APPROVED Minutes Regular Public Meeting	Board of Education School District No. 57 (Prince George) 2100 Ferry Avenue, Prince George, B.C.	2020.06.16 6:00 p.m.

<u>Present Via Zoom Conference System:</u>

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

Anita Richardson, Superintendent of Schools
Darleen Patterson, Secretary Treasurer
Diane Nygaard, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Trustees each acknowledged and spoke against racism in our community and within Canada.

The Board Chair acknowledged that June is Pride Month and noted that June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The Board Chair extended sympathy to MLA Shirley Bond and family, on the recent passing of her husband Bill Bond.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as published.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

The Board Chair stated that in response to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Board has moved to an electronic format until further notice. An opportunity to provide submissions to the Board was provided through a dedicated email.

The Superintendent advised that three messages related to a personnel matter were received through the public input email. Ms. Richardson reported that the emails were shared with the Trustees at an in camera meeting held earlier this evening, a response will be provided for each of the emails received.

The Board Chair advised that partner groups have been provided with an opportunity to address the Board following public input. Representatives wishing to address the Board could do so through Zoom or through written submission.

Joanne Hapke representing the Prince George District Teachers' Association provided an overview of a letter that will be provided to the Superintendent regarding a recent motion passed by its executive. Ms. Hapke also commented on their collective agreement related to the draft Board Policy and Administrative Procedures manuals which appear on this evening's agenda.

Katie Marren and Nadia Mansour representing the District Student Advisory Council provided an overview of highlights of their activities and achievements during the 2019/20 school year. An overview of proposed activities for the upcoming school year was also provided.

4. SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Trustee Polillo congratulated the graduating students of 2020 and expressed gratitude to staff for their hard work to create a positive experience for the students.

Trustee Bekkering congratulated Teacher Tamara Deford on winning the British Columbia Association of Mathematics Teachers' Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award.

Trustee Warrington congratulated three Duchess Park Students on their 2nd place achievement in the Discovery Foundation's "*Discover Your Pitch*" competition.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5.1 Regular Public Meeting of May 26, 2020

The minutes of the regular public meeting of May 26, 2020 were adopted as published.

5.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the regular in camera meeting of May 26, 2020 and the special in camera meeting of May 26, 2020 were approved.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

7. MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.1 Committee Report

Trustee Warrington reviewed the June 2020 Management and Finance Committee report that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED
That the report of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on June 8, 2020 be received.
CARRIED

7.2 Report of the Budget Consultation – Expanded Committee of the Whole

Trustee Warrington reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package. Ms. Warrington drew attention to the Report of the Expanded Committee of the Whole 2020-2021 Budget Consultation was also included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED
That the Report of the Expanded Committee of the Whole 2020-2021 Budget Consultation be received.
CARRIED

7.3 Annual Budget Bylaw

Trustee Warrington noted that under Section 113 (1) of the *School Act,* the Board was required to adopt, by bylaw, an annual budget on or before June 30 each year for the next fiscal year. She noted that the *Act* also required a bylaw to be given three distinct readings and that all three readings could be given at one meeting if the trustees present at the meeting agree unanimously to do so.

MOVED and SECONDED
That Annual Budget Bylaw 2020-2021 be given first reading.
CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED
That Annual Budget Bylaw 2020-2021 be given second reading.
CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer provided a PowerPoint presentation "*2020/2021 Annual Public Board Meeting Budget Briefing"* related to the budget document that was included in the agenda package.

Ms. Patterson responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED
That, in accordance with Section 68 (4) of the School Act, all three readings of Annual Budget Bylaw 2020-2021 be given at tonight's meeting.
CARRIED

MOVED and SECONDED
That Annual Budget Bylaw 2020-2021 be given third and final reading.
CARRIED

8. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

8.1 Committee Report

Trustee Polillo reviewed the June 2020 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 June 8, 2020 be received.
CARRIED

8.2 2021-2022 Five-Year Capital Plan Summary

Trustee Polillo reviewed the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

MOVED and SECONDED
That the 2021/22 Five-Year Capital Plan Summary be approved.
CARRIED

A recess was called at 7:53 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

9. OLD BUSINESS

The Board Chair drew attention to the draft policy manual that was included in the agenda package.

9.1 Draft Policy Manual

9.1.1 Rescinding of Bylaws, Policies, Regulations and Administrative Procedures

The Board Chair drew attention to the recommendation and rationale that was included in the agenda package.

MOVED and SECONDED
That the Board of Education rescind Bylaws No. 1, 2, 4 and 5, and all existing Policies, Regulations and Administrative Procedures effective June 16, 2020.

Trustee Derrick brought forward a verbal recommendation and rationale for the following motion:

MOVED and SECONDED
That the draft policies and procedures are referred to the Ad Hoc Committee to review how the school district can implement the calls to action for the Truth and Reconciliation Report as well as the United Nations Declaration for the rights of Indigenous People.

The motion generated significant discussion and debate.

The Board Chair raised a procedural point stating that the motion to refer is to an Ad Hoc Committee that does not currently have a Board approved Terms of Reference. Mr. Bennett provided an overview of the options available to the Board including to table the motion until the committee is developed or amend the motion to refer to another existing committee.

The Trustees requested that Trustee Derrick clarify the wording of the motion on the floor.

A recess was called at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

The Trustees were provided with a copy of the email from Trustee Derrick clarifying the wording for the above motion on the floor.

The Trustees continued with discussion and debate.

The Board Chair re-stated that the Board procedurally has an option to change where to refer such as the Policy and Governance Committee or a motion to table or to have the motion remain as presented.

The Secretary Treasurer responded to questions from the Trustees.

The Board Chair provided procedural comments stating that draft Policy 19 SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) and draft Policy 20 Indigenous Education are approved policies within the school district's existing policy manual and the development of a student voice policy is in place of approved Policy 5133.2 District Student Advisory Council.

The Trustees continued with significant discussion and debate.

Trustee Warrington brought forward a verbal recommendation and rationale for the following motion:

MOVED and SECONDED
That the Draft Board Policy and Draft Administrative Procedures Manuals be tabled until the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation have been developed and approved by the Board.
CARRIED

9.1.2 Board Policy Manual

The approved motion of item 9.1.1 has tabled this agenda item until the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation has been developed and approved by the Board.

9.2 Administrative Procedures Manual

The approved motion of item 9.1.1 has tabled this agenda item until the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation has been developed and approved by the Board.

9.3 Referral of Policies

9.3.1 Policy 19 SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity)

The approved motion of item 9.1.1 has tabled this agenda item until the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation has been developed and approved by the Board.

9.3.2 Policy 20 Indigenous Education

The approved motion of item 9.1.1 has tabled this agenda item until the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation has been developed and approved by the Board.

9.3.3 Policy 21 Student Voice

The approved motion of item 9.1.1 has tabled this agenda item until the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation has been developed and approved by the Board.

9.4 Ad Hoc Committee – Policy Development

The approved motion of item 9.1.1 has tabled this agenda item until the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Committee – Truth and Reconciliation has been developed and approved by the Board.

10. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

10.1 Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent acknowledged the *Black Lives Matter* movement and the Board's decision this evening to reflect on difficult truths and the school district operations.

Ms. Richardson congratulated the graduating students of 2020 and expressed gratitude to all parents and staff for their support.

The Superintendent provided comment regarding the restart plan related to the COVID 19 pandemic and recognized the hard work and the commitment made to support students, staff and community. Ms. Richardson advised that the Ministry of Education has indicated that no guidance will be provided to school districts prior to August 15th regarding plans for the upcoming school year.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

11.1 District Parent Advisory Council

The Board Chair drew attention to the District Parent Advisory Council report included in the agenda package.

11.2 District Student Advisory Council

No report.

11.3 Indigenous Education Committee

Trustee Derrick reviewed the Indigenous Education Committee report included in the agenda package.

11.4 Liaison Updates

The Board Chair expressed gratitude to staff for on their hard work related to the restart plan, noting that approximately 30% of students returned to school on June 1st.

Trustee Warrington provided an overview on the two Equity Scan sessions attended by herself and Trustee Valimohamed.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Trustee Committee and Liaison Appointments

The Board Chair brought forward the following verbal recommendation. Mr. Bennett noted that the published recommendation has been amended to reflect the approved motion of item 9.1.1.

MOVED and SECONDED

That the School Liaison Appointments effective September 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer