



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)
JUNE 19, 2012
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, SMITHERS BC

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Kearns, F. Farrell, P. Mitchell, L. Collingwood, J. McIntosh, S. Yaremco
Regrets: K. Martinsen
Staff: C. van der Mark – Superintendent of Schools
M. McDiarmid – Assistant Superintendent
S. Richards – Secretary Treasurer
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm

MOVED/SECONDED: F. Farrell / P. Mitchell

"That the Board meeting move In-Camera."

CARRIED

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

2. OPENING REMARKS

- Mr. Kearns welcomed our guest Sara Komadina from CKTK, Karin Bachman, President BVTU, Barbel Schroeder President CUPE, Birdy Markert District Principal Aboriginal Education and Perry Rath, Shaun Hunter- McLean and a number of delegation supporters. Mr. Kearns passed on regrets from Trustee Martinsen who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Kearns then introduced Birdy Markert. Ms. Markert invited everyone to the All Clan Feast on June 21, 2012. This feast will be held in honour of Aboriginal Day and to celebrate the release of the Witsueit'en History and Culture Text Book. Superintendent van der Mark congratulated Ms. Markert on her recent convocation from UVIC and receiving her Masters Degree.

3. DELEGATION – LGBTQ Diversity Policy

- Mr. Kearns introduced Mr. Perry Rath, teacher at SSS who spoke on behalf of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender and Two Spirited, Queer and Questioning). Through a power point presentation Mr. Rath gave examples of how students are affected at school due to their sexual orientation. He highlighted a number of statistics that were generated by the McCreary Centre Society of BC.
- Shaun Hunter-McLean spoke to the trustees about how Homophobia and Transphobia is affecting her life.
- Mr. Rath and the delegation requested that SD54 draft an anti-homophobia/LGBTQ diversity policy and a comprehensive action plan for the District.
- Mr. Kearns thanked Shaun Hunter-McLean her courage to speak to the Board.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED/SECONDED S. Yaremco / J. McIntosh

"That the agenda be accepted as presented."

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- The Chair asked if there were corrections to the minutes of May 15, 2012 and the Synopsis of the In-Camera Meeting minutes May 15, 2012. There being none, the minutes of May 15, 2012 and the Synopsis of the In-Camera Meeting minutes of May 15, 2012 were declared approved as presented.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Student Achievement

- Superintendent Chris van der Mark, presented the administration report to the Board. His report noted dates for commencement ceremonies at both HSS and SSS. 34 students at HSS and 156 at SSS will be graduating this year from SD54. Randi Woodbeck, a HSS graduate received the Government General Silver Medal from UNBC. Randi graduated from UNBC with a Bachelor of Science Degree in May 2012. The silver medals are annually presented to the top students graduating with a bachelor's degree.
- 2012-2015 Achievement Contract – See New Business 9.2.

Innovation / Initiatives

District Based Initiatives

- Superintendent Chris van der Mark, presented the district based initiatives to the Board. The final Network of Inquiry and Innovation Celebration session was held at WPS. It was attended by Dr. Linda Kaser and Dr. Judy Halbert along with guests from Hazelton and Terrace.
- Superintendent van der Mark announced and welcomed Barb Turney new Vice Principal at Muheim Memorial Elementary School and Andrew Bond new Vice Principal Houston Secondary School.
- It has been announced that Feb 11, 2013 will be the first BC Family Day Statutory Holiday.
- The Year-end Celebration will be held on June 20th and the SSS Jazz combo will be joining this year.

School Based Initiatives

- Superintendent Chris van der Mark, presented the school based initiatives to the Board. This report informed the Board of a new timetable structure for HSS and SSS 2012-2013 school year. This new timetable will increase choice and flexibility for students. Both schools are offering a hockey skills academy in the fall for Grades 10-12. In conjunction with NWCC and ITA, both schools will be expanding trades opportunities for students in 2013.

Field Trip Proposals

- The following field trips have been approved by the Assistant Superintendent :
 - **Walnut Park Elementary School** – 28 Grade 4 students to travel to Fort St. James on June 1, 2012 . All requirements required by the District have been met for this trip.
- The following field trip is requesting preliminary Board approval:
 - **Houston Secondary School** – Grade 9-12 students – Spring Break 2014 trip to Australia and New Zealand through Education Tours. The Board requires that there are a minimum of 12 students participating as a requirement for final approval.

MOVED / SECONDED: S. Yaremco / J. McIntosh

"To approve the proposed field trip IN PRINCIPLE to Australia and New Zealand."

CARRIED

- The following field trip is requesting Board approval:
 - **Smithers Secondary School** – 70-80 Grade 8 Students and 5-6 Grade 12 Student Mentors will travel to Rough Acres Bible Camp on Sept 26 - Sept 28, 2012 All requirements have been met for this trip.

MOVED / SECONDED: J. McIntosh / L. Collingwood

"To approve the above noted field trip to Rough Acres Bible Camp as outlined."

CARRIED

Operations

- Secretary Treasurer Steve Richards provided a brief over view of district operations for the Board. 2011-2012 year end projections show that the fiscal year will end on budget. BCSTA passed a motion for the ministry to review the funding formula for transportation. Telkwa and Twain Sullivan Elementary will be receiving \$25k respectively for playground upgrades from the Provincial Government. The Joint Use Agreement with the Town of Smithers has now been finalized for a 5 year term. IT4K12 Technology Conference was attended by 3 of our district technology staff in June. The solar wall at WPE will be completed at the end of June and associated mechanical upgrades and final competition will be done during the summer.

7.a) EDUCATION FORUM

- Nothing to report this month. Next Meeting: to be determined.

7.b) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Trustee Kearns on behalf of Operations Chairperson Martinsen presented the Committee's Report from the June 5, 2012 meeting. Facilities Review will be reinstated next school year. Joint Use Agreement (Town of Smithers) has now been finalized. Personal Accident Insurance has been purchased to provide coverage for the Trustees. Software has been developed in house that allows tracking of paper consumption. 2012-2013 Capital Plan will essentially be the same priorities as the previous plan. The west wall of the HSS will be renovated over the summer. Summer AFG Contract Awards have been awarded.

MOVED / SECONDED: J. McIntosh / F. Farrell

"The committee recommends that the Board give Second and Final Reading to the 2012 – 2013 Annual Budget Bylaw."

CARRIED

ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF School District NO. 54 (Bulkley Valley) (called the "board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2012/2013 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2012/2013.

3. The attached Schedule 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2012/2013 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$25,532,610 for the 2012/2013 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2,4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2012/2013.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 15th day of May, 2012.

READ A SECOND TIME THE 19th day of June 2012.

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THE 19th day of June 2012

- Mr. Kearns thanked Mr. Richards and Mrs. Mayer for their hard work during this process.
- Next Meeting September 4, 2012 at 5:00 pm

7.c) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- Policy Chairperson Yaremco, presented the Committee's Report from the June 5, meeting. Minimal feedback was received on the policies that were sent out for consultation.

MOVED / SECONDED: S. Yaremco / L. Collingwood

"The committee recommends that the Board approve revision, as presented to Policy 9.170"

CARRIED

MOVED / SECONDED: S. Yaremco / J. McIntosh

"The committee recommends that the Board approve revision, as presented to Policies 9.210 and 9.120"

CARRIED

- The LBGTQ made a presentation to the policy committee and requested that the District develop a policy on LBGTQ. The policy committee will start work in September on the code of conduct and other policies as they exist.
- The committee reviewed a new draft policy on the provision of relocation assistance for senior management recruitment. This will also be started in the fall.
- Next Meeting September 4, 2012 at 3:00pm

7.d) COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- No Report this month. Next Meeting TBD.

7.e) TRUSTEE REPORT

- No Report this month.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was no Unfinished Business.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1). Budget – Reviewed in Section 7.b.
- 9.2) 2012 – 2015 Achievement Contract. A power-point presentation was made by Superintendent van der mark providing an overview of the frame work for 2012-2015 Achievement Contract.

MOVED / SECONDED: J. McIntosh / F.Farrell

"To approve the 2012 – 2015 Achievement Contract."

CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1. EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

The Expenditure Summary for the period ended May 31, 2012 was included in Trustee Board packages.

11. READING FILE

April 5, 2012	Letter from E. Thompson President of BCRTA re: Memoriam Picture for Board Office
April 18, 2012	Letter to: L. Anderson re: Facilitating the Northern Gateway Pipeline debate
April 18, 2012	Letter to: HSS re: Annual Art Fairs
April 18, 2012	Letter to: A. Cuttingham re: Facilitating The Northern Gateway Pipeline debate
April 18, 2012	Letter to: S. Lawson: Facilitating The Northern Gateway Pipeline debate
April 18, 2012	Letter to: P. Rath re: Facilitating The Northern Gateway Pipeline debate
May 9, 2012	Letter from SD#52 Prince Rupert re: Bill 28 and Bill 33
May 16, 2012	Letter to D. Jaswal re: Note of Appreciation
May 16, 2012	Letter to H. Lytle re: Zone Drama Competition
May 16, 2012	Letter to M. Doogan-Smith re: Fame
May 16, 2012	Letter to M. Doogan-Smith re: Pacific Northwest Music Festival
May 16, 2012	Letter to H. Saefkow re: Fame
May 28, 2012	Letter from SD#52 Gulf Islands re: Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning
May 28, 2012	Postcard from: Ellen Schuffert (SSS) re: Note of Thanks
May 29, 2012	Letter from SD#64 Gulf Island re: Salish Sea Statement: Cycling and Rural Mobility
May 31, 2012	SD#54 Monthly Enrollment
May 31, 2012	Letter from SD# 43 Coquitlam re: Policy Change – Education Guarantee
June 1, 2012	Letter to: Scott Jackson HSS re: Girls Rugby Provincial Championship
June 6, 2012	Press Release : SD#54 and NWCC Partnership Agreement
June 8, 2012	Card from Stacey Myrah re: Note of Appreciation.
June 8, 2012	Letter from SD#68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) re: Bill 22 Education Improvement Act
June 8, 2012	Letter from SD#39 (Vancouver) re: TaxiSaver Program

MOVED/SECONDED: L. Collingwood / S. Yaremco

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

CARRIED

12. CLOSING REMARKS

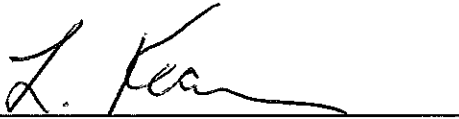
- Mr. Kearns thanked everyone for their hard work throughout this difficult year and wished everyone a happy and safe summer.

13. NEXT BOARD MEETING

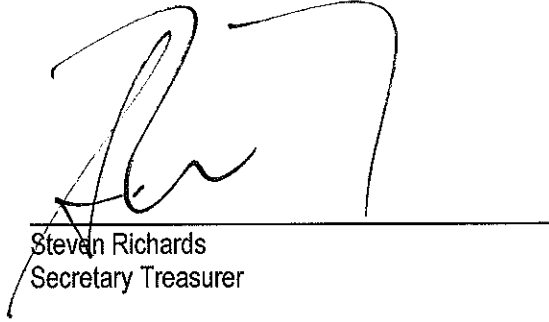
- The next School Board meeting will be held on September 18, 2012 at the School Board Office in Smithers at 7:00 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm



Les Kearns
Chairman of the Board



Steven Richards
Secretary Treasurer