

**SCHOOL DISTRICT 59 (PEACE RIVER SOUTH)**  
OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

11600 – 7<sup>th</sup> STREET  
DAWSON CREEK, B.C.

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59**

DATE & TIME: April 21, 2010 - 1:00 PM

PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

PRESENT: Trustees:  
S. Berringer  
S. Kampen - absent  
J. Clavier  
W. Ezeard  
M. Fofonoff  
T. Ziemer  
R. Powell  
  
G. Slykhuis, Secretary-Treasurer  
K. Sawchuk, Superintendent -absent  
R. Dennis, Assistant Superintendent  
R. Schwartz, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Judy Richardson, PRSTA

Media: Mathew Bains – Northeast News

Called to order – 1:08 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R9.4 – Focus on Learning  
R9.5 – PAC Groups  
R9.6 – NLC Invitation  
R9.7 – Book Recognition

Deletions:

(5061)  
MOVED/SECONDED – Berringer/Ezeard  
THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## OPENING PRAYER

The Secretary-Treasurer led an opening prayer.

## 1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

### R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2010

(5062)

MOVED/SECONDED – Clavier/Ziemer

THAT, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2010 be adopted as printed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### R1.2 Excerpts from Special Closed Meeting – March 24, 2010

(5063)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Ziemer

THAT, the Excerpts from the March 24, 2010 Closed Meeting be adopted as printed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

## 3.0 PRESENTATIONS

## 4.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

### 4.1 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report for March 2010 was presented and reviewed.

There were 2 suspensions reported in March. The main suspensions were categorized as:

- 2 for inappropriate behaviour while attending school

The new boundaries for school catchment areas are being used as new students register for the 2010-11 school year. While catchment areas were mainly used to place kindergarten students, they will apply to all students applying to attend school in the district.

The Board of Education has adopted the amalgamation plan of South Peace Senior Secondary, Central Middle School, and South Peace Distributed Learning School. The Superintendent is proposing the overall administration of the three schools be under the direction of one principal and four vice-principals.

The new administration team has been selected for Tremblay Elementary. The new team will work with district staff to guide the development of Tremblay.

The following long service principals have announced their retirement from the District:

- Myles Mowat – 36 years of service
- Patricia Rowland – 23 years of service

The Board and senior staff are very appreciative of the wide range of services provided by these dedicated professionals throughout their career.

### R4.2 Admin Announcements

The following administration appointments have been ratified effective August 1, 2010:

- Lisa Tenta – Principal of Tremblay Elementary School
- Christy Fennel – Vice-Principal of Tremblay Elementary School
- Joanne Dueck – Principal of Rolla Traditional School
- Blaine Broderick – Principal of Tumbler Ridge Secondary School

Adjustments to the administration structure for the proposed Dawson Creek High School:

- Keith Maurer – Principal
- Lynn Cindric – Vice-Principal
- Paul Chisholm – Vice-Principal
- Trevor Kolkea – Vice-Principal
- Michael Readman – Vice-Principal

Adjustment in assignment:

- Caron Jones – Vice-Principal of Secondary Aboriginal Programs

#### R4.3 LEA Update

The Superintendent updated the Board on the developments of the Local Education Agreement that the Bands (Moberly Lake First Nations & Sauleau First Nations) have been working on for Moberly Lake Elementary School. The document will be presented the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May.

#### R4.4 Amalgamation Update

The Superintendent reviewed the administration structure for the campuses involved in the amalgamation. The Administration structure of the three schools (South Peace Senior Secondary, Central Middle School, and South Peace Distributed Learning School) is as follows:

- Keith Maurer – Principal (overseeing all three schools)
- Lynn Cindric – Vice Principal – South Peace Campus
- Paul Chisholm – Vice Principal – South Peace Campus
- Trevor Kolkea – Vice Principal – Central Middle School Campus
- Michael Readman – Vice Principal – Central Middle School/SP Distributed Learning

Amalgamation news will be updated through PAC meetings, newsletters, and media releases.

#### R4.5 Tremblay Update

Planning sessions have been underway with the new administration staff of Tremblay Elementary School. The following ideas will guide the planning sessions and overall development of the school:

- There will be a focus on Fine Arts and Athletics. This will involve school wide participation where students may be in multi-aged and multi-grade groupings.
- Literacy and Numeracy will also be strong themes throughout the learning experiences at Tremblay. A balanced literacy approach and guided reading will be key to the literacy focus.
- Other curriculum areas will be included in the learning experiences that will occur each day.
- Student Leadership will become a key development in Tremblay school culture where every child will be encouraged to participate in the development of school events.
- Parent involvement will be encouraged and opportunities will be created where they can participate in classroom activities and throughout the school.
- Community partnerships will be developed to enhance the learning experiences of students.
- Restorative practices will be a foundational element to support the development of students.

Transition activities have been ongoing to bring the students from Parkhill together with the staff and students at Tremblay.

**R4.6 Student Recognition**

The Board recognized the following students for their individual accomplishments:

***Rolla Traditional School:***

- Levi Germain and Ashley Schweitzer participated in the Art Galleries Torch Relay Contest and received \$100 for their artwork that is now on display at the board office.

***South Peace Secondary School:***

- Braden Clouthier – 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Nationals Speed Skating Competition

Curling Team won Alberta Juvenile Curling Provincials and went on the Nationals Competition:

- Jordan Steinke
- Jason Ginter
- Tristan Steinke
- Sanjay Bowry
- Coached by Don Bourassa

Students from Mark Moeller's class going to Ottawa and Victoria this spring:

Encounters Program:

- Anders Carlstad – Science and Technology Week
- Leah Black – International Relations Week

BC Youth Parliament Program:

- Leah March
- Teal Sluggett
- Kaylee Herrington

Youth Forum Canada Program:

- Scott Wakeham
- Erica Woolf
- Spencer Jansen
- Kayla Deak
- Kaitlyn Hiebert

***Tumbler Ridge Secondary School:***

- Andy Smith – won the poster contest on organ donation (\$2000 for the school; \$500 for individual)

(5064)

MOVED/SECONDED – Berringer/Fofonoff

THAT, the Superintendent reports on Monthly Report, Admin Announcements, LEA Update, Amalgamation Update, Tremblay Update, and Student Recognition are received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**R4.7 Proposed Calendar Update**

The Superintendent proposed adding six afternoon “*not in session*” days to the calendar with an adjustment to adding 5 minutes of instructional time per day throughout the whole school year. These not in session afternoons would be used to bring administrators and staff together to compare, evaluate, and create action plans around student data and targeted outcomes.

The Board discussed many factors that need to be reviewed before making a final decision. Some of these factors included: busing, bell schedules, parent issues, alternative activities for students, etc.

(5065)

MOVED/SECONDED - Berringer/Fofonoff

THAT the Board agree to circulate an alternative proposed calendar for review that includes the 6 not in session afternoons.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

### R5.1 Financial Reports

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the financial reports for March.

### R5.2 Report on Meeting with Independent Schools

The Secretary Treasurer met with independent schools operating within the School District area and briefed them of the changes to the transportation of students attending private schools using the bussing services of the school district. Effective September 2010, there will be a charge for this service. Most of the discussion was around the administration and issuing of the bus passes. The question of drop-off/pick-up locations was raised. The Board deferred a decision until a later date.

### R5.3 2010-2011 Budget Recommendations

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the budget recommendations for the 2010-11 school year. Senior District staff have met with administrators of all the schools to review current year budgets and to develop a new formula to allocate school funding in a manner that fairly distributes the funds to schools. Schools will still have autonomy to internally allocate the funding in a manner that best works for their school.

The Secretary-Treasurer recommended changes to these funding areas:

- School Base Grant Per Pupil - 83.75% (with a reduction of \$233 per student FTE to CMS and SPSS)
- Other Per Student Funding Increases (Aboriginal Ed, ESL, Special Ed, Adult Ed)
- Class Size Adjustment (reduction of 50% of per-student funding after adjustment level has been reached)
- Aboriginal Education Top-Up to Tremblay Elementary (full 100% per student aboriginal funding)
- Rural School Grants revised
- Major Equipment Replacement Fund (\$75,000 – District Wide)
- Tremblay Elementary School (\$150,000)
- Chetwynd Secondary School Pilot Project (\$50,000)
- Average Salary Costs
- Other Recommendations (rental of space, French immersion, KPAC funding)

The funding allocations for Reading Recovery, Small Secondary School Grant, and Rural Bussing are the similar to the 2009-10 budget.

(5066)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Fofonoff

THAT, the Board approve the budget recommendations for the 2010-11 school year as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R5.4 Capital Bylaw

The following bylaw was presented:

(5067)

MOVED/SECONDED – Clavier/Berringer

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126135 of the Board approved by the Minister and specifying a maximum expenditure of \$250,000 for Project No. 126135 be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5068)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Berringer

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126135 of the Board approved by the Minister and specifying a maximum expenditure of \$250,000 for Project No. 126135 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5069)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Ziemer

THAT, the Board move into the committee of the whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5070)

MOVED/SECONDED – Clavier/Berringer

THAT, the Board move out of the committee of the whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5071)

MOVED/SECONDED – Berringer/Ziemer

THAT, the Board allows the third reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 126135 to occur in this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5072)

MOVED/SECONDED – Fofonoff/Ezeard

THAT, the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126135 of the Board approved by the Minister and specifying a maximum expenditure of \$250,000 for Project No. 126135 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5073)

MOVED/SECONDED – Clavier/Ziemer

THAT, the Secretary-Treasurer reports on Financial Reports and Report on Meeting with Independent are received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 POLICY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee Chair reported to the Board that the committee is reviewing the policy & regulation on the distribution of information through the schools. It was recommended to bring forward to the whole board for review at the next round table meeting.

7.0 DIARY

8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

9.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

9.1 BCSTA Update – S. Berringer

Trustee Berringer reported on the latest news and events from BCSTA. The members attending the BCSTA in Victoria will have a chance to meet with the Minister. The Board reviewed the key topics and questions to present at the meeting.

Trustee Powell, Trustee Ezeard, and Assistant Superintendent Rob Dennis will be attending the CAPSLE conference in Calgary.

9.2 Early Learning Presentation – R.Powell

The Board discussed the request from Gloria Cleve to endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth.

Trustee Clavier suggested the members of the board review various sites on the internet that discuss both sides of the topic.

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MOVED/SECONDED – Fofonoff/Ziemer

THAT, the Board endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth.

POSTPONED

(5074)

MOVED/SECONDED – Fofonoff/Ziemer

That Board postpone the motion to endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Full Day Kindergarten Update – J. Clavier

All administrators were advised to ensure parents are aware of the full day kindergarten attendance recommendations.

9.4 Focus on Learning – R. Powell

The Board Chair provided an article on behalf of the Board for the Focus on Learning publication.

9.5 PAC Groups– R. Powell

Trustee Powell recommended the board include a section in the agenda to give updates on the PAC meetings the board members attend to report information back to the board.

9.6 Northern Lights College Invitation – J. Clavier

The college has invited representation from the Board to their convocation ceremonies on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Trustee Powell will accept the invitation on behalf of the Board.

9.7 Book Recognition – J. Clavier

Trustee Clavier recognized Sharlene Weingart (a teacher in the district ) on publishing a children's book titled "Mommy Takes Away". A book signing will be held at the public library on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

10.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A 10-minute question period followed.

11.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

11.1 – Regular Board Meeting – May 19, 2010 – Tumbler Ridge

ADJOURNMENT

(5075)

MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Berringer

THAT, the Regular Meeting be adjourned. (3:26 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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(Richard Powell) Chair

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(G. Slykhuis) Secretary-Treasurer