



School District No.59 (Peace River South)

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59

11600 – 7TH Street, Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4R8

Open Session Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 25, 2020 – 1:00 PM

PLACE: School District Board Office – Dawson Creek, BC

PRESENT: Trustees:

C. Anderson (Chair) *via zoom*
C. Hillton (Vice-Chair) *via zoom*
T. Ziemer *via zoom*
R. Gulick *via zoom*
T. Jones *via zoom*
B. Borton *via zoom*
J. Lalonde *via zoom*

C. Fennell, Superintendent *via zoom*
M. Readman, Assistant Superintendent *via zoom*
M. Panoulis, Secretary-Treasurer *via zoom*
R. Schwartz, Recording Secretary *via zoom*

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: R7.3 BCPSEA Letter

Deletions:

(2020-11-004)

MOVED/SECONDED – Jones/Lalonde

THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2020

The Chair asked for any corrections to the minutes.

(2020-11-005)

The Chair declared the minutes of the open meeting October 21, 2020 approved as presented.

R1.3 Excerpts of Closed Board Meeting – October 21, 2020

(2020-11-006)

The Chair declared the excerpts of the closed board meeting October 21, 2020 approved as presented.

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

Peace River Regional District approved the recommendations requested from the Board of Education to extend the Rural Swim Grant to the 2021 year and allow rural schools to use the grant funds for cultural and recreation activities if swimming is inaccessible.

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 Louis Riel Day activities on November 16, 2020.
- Parent teacher interviews were offered in many formats throughout the district.
- Tremblay Elementary participated in a project-based learning cardboard challenge.
- The DCSS South Peace Campus food's classes are taking advantage of the 2.5 hour blocks and creating some extraordinary baking projects.
- Primary and Intermediate literacy groups continue to meet regularly through zoom conference.

R5.2 COVID-19 Update

The district has revised protocols based on the PHO guidelines announced since the last board meeting. The recent guidelines are based on new mask wearing rules while in public, common and shared workplace areas. The district has also re-evaluated protocols for outside user groups and implemented stricter facility use guidelines.

R5.3 Student Discipline Report

The student discipline summary report for the month of October 2020 was presented. A total of 50 suspensions were reported for October. Following is a breakdown of the main offences:

- Safety of Others 18
- Non-Compliance 12
- Fighting 4
- Controlled Substance 4

R5.4 Joint First Nation Transportation Agreements

The Tripartite Transportation Agreements with West Moberly and Sauteau First Nations have been renewed for the 2020-21 year. The only change from the previous agreements is the addition to the West Moberly agreement which requested a student bus shelter be provided on the reserve.

R5.5 Operational Plan-DRAFT

The Superintendent presented the Operational Plan in *draft* form. The plan supports the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. The Operational Plan outlines how the main goals of the Strategic Plan will be carried out. Financial considerations will be added to the plan.

R5.6 Substance Abuse Resources

The counselling department in School District No.59 (PRS) has been tasked with updating their resources, in particular to substance abuse.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY TREASURER

R6.1 Distributed Learning Enrollment Update

The Secretary Treasurer presented school FTE of students registered in distributed learning programs. The table shows the month to month enrollment numbers of the distributed learning program. Currently there are 145 students registered in an at home distributed learning program, this number is down from the October report.

R6.2 Rolla Property

The Secretary-Treasurer reported the Rolla school property sold for \$53,000. Selling of the property allowed the district to not proceed with the Ministry approved demolition of the building.

R6.3 BCSTA Survey

Trustees reviewed the annual BCSTA Survey results. The survey reports the annual stipends of trustees in the following categories: trustees, board chair and vice chair positions, and mileage and per diem rates.

7.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

R7.1 BCSTA Update – T. Jones

Trustee Jones presented the latest news and events from the BCSTA. Jones attended the BCSTA Provincial Council virtual conference in October.

Trustees and district staff will be attending the virtual BCSTA Academy conference November 27-28, 2020.

R7.2 PRRD - Electoral Area E - Letter – C. Anderson

The board accepted the correspondence from the PRRD Electoral Area E with updated information about the Chetwynd Library Replacement Project.

R7.3 BCPSEA Letter – R. Gulick

Trustee Gulick announced that Mr. Renzo Del Negro and Mrs. Janet Stewart are retiring from BCPSEA and recommended the board send a letter of appreciation to each individual.

(2020-11-007)

MOVED/SECONDED – Gulick/Ziemer

THAT, the Board send a letter of appreciation to Renzo Del Negro and Janet Stewart to thank them for their work with school districts and their support while working for BCPSEA.

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 – December 16, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

(2020-11-008)

MOVED – Jones

THAT, the Regular Meeting be terminated. (2:31 PM)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(C. Anderson) Board Chair

(M. Panoulis) Secretary Treasurer