



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, B.C.

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Kearns, B.J. Beaubien, F. Farrell, J. Williams, D. Hanson, L. Collingwood

Regrets: P. Michell

Staff: C. van der Mark – Superintendent of Schools
M. McDiarmid – Assistant Superintendent of Schools
D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

2. TRADITIONAL WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Kearns acknowledged that we are gathered on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidm't'en.
- Chairperson Kearns welcomed all guests present. Trustee Michell sent her regrets. Chairperson Kearns welcomed everyone back from a wonderful summer holiday and hoped that everyone is well rested for another year of learning. The annual welcome back tour was held last week. Considerable work has been completed by Ed Hildebrandt, Director of Facilities & Maintenance's, team. Notably, significant work was also done at WPS for the amalgamation of WPS and LKS.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Chairperson Kearns noted an error on the September agenda, the October Board Meeting is scheduled for October 18th, 2016 not on September 20th, 2016. In addition, Chairperson Kearns requested that item 8.1) 2015-2016 Draft Financial Statements be addressed first on tonight's agenda.

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee J. Williams and seconded by Trustee B.J. Beaubien.*

"That the amended agenda be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of June 21, 2016 or the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of June 21, 2016. There being none, the minutes of June 21, 2016 and the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of June 21, 2016 were declared approved as presented.

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the student achievement report to the Board. The 2016 – 2017 School year has now begun. Implementation of the new curriculum is now underway. Four out of the five elementary schools will be moving to a "communicating student learning" program for reporting to parents to this year.

- Superintendent van der Mark presented the district based initiatives report to the Board. In August 16 students and 3 adults from Jiangsu China visited our district and the Bulkley Valley. Thanks go out to Heather Lee and Hans Saefkow for facilitating the tour for these students. Intermediate teachers will be coming together for learning conversations around reading assessments for Grades 4-7. Schools and teachers are encouraged to submit grant proposals for innovative approaches to learning. The District continues to offer a variety of trades and skills options for students once again this year. SD54 is pleased to welcome Mr. Andrew de Boer to the position of Trades Coordinator.
- Superintendent van der Mark presented the school based initiatives report to the Board. HSS and TSE hosted a combined "campus" open house this past week. SSS hosted their meet the teacher night. WPS 's "Pie Night" will be held on September 20th. New this year, SSS is running a Basketball Leadership Academy for students in grades 9-11. This is a 4 credit course that may be used as an elective or PE Credit.

Field Trip Proposals

- SSS – 30 +/- Grade 9-12 Students from SSS to travel to Vancouver on Sept 19-23 to attend Bard on the Beach – Shakespeare Festival. All Board requirements have been met for this trip.

Operations

- Secretary Treasurer Margerm reported that enrolment is showing a decline of 22 students versus the February 2016 projection. A final enrolment report will be provided to the Board of Education in October after the September 1701 has been completed.

6.a) COMMUNITY RELATIONS/ EDUCATION FORUM COMMITTEE

- Community Relations / Education Forum Committee Chairperson Hanson presented the Community Relations / Education Forum Committee's Report from the September 13, 2016 committee meeting.
 - Next Meeting Tuesday, October 4, 2016 @ 4:00pm.

6.b) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Operations Chairperson Williams presented the Operations Committee's Report from the September 13, 2016 committee meeting.

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee J. Williams and seconded by Trustee B.J. Beaubien.*

"The Board approves the 2016 – 2017 District Capital Plan as presented."

CARRIED

- Next Meeting Tuesday, October 4, 2016 @ 5:00pm.

6.c) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- On behalf of Policy Committee Chairperson Collingwood, presented the Policy Committee Report from the September 13, 2016 committee meeting.

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

"The Board approves the amended Policy # 6.310 – Tobacco and Vapour Products as outlined."

CARRIED

- Next Meeting Tuesday, October 4, 2016 @ 3:00pm.

6.d) TRUSTEE REPORTS

- There were no trustee reports this month.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was no unfinished business this month.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 2015 – 2106 Draft Financial Statement

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee J. Williams and seconded by Trustee B.J. Beaubien.*

"That the Board approves the 2015 – 2016 Audited Financial Statements as presented. "

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business this month.

10. READING FILE

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee J. Williams and seconded by Trustee L. Collingwood.*

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


CARRIED

11. CLOSING REMARKS

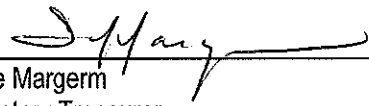
- The next regularly scheduled School Board meeting will be held on October 18, 2016 commencing at 7:00 pm at the School Board Office in Smithers.

12. ADJORNED

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.



Approved by Les Kearns, Chairperson
of the Board of Education



Dave Margerm
Secretary Treasurer