the Provincial Council meeting which was held virtually on February 20th, 2021.

R7.2 Letter from Dawson Creek Council – C. Hillton

Trustee Anderson declared conflict of interest and removed himself from the board table. Trustee Hillton resumed the role of Acting Board Chair for the purpose of this agenda item.

The Board of Education received a letter from the Council of Dawson Creek requesting information on the incremental cost for in town students to board rural school buses for transportation to the Central and South Peace School Campuses with pick-ups at Crescent Park and Ecole Frank Ross.

The Board realizes the structure of the transportation department is different than it was in the past and that the request from the City Council has many variables beyond cost; the biggest difference is the implementation of transfer stations which uses a centralized location to group rural students before they are transported back out to schools in the morning or to rural residences in the afternoon.

(2021-02-018)

MOVED/SECONDED - Ziemer/Lalonde

THAT the board respond to the City of Dawson Creek acknowledging receipt of the letter dated February 10, 2021 and provide further information to Council as to how the school district transportation system currently operates;

WHEREAS, the board declines directing staff to provide incremental costs for in town busing service in Dawson Creek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Anderson returned to the board table and resumed the role of Board Chair.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Policy Committee

8.1.1 Policies for Circulation

The Policy Committee has developed a new child care policy in response to new legislation and the Ministerial Child Care Order. The development of this policy initiated a revision to Policy 5190: Use of School District Facilities. Both policies are being recommended for review.

(2021-02-019)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Borton

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

- 5190: Use of School District Facilities
- 5195: Child Care in School District Facilities

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1.2 Policies for Repeal

The Policy Committee recommended to repeal Policy 4255: Daily Physical Activity as daily physical activity is now part of the PE K-10 Curriculum. PE course are optional for grade 11 and 12 students.

(2010-02-020)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the board repeal Policy 4255: Daily Physical Activity, 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 – March 10, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

(2021-02-021)

MOVED – Lalonde

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (3:30 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer