



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: June 24, 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 – arrived late
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair)
R. Gulick
T. Jones
C. Anderson (Chair)
B. Borton via zoom
J. Lalonde

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

Called to Order – 1:00 PM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: change R5.2 to Principal & Personnel Announcements
R5.5 Ecole Frank Ross Mural Request

Deletions:

(2020-06-011)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Gulick

THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2020

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2020-06-012)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting May 28, 2020 approved as presented.

R1.3 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – May 28, 2020

(2020-06-013)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting May 28, 2020 approved as presented.

R1.2 Excerpts of Special Closed Board Meeting – June 11, 2020

(2020-06-014)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the special closed board meeting June 11, 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:

- Grad Ceremonies (COVID Style) were held at the three high schools
- Don Titus Elementary held a Social Distance Grade 7 farewell
- Aboriginal Student Achievement awards were handed out to students throughout the district

R5.2 Principal & Personnel Appointments

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

- James McKechnie, Principal of McLeod Elementary School
- Josh Kurjata, Principal of DCSS-Central Campus (will remain Principal of DCSS-SP Campus as well)
- Mike Readman, Assistant Superintendent
- Jan Proulx, Director of Instruction
- Paul Chisholm, Director of Instruction

R5.3 Education Re-start Plan – Stage 3 Update

The Ministry of Education has released a five-stage plan for resuming in-class instruction. Students were welcomed back into the schools on June 2, 2020 in a limited capacity. Health and Safety protocols (for staff and students) have been established for each phase. It is still unknown what stage the province will be in at the beginning of the school year in September.

R5.4 2020-21 International Field Trips Update

Three international field trips were in the planning stages to proceed in the 2020-21 school year. The Superintendent reported the following changes due to the Coronavirus:

- DCSS-SP Campus Sr. Girls Volleyball Team trip to California in October has been cancelled.
- DCSS-SP Campus student trip to Asia (Thailand and Cambodia) in March 2021 has not been cancelled at this time. School Administration and the planning group will make a decision prior to October 2020 if the trip is likely to proceed.
- TRSS student trip to Europe (Germany, Italy and Switzerland) in March 2021 has not been cancelled at this time. School Administration and the planning group will make a decision prior to October 2020 if the trip is likely to proceed.

R5.5 Ecole Frank Ross Mural Request

The Principal of Ecole Frank Ross has submitted a request to have a wall mural painted on the outside of the school entrance. The mural would highlight the four values of the school (Kind, Calm, Determined, and Courageous) and represent the community as well.

(2020-06-015)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board approve to allow Ecole Frank Ross to proceed with planning for the wall mural;

WHEREAS, the planning must follow the process as established in Policy 6060 and have approval of the school administration, PAC, and district facilities department;

FURTHERMORE, final approval will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The monthly finance reports were reviewed.

R6.2 2021-22 Capital Plan Intake

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the 2021-22 Capital Plan initiatives and five-year capital project intake summary to be submitted to the Ministry.

Trustee Ziemer entered the meeting.

(2020-06-016)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Gulick

THAT, the Board of Education in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.3 2020-21 Annual Budget & Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer presented the annual budget for the 2020-21 school year. The preliminary budget is balanced for the 2020-21 school year with a total budget of \$55,837,492. A breakdown of capital expenditures was included in the preliminary budget presentation.

The Board read the annual budget bylaw:

(2020-06-017)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Ziemer

THAT, the Annual Budget Bylaw 2020/2021 showing estimated expenditures for 2020/2021 fiscal year in the total amount of \$55,837,492 be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2020-06-018)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Jones

THAT, the Annual Budget Bylaw 2020/2021 showing estimated expenditures for 2020/2021 fiscal year in the total amount of \$55,837,492 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2020-06-019)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the Board allow the third reading of the Annual Budget Bylaw 2020-2021 to occur in this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2020-06-020)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Ziemer

THAT, the Annual Budget Bylaw 2020/2021 showing estimated expenditures for 2020/2021 fiscal year in the total amount of \$55,837,492 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.4 2020-21 AFG Plan

The Annual Facilities Grant Plan was presented. The proposed plan includes various projects the facilities department will be completing in the 2020-21 fiscal year. The plan may be adjusted if funding or priorities change throughout the year.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Ziemer

Trustee Ziemer presented the latest news and events from the BCSTA. BCSTA has announced that fall events and meeting will be virtual.

R7.2 Strategic Plan Update – C. Anderson

The Board chair provided an update on the strategic plan process. Themes were identified in the SWOC data which the board used to create priorities. District administration staff developed goals under each identified priority. The Senior Administration team is tasked with setting objectives for each goal and develop an operational plan.

(2020-06-021)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Ziemer

THAT, the Board approve the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R7.3 2020-21 Board Meeting Dates – C. Anderson

The Board reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2020-21 school year. The round table meetings and board meeting dates will be held on Wednesday to allow consistency in scheduling. The board will hold one board meeting in each community of Tumbler Ridge and Chetwynd in the school year.

R7.4 Request to Review Transportation Policy – C. Anderson

A letter was written to the board requesting a review of the transportation policy specific to the route extension limits and transportation allowance. The policy was referred to the policy committee for review.

(2020-05-022)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Gulick

THAT, the Board refer Policy 6070 School Bus Transportation to the Policy Committee for review;

WHEREAS, the policy committee will meet over the summer and report back to the Board in September 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 the following policies for review:

(2020-06-023)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

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

- Policy 2350 Organizational Chart
- Policy 3000 Hiring of Personnel
- Policy 4050 Grade Placement of Students
- Policy 4560 Visits to Schools
- *Policy 4570 Emergency Preparedness (*NEW)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R8.1.2 Policies for Adoption

The following revised regulation was presented for adoption.

(2020-05-024)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Lalonde

THAT, the Board approve Regulation 4555 Safety of Students (Including High Risk Activities) as presented, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R8.1.3 Policies for Repeal

The Policy Committee recommended repealing the following policies:

(2020-06-025)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Ziemer

THAT, the board repeal the following policies effective immediately:

- Policy 2130 Statement of Purpose for Schooling and Education
- Policy 4510 Use of Trampolines

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 – September 23, 2020 (Dawson Creek)

ADJOURNMENT

(2020-06-026)

MOVED – Lalonde

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:57 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(C. Anderson) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer