



**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District 8 Kootenay Lake was held at Prince Charles Secondary School, 223 18 Ave S, Creston, BC, V0B 1G0. By video conference: School Board Office Nelson, BC

BOARD:

L. Trenaman
S. Nazaroff
B. Maslechko
S. Walsh
A. Gribbin
B. Coons (*arrived at 5:08 pm*)
S. Chew (*via Video Conference*)
D. Lang
C. Beebe

DISTRICT STAFF:

C. Perkins, Superintendent
M. McLellan, Secretary-Treasurer
B. Eaton, Director of Inclusive Education
D. Holitzki, Director of Human Resource Services (*arrived at 5:08 pm*)
N. Ross, Acting Director of Innovative Learning Services
N. Howald, Director of Information Technology
R. Warwick, Health, Wellness & Safety Officer (*via Video Conference*)
R. Simpson, District Principal
S. Whale, Executive Assistant

STUDENT TRUSTEES:

A. Kilpatrick, Student Trustee (*via Video Conference*)
O. Kettle, Student Trustee

PARTNERS:

D. Sabourin, KLTF
D. Kunzelman, KLTF

GUESTS:

J. Stein, Principal (*via Video Conference*)
L. Arsenault, CUPE
S. Cobbe, Principal
D. Adams, Vice Principal
J. Band, Teacher
L. Riehl, Teacher
M.-J. Blackmore, Vice- Principal Mormon Hills School
P. Blackmore, Principal Mormon Hills School

REGRETS:

B. MacLean, Director of Operations
R. Medhurst, Student Trustee
L. Borhaven, Student Trustee
E. Solarik, Student Trustee

1. Call to Order

Chair Trenaman called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Insertions/Deletions to proposed Agenda

The following changes were made to the Agenda:

- Delete 12D
- Add 10C – Statement of Disclosure
- Add 10D – Confirmation of Committee Appointments
- Change the order of presentations: Homelinks before Mormon Hills School

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Beebe, seconded by Trustee Nazaroff, **AND RESOLVED:** 18/19-100

THAT the Agenda for this March 12, 2019 meeting, **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.

5. Receiving Presentations:

A. Homelinks – Laurie Riehl

Laury Riehl, teacher at Wildflower Creston introduced two students, Susan and Alex, who presented their projects from the Heritage Fair to the Board.

Director Holitzki and Trustee Coons arrived at 5:08 pm.

B. Mormon Hills School – Principal Peter Blackmore and Vice-Principal Mary-Jane Blackmore

Mary Jayne Blackmore presented to the Board a history of Bountiful and requested to have more support for students and parents within the Bountiful community.

Trustee Gribbin asked what the community would like to see that SD8 provide for them.

Ms. Blackmore referred to a letter she had sent, which is attached to this agenda. The main concerns are around school access, sensitivity trainings and existing communication gaps. Ms. Blackmore expressed her hopes that more counselling would be available for students from the Bountiful community, to see Bountiful students feeling more welcome at school, and to see more trades trainings, which would appeal to students from the area.

Superintendent Perkins advised that they will receive print-out material including trades brochures for those who don't use technology. Furthermore, the website is available for parents, schools' libraries and the Hub at PCSS. She assured that the School District does and will do their best to communicate, and that certainly all members of the Bountiful community are most welcome at all schools, activities, functions and events.

Chair Trenaman thanked them for coming and noted that the Board cares about all kids including kids from this community. She assured that the Board is paying attention, is taking this matter very seriously, and reported that the Board did some professional learning about Bountiful community today.

Principal Cobbe, Vice Principal D. Adams and District Principal R. Simpson left the Meeting after Mormon Hills School presentation.

6. Opportunity for Comments by the Public

D. Kunzelman, KLTF thanked the Board for amending Policy 121 to include two teachers to attend Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and Elders Council (AEACEC).

7. Consent Package

Trustee Walsh requested to pull JSAC Draft Minutes.

Trustee Gribbin requested to pull the letter from Mary Jayne Blackmore, Vice Principal Mormon Hills School. Will be added to agenda as item 11i.

Chair Trenaman requested to pull the letter from Town of Creston addressed to Superintendent Perkins.

JSAC Draft Minutes

Trustee Walsh inquired if any Trustee had attended this meeting. Chair Trenaman discussed that she couldn't attend and that's why she sent out Email to other representative and alternates with no response.

Russell Warwick, Health & Safety Officer, confirmed that he will include an attendance list in final minutes.

Trustee Walsh noted that many questions around policies could have been clarified if a Trustee would have been present. Chair Trenaman advised if assistance is needed the Board offers to help Mr. Warwick.

There was a discussion around the deficiencies in the LVR science labs identified in the 2013 audit. Mr. Warwick reported that he is working on an inventory of issues and will be addressing concerns in a future meeting.

Letter from Town of Creston: Chair Trenaman asked if the School District will be involved in the 78th Annual Creston Valley Blossom Festival Parade and mentioned that the School District has participated in the past, and it would be great to show presence at this event.

8. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Beebe, **AND RESOLVED:**

18/19-101

THAT the minutes from the February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting **BE ADOPTED**.

9. Future and Action Item Tracking - Nil

10. Old Business

A. Board Authorized Courses (BAA)

Superintendent Perkins presented the amended Board Authorized Course Mountain Adventure Skills and Tourism Academy: M.A.S.T.A. which was presented at the last Board Meeting. She also presented two other courses called Peer Tutoring and Leadership 12. A discussion ensued around the \$200 fee for the M.A.S.T.A. course.

Moved by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Beebe:

THAT the new Board Authorized Courses, M.A.S.T.A., Peer Tutoring and Leadership 12, **BE APPROVED**.

Motion not approved, amended motion below approved.

Trustee Gribbin spoke to the Motion: he requested the Board hold off with approval of any courses until Board has had greater discussion regarding fees. Superintendent Perkins noted urgency of this matter to be approved now since students are currently picking courses for next year.

Trustee Gribbin proposed an amendment to the motion, seconded by Trustee Beebe,

AND RESOLVED:

18/19-102

THAT the new Board Authorized Courses: Peer Tutoring and Leadership 12, **BE APPROVED**.

Opposed: Trustee Lang

Trustee Gribbin then moved a motion, seconded by Trustee Beebe:

THAT the new Board Authorized Course, M.A.S.T.A., **BE APPROVED**, without any registration fee.

Opposed: Chair Trenaman, Trustees Lang, Vice Chair Nazaroff, Trustee Chew, Trustee Walsh and Trustee Coons

Abstained: Trustee Maslechko

Motion defeated

Trustee Gribbin noted that course fees will prohibit some students to attend as they don't have financial means. Trustee Lang stated she agreed with the intent, but not the timing. Superintendent Perkins advised that this agenda item is just to ask for the approval of the re-write of the courses in the new curriculum format. She also pointed out the importance of keeping students interested. Secretary-Treasurer McLellan advised that a good time to talk about course fees will be along with discussing all school level fees as part of the budget discussion.

The Board had further discussion and a final motion came into place.

Moved by Trustee Coons, seconded by Trustee Nazaroff, **AND RESOLVED:** 18/19-103

THAT the new Board Authorized Course: Mountain Adventure Skills and Tourism Academy: M.A.S.T.A., **BE APPROVED.**

Opposed: Trustee Gribbin

Abstained: Trustee Beebe, Trustee Maslechko

B. Responses to KLTF inquires

Superintendent Perkins presented the attached responses to letters from D. Kunzelman and D. Sabourin, KLTF. Superintendent Perkins reported that many years ago the two teachers associations in Nelson and Creston were unified into the KLTF [Kootenay Lake Teacher's Federation]. Director Holitzki reported about updates to PELRA legislation and how this impacted School District.

Trustee Gribbin inquired if there is specific policy. He referred to a letter of understanding from June 25, 2002 signed by former Board Chair Penny Tees.

Trustee Maslechko inquired about letter from D. Sabourin, and if Board could reconsider the invitation after Bargaining negotiations are carried out. The response given by Superintendent Perkins is that our legal advice as documented in appendices is if Union wants to have discussion this should go through Management and not through Trustees.

C. Statement of Disclosure

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan advised that at the Closed Meeting held February 26, 2019, conflict of interests were declared by four Trustees when discussing Teacher bargaining and CUPE bargaining plans. Following those discussions, the Board resolved to accept the bargaining plans.

D. Committee Appointments

Given that pro forma amendments to Policy 121 concerning the appointment of Trustees to committees will be considered in future, the Board confirmed the following:

Moved by Chair Trenaman and seconded by Trustee Lang, **AND RESOLVED:** 18/19-104

THAT the Board supports the Chair's current appointments to Committees.

Opposed: Trustee Gribbin

11. Education

i. Bountiful

Trustee Gribbin mentioned that change was occurring, new students from the Bountiful community are entering schools, and this is not just a local issue. He proposed writing a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting assistance and resources in bringing students from the Bountiful community into public education. The Board discussed what has been done so far and how to extend advocacy. Acting Director Ross described upgrades to the Trades programs being offered. Chair Trenaman mentioned that this is also a budget issue, and stated that Staff need to collect and analyze information first, after which a letter could be drafted.

A. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Perkins presented the March’s Superintendent’s Report. She highlighted recent achievements and improvements at ARES, Canyon-Lister, Erickson, PCSS, and Creston Homelinks. She also mentioned that School District 8 was recognized as the 8th largest regional employer in Kootenay Business Magazine.

B. Bamfield field trip

Superintendent Perkins presented the attached field trip request. Director Eaton added that SD8 and SD23 are co-sponsoring this trip.

12. Finance & Operations

A. Monthly Financial Report as at January 31, 2019 – Secretary-Treasurer McLellan

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan reported that this item was discussed in more detail at the Finance & Operations Committee of the Whole meeting from earlier that day. There were no questions posed.

B. Preview of Budget 2019/2020 Asks – Secretary-Treasurer McLellan

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan discussed the Budgeting process, stating that all proposed budget Expense items in the 2019-2020 Budget will specify which Strategic Plan goal they are intended to help achieve. He also discussed the Budget process, stating that the first step towards budgeting that is currently in-process is to assess and validate Revenues; next performing Expense estimates for contractual items including salaries & benefits and rentals & leases, as well as to confirm spending of targeted funds. Once these initial budgeting tasks are complete, it will be determined if there are any unallocated funds remaining which could be used on various initiatives throughout the School District to improve student achievement or otherwise pursue the goals set out in the Board’s Strategic Plan. Should there be any unallocated funds available, the Board would be able to consider various initiatives and improvements to further student achievement.

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan mentioned that he has compiled the attached preliminary list of 2019-2020 Budget Asks, based on various sources, including: unfulfilled expense requests received by his office throughout this current year, requests made by all Principals or Vice-Principals during Alignment meetings, and other items requested by the Superintendent and other Directors. The purpose of bringing this up on the Agenda today is not to discuss or prioritize any of these particular potential discretionary Expense items, but only to show the

work in progress thus far on compiling potential discretionary budget Expense items considered important throughout the School District. All items will be costed for consideration by the Board at a later date in the Budget Process.

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan also requested that if any Trustee wanted to add an item for analysis, costing and consideration in the 2019-2020 Budget Process to please let him know. He acknowledged two things that were discussed at this meeting that would be added, including Bountiful services and Field Trip fees.

C. Capital Project Updates from MoE – Secretary-Treasurer McLellan

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan referred to Handout 12C, which is a Letter from the MoE confirming capital funding for next year, and which was distributed preceding this meeting. The Board discussed the process for the potential expansion of Blewett. The Planning Officer from the MoE, Rosa Cutler, will be visiting in May to help District Staff prepare its Project Definition Report. Superintendent Perkins noted that it is at least a 1-year process to receive funding approval.

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan also noted that the BUS funding noted in the approval letter is for buses the Board had already received funding for in the current year, so there is a good chance the MoE will not be providing any BUS funding the Board next year.

D. Ministry of Education: Financial Management Committee Report – Superintendent Perkins

Superintendent Perkins reported on her participation in the Funding Model Review Financial Management Committee; she attended a first meeting which took place on March 5, 2019. There were 23 representatives from all kinds of interest groups from the whole province attended. A final report will be made public in fall 2019.

E. South Slocan Old School House Reversionary Interest Removal By-law

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan explained reason for having this item in this agenda again. He reported a further update from the RDCK by J. Chirico, General Manager of Community Services:

“The long-term plan is tied up with the discussion around Campbell field. The property is important for the watershed for the South Slocan water system. The building itself is a tremendous liability. The revenue potential does not balance with the capital required for mandatory improvements. The facility has asbestos in a number of areas in the basement and could have issues due to the oil heating system. There are potential encroachment issues of the building on neighboring properties. The short of it is that no decision has been made but the District wants to be able to explore all avenues that protect the interests of the RDCK water system while addressing the short and long-term cost implications of the building”.

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan reported that Mr. Chirico also mentioned the possibility of a new facility, which might include a soccer field, indoor training facility or field, or maybe even a hockey arena at Campbell Field, which would be great for Mt Sentinel Secondary and the Junction area and Slocan Valley communities.

The Board discussed this issue and Trustee Nazaroff reiterated her concerns regarding the continuing of the Child Care Facility in the Old School House building.

Proposed By-law:

Moved by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Lang, **AND RESOLVED:** 18/19-105

WHEREAS on August 27, 1997 the Board transferred its interests in the property located at 3253 South Slocan Village Road (the “**Old School House Property**”) to the Regional District of Central Kootenay (“**RDCK**”), so long as the lands and premises are made available by the RDCK to the local community as a whole for community use (the “**Reversionary Interest**”);

WHEREAS the RDCK has requested that the Board agree to remove the Reversionary Interest on title of the Old School House Property in order for it to effectively deal with the property and the liabilities associated with the Old School House building;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Old School House Property Reversionary Interest be removed; and **THAT**

This By-Law be cited as “School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) South Slocan Old School House Reversionary Interest Removal By-Law”;

NOW LET

The South Slocan Old School House Property Reversionary Interest Removal By-law be given **THIRD READING**;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South Slocan Old School House Property Reversionary Interest Removal By-law **BE ADOPTED** as read a **THIRD** time.

Abstained: Trustee Gribbin, Trustee Nazaroff

13. Policy & Governance: Nil

14. Human Resources: Nil

15. Trustee Verbal Reports

Trustee Walsh: Attended Abed meeting and Pro-D event with Jo Chrona.

Trustee Maslechko: Attended Labour Management Meeting

Trustee Nazaroff: Participated in grade 10 social justice class, and assembly on Doukhobor history.

Trustee Chew: Expressed her gratitude towards Superintendent, Director Eaton and the Board of Education for the resources for the community in Salmo that were provided after fatal accident.

Trustee Lang: Expressed her objection to Trustee Gribbin’s comments about the previous board’s lack of community knowledge and understanding with respect to Bountiful.

Chair Trenaman: Attended with Trustee Walsh the Pro-D event with Jo Chrona at LVR for first hour.

Student Trustee O. Kettle: Reported that Peter Pan Show on Saturday night was sold out.

16. Question Period

D. Kunzelman, KLTF, referred to the letter he sent to the Board regarding the trustee appointment to the KLTF management committee, stating that union members felt the response from the Board did not answer his question.

Chair Trenaman explained that the issue of conflict of interest or perception of bias, is case specific and so must be considered case by case.

The Board committee representative appointment process is a matter of policy and that such appointments are at the discretion of the chair. Chair Trenaman acknowledged the disappointment stated in the KLTF letter and stated she didn’t understand what question the union wanted answered.

17. Meeting Schedule & Reminders

It was requested to add the May 17, 2019 Annual Youth Pow Wow to the schedule for next meeting schedule.

18. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.


Chair


Secretary-Treasurer

