



# 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: March 10, 2021 – 1:03 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. Panoulias, 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:

Deletions:

(2021-03-004)

MOVED/SECONDED – Hillton/Jones

THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as printed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2021

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

Corrections were noted:

Change R6.6 – Capital Addition to R6.7 – Capital Addition.

Trustee Borton indicated the motion under R6.6 – Chetwynd Transportation was not record as stated in the meeting. The Board agreed to strike the motion under R6.6 from the minutes and address under Business Arising.

(2021-03-005)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting February 17, 2021 approved as amended.

### R1.3 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – February 17, 2021

(2021-03-006)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting February 17, 2021 approved as presented.

## 2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

R2.1 – Chetwynd Transportation (re: R6.6 from previous minutes)

Trustee Borton presented the following motion:

(2021-03-007)

MOVED/SECONDED - Borton/Hillton

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

DEFEATED (OPPOSED: Ziemer, Lalonde, Gulick, Jones,  
Anderson)

An alternate motion was presented with the intention of directing the Secretary Treasurer to bring back relevant information for the board to consider when deliberating the topic of camera systems for the Chetwynd buses.

(2021-03-008)

MOVED/SECONDED - Gulick/Ziemer

THAT, the board directs staff to bring back relevant information to implement a camera system on buses in Chetwynd.

CARRIED (OPPOSED Hillton/Borton)

*Trustee Hillton left the meeting.*

## 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:

- Schools participated in Pink Shirt Day activities.
- DCSS student, Shayne Hommy, won a national contest for her 2021 Orange Shirt Day design.
- Tremblay Elementary students studied a unit on the fur trade and participated in a school-wide fur trade simulation activity.
- During the month of February, several schools participated in Month of Kindness activities. Ms. Keizer's class at Crescent Park Elementary was a co-winner of the Depths of Comfort sponsored contest to find the Kindest Class in Canada.
- Pouce Coupe Elementary students learned about First Nations Art and the primary students are learning about graphing in math.
- Many schools have participated in down hill ski trips to both the local ski hill and Powder King.
- McLeod students have been participating in many experiential learning activities and students are also enjoying a "reading across the Antarctica" program.

### R5.2 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline summary report for the month of February 2021 was presented. A total of 37 suspensions were reported for February. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

- Safety of Others 9
- Smoking 7
- Non-Compliance 6

### R5.3 Updated Strategic and Operational Plans

The Superintendent presented the updated Strategic Plan and Operational Plan documents. The plans will be posted to the school district website.

### R5.4 2021-2022 School Calendar

The calendar was developed in accordance within the requirements of the School Act and consultation with PRSTA. The consultation period for the draft calendar allowed for public input. In response to the feedback, the early dismissal days in term two were moved to February 23 & 24, 2022. The final calendar was recommended to the board for adoption.

(2021-03-009)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Gulick

THAT, the Board approve the 2021-22 School Calendar as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

### R6.1 Finance Reports

The Secretary Treasurer presented Finance Reports as of February 28, 2021. Learning Enhancement Agreement funds have been received; therefore, a large portion of the

favourable variance is due to the first installment of funding. The Operating Grant will be reduced by the same amount received.

R6.5 Distributed Learning Enrollment

The Distributed Learning enrollment update was presented. Current enrollment total is 170.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

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

Jones attended the Provincial Council meeting which was held virtually on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The BCSTA AGM will also be held virtually from April 15-18, 2021.

R7.2 Retirement Dinner – C. Hillton

In the absence of Trustee Hillton, Board Chair Anderson reminded trustees that planning for the annual retirement and long service award dinner hosted by the Board is underway. The event will more than likely be modified due to the ongoing provincial restrictions. Trustees are to send Trustee Hillton any suggestions for the event.

R7.3 – May Board Meeting Date – C. Anderson

The board chair inquired if the trustees wanted to move the May board meeting date which is currently scheduled for May 12, 2021. The original date was scheduled around a conference the Secretary-Treasurer attends; however, with the conference being held virtually this year, it is possible to move the meeting date to the third week in May which is more in line with the other monthly board meeting dates. The trustees agreed to move the meeting date to May 19, 2021.

(2021-03-010)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Jones

THAT the May board meeting be moved to May 19, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 – April 21, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

(2021-03-011)

MOVED – Gulick

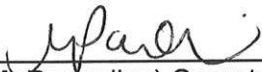
THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:25 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



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(C. Anderson) Board Chair



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(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer