

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: March 13, 2019 - 10:00 AM

PLACE: Chetwynd Secondary School – Chetwynd

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

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

Guests: D. Deck
J. Watson
L. Landon
V. Peterson

Media: A. Cozicar, Dawson Creek Mirror

Called to Order – 10:00 AM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions:

Deletions:

(2019 03-001)
MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Anderson
THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2019

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2019 03-002)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting February 13, 2019 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 the following school news:

- Skills Canada Regional Skills Competition was held at Northern Lights College – 10 medal winners (3 gold) from SD59 – gold medal winners will travel to Abbotsford to compete provincially
- Try A Trade Event – Grade 7 students in the district explored trades programs and other career options
- Women in Industry event sponsored by BC Training Authority – provides high school girls with an opportunity to meet and network with women in trades and technical careers
- District Career Fair will be at DCSS-SP Campus – all three high schools in the district participate in the event
- Elementary basketball tournament held last weekend – Devereaux Elementary won the tournament
- 8 students from the district attended the BC Tech summit in Vancouver
- DCSS-SP Campus students will be attending the Youth Energy and Sustainability Forum in Canmore, AB
- Science Fairs are underway at many schools in the district
- Don Titus Montessori students will be participating in emergency preparedness activities
- McLeod Elementary held a Presentation of Learning which included a math fair, spaghetti bridges testing, research projects and the Encana Energy Map.

R5.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline report for the month of January was reviewed. A total of 29 suspensions were reported. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

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| o Safety of Others | 16 |
| o Non-Compliance | 4 |
| o Fighting | 4 |

R5.3 2019/20 School Calendar

The Superintendent presented the 2019-20 school calendar for approval. Very little feedback was received; however, two changes were made to the calendar. Two non-instructional days were moved, one addressed the correct date for the provincial non-instructional day to allow for teacher professional development and the other was a concern regarding the placement of the non-instructional day in January. A revised calendar was presented to the board.

(2019 03-003)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Hillton

THAT, the Board approve the 2019-20 school calendar as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R5.4 First Nation Transportation Agreements

The Superintendent presented the draft joint Transportation Agreements made with West Moberly First Nation and Saulteau First Nation. The plans include requests for transportation that are over and above transportation currently being provided. Requests for additional funding are being made to support a later bus so students can participate in extra-curricular activities, as well as, a bus to transport students to Northern Lights College to attend Trades programs.

The Transportation Agreements are part of the Tripartite Agreement and will be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

R5.5 Northern Opportunities Request

Northern Opportunities submitted a request asking for a letter of support in lobbying the Ministry of Education to continue to provide funding for Northern Opportunities, a partnership organization that supports the delivery of career education programs in Northeastern BC.

(2019 03-004)

MOVED/SECONDED – Anderson/Lalonde

THAT, the Board approve to provide a letter of support to Northern Opportunities supporting continuing funding from the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R5.6 Board Meeting Information Update

The Superintendent reported back to the board regarding the request to determine if other school districts in the province are recording board meetings. Very few school districts in the province are recording their board meetings, a few live-stream the meetings but don't archive the recording.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Finance Reports

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the finance reports ending February 28, 2019.

R6.2 Private School Transportation Fees

The Secretary-Treasurer presented on the fees charged to private schools for transfer busses, as well as, private student transportation fees. Mrs. Panoulis is increasing the transfer bus fees by 2% for the 2019/20 school year which is in-line with the increases in the collective agreement, fuel, and maintenance. A notice will be sent to the private schools to submit their annual request for transportation services.

R6.3 Rolla Property Public Notice

As part of the disposal of property process and submission to the Ministry for approval, the district must provide an opportunity for public feedback on the disposal of a property. A public notice for the disposal of the Rolla School property was advertised in the local paper for three weeks and no feedback was received. The Secretary Treasurer will submit the disposal of property application to the Ministry for approval.

R6.4 2019-20 Capital Budget & Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer announced Ministry approval of the 2019/20 Capital Plan. The following projects were approved:

	Project:	Funding:
DCSS	School Enhancement Program -	\$1,350,000

	Mechanical Upgrade (Phase 2)	
Devereaux Elementary	Carbon Neutral Capital Program HVAC – install DDC System	\$80,000
Moberly Lake Elementary	Playground Equipment Program	\$90,000
Bus Fleet	5 - C(64-69) 0 Wheelchair Space (X5)	\$679,640

The Capital Bylaw No. 2019/20-CPSD59-01 was presented to the Board for approval.

(2019-03-005)

MOVED/SECONDED – Borton/Anderson

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2019/20-CPSD59-01 of the Board approved by the Minister as outlined in the letter received from the Capital Management Branch dated February 28, 2019 be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2019-03-006)

MOVED/SECONDED – Lalonde/Hillton

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2019/20-CPSD59-01 of the Board approved by the Minister as outlined in the letter received from the Capital Management Branch dated February 28, 2019 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2019-03-007)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Lalonde

THAT, the Board allows the third reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 2019/20-CPSD59-01 to occur in this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2019-03-008)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2019/20-CPSD59-01 of the Board approved by the Minister as outlined in the letter received from the Capital Management Branch dated February 28, 2019 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R6.5 Pouce Coupe Elementary School Capacity

The school expansion request for Pouce Coupe Elementary made to the Ministry was not successful; therefore, the Secretary Treasurer presented information to the board on the portable options presented in the previous board meeting. The estimated cost to buy and set up a portable at Pouce Coupe Elementary is \$150,000; while the estimated cost to move an existing portable is \$55,000. The district currently has two portables, one at Moberly Lake Elementary and one attached to Devereaux Elementary School. The portables are currently not being used for classroom space; however, both schools have reported the portables are valuable to their school and are being used for other purposes. The Secretary Treasurer also provided information obtained from a local realty office and the Village of Pouce Coupe regarding growth in the area. Based on the information received, the Secretary Treasurer is recommending purchasing a new portable which will alleviate the immediate space issue, allowing for additional time to determine what the level of stabilized enrolment will be for the school.

(2019-03-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Anderson/Jones

THAT, the Board approve the purchase of a new portable for Pouce Coupe Elementary School.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

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

The Board attended a leadership workshop for trustees in Fort St. John hosted by BCSTA. The workshop was very valuable for the board members.

The BCSTA draft budget was presented for feedback. No trustees had feedback.

Trustee Ziemer attended a board chair meeting with BCSTA and Ministry of Education.

R7.2 Skills Canada Event – C. Hillton

Trustee Hillton provided an update about the Skills Canada and Try-A-Trade events recently held at Northern Lights College. The Career Education Department organizes the Try-A-Trade event which allows for all grade 7 students in the district to explore different trades.

R7.3 Moberly Lake School Transportation – B. Borton

Trustee Borton recently visited Moberly Lake Elementary School. Borton inquired about transportation for the school to attend activities throughout the day.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported the average trip for a rural school to transport students to a local community is approximately \$200. All schools are charged transportation fees for extra-curricular activities. The Secretary Treasurer will provide more information as to how Chetwynd schools pay versus Dawson Creek schools.

Mrs. Panoulis also stated rural schools receive additional funding for extra transportation costs.

R7.4 Immunization Status – C. Anderson

Trustee Anderson inquired if the district has received direction from the Ministry of Health about the process of requiring immunization status of students. The Superintendent reported the district currently does ask for immunization records; however, it is not mandatory in order to register students in school. The district will wait for direction from the Ministry before implementing any new process.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

R8.1 Pro-D Committee

The Professional Development Committee approved a professional development request from Trustee Gulick to attend the BC Case spring conference in April. The theme of the conference is *Building Structures for Diverse Learners* and will focus on areas of Mental Health Literacy, SOGI and Youth Transition and Customized Employment. Trustee Gulick will report back to the board to provide information about the conference.

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 – April 17, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

(2019-03-010)

MOVED – Hillton

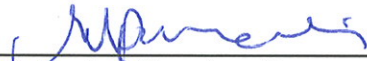
THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (12:00 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



(T. Ziemer) Board Chair



(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer