



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)
JUNE 16, 2020
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS, BC**

PRESENT: Trustees: F. Farrell, L. Kearns, F. Krishan, J. Williams, J. Krauskopf
Regrets: P. Michell, E. Quinlan
Staff Regrets: T. Bancroft – Director Facilities & Maintenance
Staff: M. McDiarmid – Superintendent
M. Monkman – Assistant Superintendent
D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

2. TRADITIONAL WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Williams acknowledged that we are gathered on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en – Bear Wolf Clan.
- Chairperson Williams welcomed everyone present. Trustee Michell and Quinlan have sent their regrets. SD54 sent condolences to the Witsset community for the passing of two matriarchs this past weekend.
- Chairperson Williams commented that we made it through another school year. She thanked all the school district employees, school board staff, CUPE, and BVTU, for their dedication this year, especially these last few months. She continued by commenting that this year has been a particularly challenging one. Everyone did their part in making sure the students made it through.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Krauskopf.*

"That the agenda be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- The Chairperson asked if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2020, the synopsis of the In-Camera meeting of May 19, 2020. There being none, the regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2020 the synopsis of the In-Camera meeting of May 19, 2020 were declared approved as presented.

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent McDiarmid outlined to the Board that the District has nearly completed the teacher staffing for 2020-2021. There may be some positions that remain unfilled in to the summer but the District continues to receive teacher applications from outside of the District. CUPE staffing for next year is in progress, it is looking like we might see a shortage of bus drivers.
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the District initiatives report to the Board. The District has successfully transitioned into stage 3 of the Ministry of Education's guidelines. There are a lot of happy kids and engaged teachers who are enjoying the small class sizes. As for September the Ministry will make a decision by August 15th. The PLC/NOII cohort held their last session of the year last week. They had discussions about the blended learning model that has been taking place.
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the school based initiatives report to the Board. The SSS Athletics Banquet was successfully held last week despite the physical distancing requirements. HSS Grad went ahead on June 12th, it was clear people put in a lot of time and effort into the event. Mr. Ted Beck was chosen by the students to be the staff speaker at the ceremony. Mr. Beck will be retiring this year after being with the District for 30 years! Thank you to the District's technology department for live streaming the event. SSS commencement will take place June 20th. The students will be broken up into three separate ceremonies to receive their diplomas with their parents or guardians.

Operations

- Secretary Treasurer Margerm spoke about the current Silverthorne Elementary School renovations. The Ministry of Children and Family Development has approved funding to support a daycare facility at this location. This will include 48 new childcare spaces: infant, 3-5 years and multi-age before and after school.

6.a) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Operations Committee Chairperson Kearns presented the Operations Committee's Report from the June 2th, 2020 committee meeting.
- Next meeting date Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 @ 5:00pm

6.b) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- Policy Committee Chairperson Farrell presented the Policy Committee's Report from the June 2, 2020 committee meeting.
- **Policy 6.480 Partial Credit** – The committee recommended deletion of Policy 6.480 Partial Credit.

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Krauskopf.*

"That the Board approve the deletion of Policy 6.4800 Partial Credit. "

CARRIED

- **Policy 4.600 Employees Use of Helmets** – The committee recommended deletion of Policy 4.600 Employees Use of Helmets. An administration policy will be developed to address Employees Use of Helmets.

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Kearns.*

"That the Board approve the deletion of Policy 4.600 Employees Use of Helmets."

CARRIED

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- **Policy 6.140 Fire Drill** – The committee recommended deletion of Policy 6.140 Fire Drill and create an Administrative Procedure for Fire Drills.

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Krishan.

"That the Board approve the deletion of Policy 6.140 Fire Drill and creation of Administrative Procedure."

CARRIED

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- **Policy 9.250 Student Detention** – The committee recommended deletion of Policy 9.250 Student Detention.

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Kearns.

"That the Board approve the deletion of Policy 9.250 Student Detention."

CARRIED

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- **Policy 9.210 Student Suspension** – The committee recommended creating an Administrative Procedure for the regulations outlined in Policy 9.120 Student Suspension

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Krauskopf.

"That the Board approve the creation of an Administrative Procedure for the regulations outlined in Policy 9.210 Student Suspension."

CARRIED

Next Meeting Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 @ 3:00pm

6.c) TRUSTEE REPORTS

- There were no trustee reports this month.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **7.1) 2020-2021 Draft Annual Budget Bylaw** – The Operations Committee recommended that the Board proceed with the third reading of the Draft 2020-2021 Annual Budget Bylaw. Mr. Margerm commented that there has been no public feedback about the 2020-2021 Draft Annual Budget Bylaw

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Kearns.

"That the Board proceed with third reading of the 2020 - 2021 Annual Budget Bylaw."

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

- **8.1) 2021-2022 Capital Plan** – The operations committee recommended that the Board approve the draft 2021-2022 District Capital Plan as presented.

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Kearns.

"It is resolved that the Board approve the 2021 - 2022 District Capital Plan application to the Ministry of Education as presented."

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- There is no other Business this month

10. READING FILE

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Krauskopf.

"That the information contained in the Trustee Reading File be received and filed."

CARRIED

12. CLOSING REMARKS

- Closing Remarks –Next regular Board Meeting will be held on September 29, 2020, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the School Board Office in Smithers, B.C.
- Have a great summer and get some rest!


13. ADJOURNED

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Approved by:



Jennifer Williams, Chairperson
of the Board of Education



Dave Margerm
Secretary Treasurer