



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

4:00 pm, Wednesday, September 25, 2024
School Board Office

MINUTES

Present: Jaclyn Miller, Rob Hill, Dale Lawson, Kirsten Van't Schip, Maureen Mason
Also in attendance: Vianne Kintzinger (Interim Superintendent), Steve Hopkins (Secretary-Treasurer)

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Chairperson J. Miller.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRESENTATION

There were no presentations scheduled.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

"Welcome to our first board meeting of the 2024/2025 school year! We are coming off a summer that allowed for rest and renewed energy for many district staff, but also one that set the stage for a strong beginning this September. From having a record number of students attend our free summer learning program, to our operations teams working through construction and maintenance projects at all of our schools, to professional development sessions for staff and administrators, the commitment of all staff leading up to the first day is unmistakable and greatly appreciated.

The board is also very thankful for Vianne Kintzinger, our interim superintendent, who has stepped into the role with dedication and valuable expertise, which is already having a positive impact. We know that her leadership will guide the district through this period of transition, while we continue in our recruitment process for a permanent superintendent.

This month has been full of new routines for our learners as well as community engagement through activities such as Cops for Cancer, the Terry Fox run, and a Careers Day at Brooks that saw almost 40 community organizations speak with students about the possibilities for their futures.

Last week, all staff from our district gathered for a professional development day focused entirely on Indigenous Education. Through a keynote, panel, and workshops we were able to collectively learn and reflect on what reconciliation means to each of us, as individuals, both personally and professionally. We are all committed to taking these learnings forward, not only in the coming week as we recognize the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation on September 30th, but all year in our efforts to learn and grow together."

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: D. LAWSON

THAT the Regular meeting agenda of September 25, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

STATUS: CARRIED

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED: M. MASON

SECONDED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

THAT the Regular meeting minutes of June 19, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

STATUS: CARRIED

3. **REPORT OF CLOSED MEETINGS**

3.a) June 19, July 4, and July 9, 2024 – The Board met in-camera to discuss items which included property and personnel.

4. **INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

4.a) SD52 to MOECC – Wage Settlement Funding

4.b) SD42 to MP Dalton – Funding for National Food Program

4.c) Métis Nation British Columbia to SD47 - BC's Bill 40 - The School Amendment Act and the new Provincial Ministerial Order on IECs

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: D. LAWSON

THAT the correspondence in items 4.a) through 4.c) be received for information.

STATUS: CARRIED

5. **OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE**

5.a) Board to A. Welp-Ellis – Letter of appreciation

6. **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' REPORT**

6.a) Review of the School Opening Report for September 2024

V. Kintzinger spoke to her comprehensive school opening report, available in the board agenda package.

MOVED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

SECONDED: R. HILL

THAT the School Opening report for September 2024 be received for information purposes.

STATUS: CARRIED

6.b) Approval of the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Report

Directors K. Brach and A. Burt presented the annual Enhancing Student Learning (ESL) report, which outlines progress and plans for continuous improvement, aligning with ministry requirements, school plans, and the board's strategic plan. Key highlights included:

- Graduation Rates: The district's six-year graduation rate is below the provincial average for all students, but higher than the provincial average for Indigenous students over five and six years.
- Numeracy Concerns: Significant declines in numeracy rates were noted, prompting the district to explore strategies for improvement.
- Student Well-being: Data highlighted areas for improvement in students' sense of safety, belonging, and well-being, particularly in loud areas and washrooms.
- Empathy Interviews: Conducted with French Immersion and Indigenous students, these interviews gathered insights into student experiences and the importance of language and culture in education.

The board expressed appreciation for the staff's efforts and acknowledged both areas of celebration and opportunities for improvement.

MOVED: D. LAWSON

SECONDED: M. MASON

THAT the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning report be approved for submission to the Ministry of Education and Childcare.

STATUS: CARRIED

6.c) Suspension, Exclusion, and Seclusion Report – September 3, 2024, to June 30, 2024

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: M. MASON

THAT the Suspension, Exclusion, and Seclusion Report be received for information.

STATUS: CARRIED

7. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

7.a) N/A

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.a) Committee of the Whole Report for September 11, 2024

Recommended motions arising from the Committee of the Whole Meeting:

Approval of the Audited Financial Statements

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: D. LAWSON

TO approve the operating surplus restrictions of \$1,230,776 and the Local Capital restriction of \$362,348 as detailed in Note 18 of the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024.

STATUS: CARRIED

MOVED: M. MASON

SECONDED: D. LAWSON

THAT the Board of Education approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2024.

STATUS: CARRIED

Approval of the 2025/2026 Minor Capital Plan

MOVED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

SECONDED: D. LAWSON

THAT the Board of Education approve the submission of the Minor Capital Plan as detailed in the staff memorandum of September 11, 2024.

STATUS: CARRIED

Approval of the Annual Board Work Plan

MOVED: R. HILL

SECONDED: K. VAN'T SCHIP

THAT the Board of Education approves the revised version of the annual Board Work Plan as presented on September 11, 2024 and to further direct staff to update Appendix A of Policy 2 so that work plan template for future years is consistent with that of the revised version.

STATUS: CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.a) 2024 Election Advocacy – Discussion

Trustees agreed to send advocacy letters to local candidates in advance of the upcoming provincial election.

QUESTION PERIOD

I. Loveluck made a statement regarding a remote and rural allowance at select district schools.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

J. Miller agreed to send the PEAK reporter additional information on school board priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

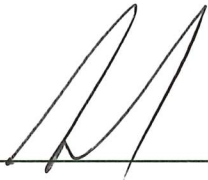
MOVED: R. HILL

THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:18 p.m.

STATUS: CARRIED



J. Miller
Chairperson



S. Hopkins
Secretary-Treasurer

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