



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)
DECEMBER 10, 2013
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE , SMITHERS BC

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Kearns, F. Farrell, L. Collingwood, J. McIntosh, K. Martinsen, P. Michell, S. Yaremco
Remote: S. Yaremco
Staff: C. van der Mark – Superintendent of Schools
M. McDiarmid – Assistant Superintendent of Schools
D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer
T. Perreault – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

MOVED/SECONDED: Priscilla Michell /Judy McIntosh

"That the Board meeting move In-Camera."

CARRIED

- The Board returned to Regular session at 7:00pm.

2. OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Kearns welcomed our guests: Terri-Anne Barge BVTU ; Ryan Jensen – Editor, Interior News;
- Jamie Beck – Rugby player and was invited to Tobago National 7's playing with the women's senior team.
- Kiri Daust student at TEL, took pictures of growth on cranberries. Published in the Canadian field naturalist magazine.
- The Board was turned over to the Secretary Treasurer Dave Margerm.

3. BOARD ELECTIONS

- Secretary Treasurer Dave Margerm explained the Board Election process.
- Mr. Margerm requested a motion to appoint Mr. van der Mark and Mr. McDiarmid as scrutineers for the election proceedings.

MOVED/SECONDED : Frank Farrell/Lara Collingwood

"That Mr. van der Mark and Mr. McDiarmid be named as scrutineers."

CARRIED

- **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

- Mr. Margerm called for nominations for Chairperson from the floor.
- Trustee McIntosh nominated Trustee Kearns for the position of Chairperson. Trustee Kearns accepted the nomination.
- Trustee Martinsen nominated Trustee Farrell for the position of Chairperson. Trustee Farrell declined the nomination.
- Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time. Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed and announced that Trustee Kearns is the Chairperson of the Board by acclamation.

- **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**
 - Mr. Margerm called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson from the floor.
 - Trustee Yaremco nominated Trustee Collingwood for the position of Vice-Chairperson, who accepted the nomination.
 - Trustee Martinsen nominated Trustee Farrell for the position of Vice-Chairperson, who accepted the nomination.
 - Trustee McIntosh nominated Trustee Yaremco for the position of Vice-Chairperson, who declined the nomination.
 - Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time. Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed.
 - Mr. van der Mark and Mr. McDiarmid collected the ballots from the Trustees' and left the room to tabulate votes. Upon their return, Mr. Margerm announced that that Trustee Farrell was elected to the position of Vice-Chairperson

- **ELECTION OF BCPSEA REPRESENTATIVE**
 - Mr. Margerm opened the floor for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative, and called for nominations.
 - Trustee McIntosh nominated Trustee Kearns for BCPSEA Representative. Trustee Kearns accepted the nomination.
 - Trustee Farrell nominated Trustee Collingwood for BCPSEA Representative. Collingwood declined the nomination.
 - Trustee Collingwood nominated Trustee Yaremco for BCPSEA Representative. Trustee Yaremco accepted the nomination.
 - Trustee Kearns nominated Trustee Farrell for BCPSEA Representative. Trustee Farrell accepted the nomination.
 - Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time. Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed
 - Trustees voted by secret ballot, Mr. van der Mark and Mr. McDiarmid collected the ballots from the Trustees and left the room to tabulate votes. Upon their return, Mr. Margerm announced that there were three votes for Mr. Kearns and 2 votes for Ms. Yaremco and Mr. Farrell respectively. Therefore a runoff election was to be conducted between Trustee Yaremco and Trustee Farrell.
 - Trustees voted by secret ballot a second time, Mr. van der Mark and Mr. McDiarmid collected the ballots from the Trustees and left the room to tabulate votes. Upon their return Mr. Margerm announced that the runoff election was won by Ms. Yaremco.
 - Trustees voted by secret ballot a third time, Mr. van der Mark and Mr. McDiarmid collected the ballots from the Trustees and left the room to tabulate votes. Upon their return, Mr. Margerm announced that Mr. Kearns was elected as BCPSEA Representative.

- **ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR**
 - Mr. Margerm opened the floor for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative, and called for nominations.
 - Trustee Yaremco nominated Trustee Collingwood for Provincial Councilor. Trustee Collingwood declined the nomination.
 - Trustee Collingwood nominated Trustee Yaremco for Provincial Councilor. Trustee Yaremco accepted the nomination.
 - Trustee Kearns nominated Trustee Farrell Provincial Councilor. Trustee Farrell declined the nomination.
 - Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time. Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed.
 - Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time. Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed and announced that Trustee Yaremco is the Provincial Councillor by acclamation.

• **ELECTION OF ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

- Mr. Margerm opened the floor for nominations for the position of Aboriginal Education Council Representative, and called for nominations.
- Trustee Farrell nominated Trustee McIntosh for Aboriginal Education Council Representative. Trustee McIntosh accepted the nomination.
- Trustee Kearns nominated Trustee Farrell for Aboriginal Education Council Representative. Trustee Farrell declined the nomination.
- Trustee McIntosh nominated Trustee Michell for Aboriginal Education Council Representative. Trustee Michell accepted the nomination.
- Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time.
- Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed.
- Trustees voted by secret ballot. Mr. van der Mark and Mr. McDiarmid collected ballots from Trustees and left the room to tabulate votes. Upon their return, Mr. Margerm announced that Trustee McIntosh was elected the Aboriginal Education Council representative by acclamation.

MOVED/SECONDED: McIntosh/Martinsen

"That all ballots be destroyed."

CARRIED

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- Mr. Kearns assumed the Chair as Presiding Officer. Trustee Kearns thanked the Trustees for the confidence shown in his chairing the Board of Education.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED Kim Martinsen/Judy McIntosh

"That the agenda be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of November 19, 2013; the Synopsis of the In-Camera Meeting minutes November 19, 2013. There being none, the minutes of: November 19, 2013 and the Synopsis of the In-Camera Meeting minutes of November 19, 2013 and were declared approved as presented.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Student Achievement

- Superintendent Chris van der Mark presented the administration report to the Board. Secondary report cards have been sent out and elementary schools will be sent out soon; School Conversations have been taking place with school administrators over the last month. These conversations discuss school progress in relation to school and district goals; November education form was held on Nov 25, highlight the partnership with NWCC; Administration and some of our local teachers attended the BCSSA conference in Vancouver.

District Based Initiatives

- Superintendent Chris van der Mark, presented the district based initiatives to the Board. Faye Brownlie returned to the District to work with our teachers and a number of local school districts; Carolfest will be held at SSS on Dec 4th. Big thanks to the organizers and the maintenance department for pulling it together; Silverthorne Elementary and Twain Sullivan co-hosted an elementary volleyball tournament on November 22. Thank you to all the volunteers for making this event possible; The Smithers Public Library thanked SD54 for supporting their annual book sale fundraiser.

School Based Initiatives

- Superintendent Chris van der Mark presented the school based initiatives to the Board. SSS Sr. Girls and Boys Volleyball teams both won their zones and just recently returned from Provincials; Telkwa Elementary School Division 2 class won \$1,000 from the BC Hydro's Community Champions Program. These funds will go towards the building of a school garden and / or greenhouse; SSS drama, theatre and music program will be performing their latest production "*Thoroughly Modern Millie*".

Field Trip Proposals

- The following fields trip has been approved by the Assistant Superintendent:
 - **SIL** - 60 Grade 4-7 Students to travel to Hudson Bay Mountain on January 31 and March 28, 2014 respectively. All board requirements have been met for this trip.

BAA Application

- School district administration has requested board approval for a proposed HSS BAA course. (Board Authorized Course). Mr. McDiarmid introduced the Multi-Disciplinary Studies program. This course is designed to recognize that engaged, active learning can take a variety of forms. Students will be able to combine portions of other curriculum to make up a 4 credit elective course. This course adds personalization and is consistent with the direction of BC Ed Plan and support students' ability to take courses that they are interested in. The courses have been reviewed and are compliant with all regulations and requirements set out in Ministry guidelines.

MOTION / SECOND: Kim Martinsen/Priscilla Michell

"To approve the proposed Board Authorized Courses as outlined."

CARRIED

7.a) COMMUNITY RELATIONS / EDUCATION FORUM COMMITTEE

- On behalf of Education Forum Chairperson Lara Collingwood, Trustee Kearns highlighted the Nov 25th Education Forum on SD#54 Personalized Learning Program and the continued partnership with NWCC.

7.b) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- No report this month.

7.c) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- No report this month.

7.d) TRUSTEE REPORT

- No reports this month.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was no Unfinished Business.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- **9.1 – Shared Services** – Superintendent van der Mark presented a power point presentation on the provincial Service Deliver Project
- **9.2 – Superintendent’s Report** - Superintendent van der Mark presented a power point presentation on Student Achievement. Mr. van der Mark highlighted a number of areas that SD54 have improved on.

MOTION / SECOND: Frank Farrell/Kim Martinsen

“That the Superintendent’s Report be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 – Expenditure Summary for the period ended November 30, 2013 was included in Trustee Board packages.

11. READING FILE

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| November 30, 2013 Enrollment | SD20 Ltr to P. Fassbender re: Cooperative Gains |
| SD39 Ltr to MOE re: Education Funding Issues | SD39 Ltr to C. Clark re: SSCFGS |
| SD47 Press Release re: Ferry Reduction | SD57 Ltr to M.Dejong Compensation Freeze |
| SD57 Ltr to P.Fassbender re: Savings Plan | SD69 Ltr to P Fassbender re: Propane Buses |
| BCSTA Ltr to P. Fassbender re: SSCFGS | Ltr from 2014 DAF Grad Committee re: Graduation Date |

MOVED/SECONDED: Judy McIntosh/Priscilla Michell

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

CARRIED

13. CLOSING REMARKS


- In closing Chairperson Kearns reminded everyone that this will be last time this year that we will be together. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

14. NEXT BOARD MEETING

- The next School Board meeting will be held on January 21, 2014 at the School Board Office in Smithers at 7:00 pm.

15. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.



 Les Kearns
 Chairman of the Board



 Dave Margerm
 Secretary Treasurer