
Present:

Tim Bennett, Chair
Sharel Warrington, Vice-Chair
Betty Bekkering, Trustee
Trent Derrick, Trustee
Ron Polillo, Trustee
Bob Thompson, Trustee
Shuirose Valimohamed, Trustee

Rod Allen, Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Corrections:

Item 6 Business Arising from the Minutes changed to Old Business – Notice of Motion regarding Edgewood and Spruceland Elementary Schools

Trustee Derrick will provide the Education Programs and Planning Committee report.

The agenda was approved as amended:

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association commented on the 2016 Supreme Court of Canada ruling in favour of the BCTF on negotiating class size and composition. Ms. Hapke spoke regarding the bargaining between the British Columbia Teachers' Association and the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association and requested that the Board discuss at their provincial meetings. She stated that Jennifer Kimbley, Teacher Editor, BC Teachers' Federation's teacher magazine visited the school district for a feature article in the publication.

Samantha Cartwright, parent, requested that the school district establishes a universal education protocol for students that have sustained a concussion.

4. **SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Orange Shirt Day

The Board Chair stated Orange Shirt Day *Every Child Matters* falls on Monday, September 30th. He noted that the school district will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day in support of educating individuals and to bring awareness of the residential school system and honor survivors.

Raise a Reader Event

Trustees will be supporting the September 26th Raise a Reader event at the Hart Highway Tim Horton's location from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and encouraged others to support the event.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 Regular Public Meeting of June 18, 2019

The minutes of the regular public meeting of June 18, 2019 were adopted as published.

5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The Board Chair drew attention to the record of the Special In Camera meeting held on September 16, 2019 regarding the decision made at the Special In Camera meeting of July 3, 2019 for the Board of Education to enter into a contract with Dr. Leroy Sloan, Sloan Consultants Ltd. to conduct a review and revision of School District policies.

Trustee Warrington provided an overview of the process for review and revision of the school district policies that will occur over the upcoming months. Trustee Bennett provided an overview of the Board's communication to stakeholders groups regarding the decision and process.

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of June 18, 2019 and the special in camera meetings of June 26, July 24, August 20, September 3, 10 and 16, 2019 were approved.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board Chair provided a Notice of Motion for the regular public meeting of October 29, 2019 regarding catchment and capacity at Edgewood and Spruceland Elementary Schools.

7. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**7.1 2018-2019 Financial Statements**

Corey Naphtali, KPMG partner reported that the Independent Auditors' Report of the School District No. 57 (Prince George) financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019 was presented to the Management and Finance Committee on September 16, 2019. Mr. Naphtali provided an overview of the Auditor's responsibility and the Independent Auditors Report of the financial statements.

Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer presented a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the 2018-2019 financial statements. Ms. Patterson drew attention to detail of the 2018-2019 appropriated operating surplus that was included in the agenda package.

Ms. Patterson responded to questions from the Trustees.

The Secretary Treasurer confirmed that the 2018-2019 appropriated operating surplus meets the requirements of Policy 3433.2 Accumulated Operating Surplus.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2019, be approved.

CARRIED

All Trustees in attendance voted in favour of the motion.

7.2 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington reviewed and discussed the September 2019 Expanded Management and Finance Committee that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Expanded Management and Finance Committee meeting held on September 16, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

7.3 Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Report on K – 12 Education

Trustee Warrington drew attention to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Report on K – 12 Education that was included in the agenda package.

Warrington reviewed the rationale that was included in the handout provided and responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Finance and the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government stating our concern over the inadequacy of specific detail in the two K-12 Education recommendations of the committee and the absence of recommendations to address the need to increase capital funding, along with the need to address growing operational funding needs.

CARRIED

8. **EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the September 2019 Education Services Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Services Committee meeting held on September 9, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

9. **EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

9.1 Committee Report

Trustee Derrick reviewed the September 2019 Education Programs and Planning Committee Report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the report of the Education Program and Planning Committee meeting held on September 17, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

All Trustees voted in favour of the motion.

10. **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

10.1 Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent reported that the BC Outcomes Team will be visiting the school district over the next three days and will be meeting with students, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and the Board of Education.

Mr. Allen advised that David Albury will be visiting the school district October 11, 15 and 16, 2019. Mr. Albury is an advocate for innovation culture and leadership and will be meeting with the Board of Education, Senior staff, Principals and Vice Principals.

11. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

11.1 BC Public School Employers' Association Update

Trustee Bekkering provided an overview of the recent BCPSEA "*At the Table*" communication regarding collective bargaining and the path forward.

11.2 BC School Trustees' Association

Trustee Polillo reviewed the BC School Trustees' Association report that was included in the agenda package.

The Board Chair reported that the BCSTA Northern Interior Branch and Northwest Branch will be hosting a joint meeting in Prince George on October 4th and 5th with a focus on Indigenous Education.

11.3 District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo reviewed the report on the District Parent Advisory Council meeting held on September 9, 2019 that was included in the agenda package.

11.4 District Student Advisory Council

Trustee Polillo reviewed the District Student Advisory Council report that was included in the agenda package.

11.5 Liaison Updates

11.5.1 Trustee Bekkering

Trustee Bekkering reviewed the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

11.5.2 Trustee Derrick

Trustee Derrick reviewed the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

11.5.3 Trustee Polillo

Trustee Polillo reviewed the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

11.5.4 Trustee Warrington

Trustee Warrington reviewed the Trustee Liaison update that was included in the agenda package.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Bennett drew the Board's attention to the letter from the Ministry of Children and Family Development dated July 15, 2019 regarding Childcare that was included in the agenda package.

Mr. Bennett announced that the school district has launched a new website SD57stories.com. The new website will showcase the human side of the school district.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer