

A Regular Open Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) was in the Board Room, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C., on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

L. Trenaman, C. Bendig, R. Huscroft, D. Lang,  
B. Maslechko, S. Nazaroff, H. Suttie

**REGRETS:**

B. Wright, Trustee  
L. Brown, Director of Operations

**ALSO PRESENT:**

C. Perkins, Superintendent of Schools  
J. Jones, Superintendent of Schools  
K. Morris, Secretary-Treasurer  
B. Eaton, Director of Independent Learning Services  
D. Holitzki, Director of Human Resources  
L. Fehr, Director of Innovative Learning Services

**MEDIA AND PUBLIC:**

B. Cross, KLPVPA  
S. Mcgregor, Teacher  
Will Johnson, Nelson Star  
G. Nesteroff, My Nelson Now

**VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE IN CRESTON:**

C. Beebe, Trustee  
D. Kunzelman, KLTF Co-President

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Trenaman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ABORIGINAL TERRITORY**

*We acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District #8.*

**INSERTIONS/DELETIONS TO PROPOSED AGENDA**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

17/18-001 **Moved** by Trustee Nazaroff, seconded by Trustee Maslechko AND RESOLVED THAT:

The Agenda for the September 12, 2017 meeting, BE ADOPTED, as circulated.

**RECEIVING PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

A. 2016/2017 Financial Statement Audit – Tyler Neels, Grant Thornton, LLP

Mr. Neels presented the 2016-2017 Financial Statements highlighting the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Operations Statement of Operations along with the Notes to the statements.

Tyler Neels, Grant Thornton, LLP left the meeting at 5:20 pm.

**CONSENT PACKAGE**

17/18-002 Moved by Trustee Bendig, seconded by Trustee Huscroft AND RESOLVED THAT:

The September 12, 2017 consent package BE RECEIVED.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

Doug Kunzelman – Welcome Dr. Perkins. Congratulations and I look forward to working with you from teachers in Kaslo, Creston, and Crawford Bay.

Doug Kunzelman - Government announced \$177m for public education. If this district gets \$1.8 million (proportionate amount) for the Ministry fiscal year that ends in March, KLTF is hoping the Board might reconsider the Long Range Facilities Plan and closing Creston Education Centre and other facilities.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

17/18-003 **Moved** by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Bendig AND RESOLVED THAT:

The Regular Minutes from the June 27, 2017 meeting, BE ADOPTED.

**FUTURE AND ACTION ITEM TRACKING**

**RECEIPT OF RECORD OF CLOSED MEETING**

17/18-004 **Moved** by Trustee Huscroft, seconded by Trustee Nazaroff AND RESOLVED THAT:

The Records of the June 23, 2017 Special Closed meeting, June 27, 2017 Special Closed meeting, and the July 5, 2017 Special Closed meeting, BE RECEIVED.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S VERBAL UPDATE** – Superintendent Perkins/Superintendent Jones

- Our thoughts are with the family of our friend and colleague Alvin Dunic. It was confirmed that a body found in Crawford Creek this summer was indeed him. His contributions to Crawford Bay School, our district and the community leave a legacy of thoughtfulness and generosity. He will indeed be missed. A celebration of his life is being planned by his family for October 14, at 1:30 at the Ashram in Riondel.
- This summer 6 students and 2 chaperones from our district travelled to Fuzhou in China, where they were billeted with Chinese families and took part in education activities on culture and running /pitching a business concept - much like a mock dragons den. Also this summer we were able to send 5 students and chaperones to the Beijing International Summer Camp. We are looking forward to hearing from these travellers at future Board meetings! Many thanks to all our schools, parents and communities who support these important opportunities. It is also

important to note the leadership and energy made by our International Program and with the leadership of Sandy Prentice. Her commitment to ensuring our students have opportunities to develop international and intercultural capacity is important.

- On another, but related, note, our thoughts are with the families who have, over many years, become our friends in Oaxaca, Mexico. As you know Oaxaca was shaken by a major earthquake. We have been in touch with some of our friends who are saying the area we normally visit is safe – and where we can we are connecting with our students who have visited and volunteered in Oaxaca.
- I was pleased to visit LVR on September 5. There was a positive energy that everybody appreciated. I dropped by the counselling office where students were meeting regarding their course selections. There were no line ups. I visited the office, where there was a line-up of students who were trying to change their classes. I asked several staff who said to me that the process was very smooth this year in comparison to previous years – so I would like to extend a public note of appreciation to all of our staff who have worked hard to ensure that to the best extent possible for this early in the year things are going well.
- I was also pleased to visit WE Graham, Winlaw, Brent Kennedy and Mount Sentinel schools last week and to share in their start up activities as well. I was at Trafalgar Middle School for a meeting last week – and enjoyed seeing the beautiful space that has been made available for our Aboriginal Education Team to share as office space.
- As a final note I would like to extend a personal welcome to Superintendent Perkins. As I move into the role of Superintendent Emeritus, it is a wonderful privilege to work with her for a short time

17/18-005 **Moved** by Trustee Bendig, seconded by Trustee Huscroft AND RESOLVED THAT:  
The September 12, 2017 Superintendents' verbal update, BE RECEIVED.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Action**  
Nil

B. **Information/Discussion**  
Nil

#### **EDUCATION**

A. **Action**  
a) **Provincial Poverty Reduction Plan**

Trustee Bendig provided background regarding poverty reduction work in SD8 as follows:

- May 2015 Education Committee of the Whole made recommendations to the Board regarding poverty.
- From that the Board and the Education Committee of the Whole went to work where in June 2015 a letter was sent from Board and stakeholders regarding poverty reduction plan to Ministers of Education and Finance; with no reply.
- Since then the Education Committee of the Whole was to provide a progress report.
- A sub-committee of Education Committee of the Whole SD8 has completed recommendations but could engage student more, and write another letter of advocacy and continue to work with British Columbia School Teachers Association to advocate to Ministry of Education.

17/18-006

**Moved** by Trustee Bendig, seconded by Trustee Nazaroff AND  
RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Education write the Minister of Education and the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction urging the expedient development and adoption of a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy for the province that recognizes the crucial role a strong public education system plays in creating a fair and equitable society.

**B. Information/Discussion**

a) New Curriculum Update

Director Fehr updated the Board relative to new curriculum as follows:

- Provincial assessment update reading, writing, numeracy, Gr 4; literacy numeracy grad years.
- FSA in fall Gr 4/7 starting Oct 2; results in February.
- Marking for grad years will be done provincially.
- To prepare for assessments we've advised Principals, ensured Information Technology is prepped and trained for marking.
- Numeracy – Sd20 Carol Fullerton shared pro-d 22 teachers.
- FI – FYI 57 students registered; 60 spots available and have been able to accept all student.
- ProD - first day Sept 22; supporting sample of new curriculum; Jen Unwin will be here 2 sessions.
- Thank you to the pro-d committee.
- Get Out and Learn- Kokanee Creek spawning – most schools and all visit here; more fish spawning this year and an increased number of park attendants to help monitor for bears.

## **FINANCE AND OPERATIONS**

### **A. Action**

- 17/18-007 a) 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements  
**Moved** by Trustee Huscroft, seconded by Trustee Maslechko AND  
RESOLVED THAT:  
  
The 2016/2017 Audited Financial Statements BE APPROVED.
- 17/18-008 b) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2017/2018-CPSD08-01  
**Moved** by Trustee Huscroft, seconded by Trustee Maslechko AND  
RESOLVED THAT:  
  
i) The School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Capital Plan Bylaw No.  
2017/2018-CPSD08-01 be given FIRST reading.
- 17/18-009 **Moved** by Trustee Suttie, seconded by Trustee Maslechko AND  
RESOLVED THAT:  
  
ii) The School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Capital Plan Bylaw No.  
2017/2018-CPSD08-01 be given SECOND reading.
- 17/18-010 **Moved** by Trustee Maslechko, seconded by Trustee Suttie AND  
RESOLVED THAT:  
  
iii) The School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Capital Plan Bylaw No.  
2017/2018-CPSD08-01 go forward to THIRD reading.
- 17/18-011 **Moved** by Trustee Suttie, seconded by Trustee Nazaroff AND  
RESOLVED THAT:  
  
iv) The School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Capital Plan Bylaw No.  
2017/2018-CPSD08-01 be ADOPTED as read a THIRD time.
- 17/18-012 c) 2016-2017 Aboriginal Education Carry Forward  
**Moved** by Trustee Nazaroff, seconded by Trustee Bendig AND  
RESOLVED THAT:  
  
The 2016-2017 Aboriginal Education Carry Forward request to the  
Minister of Education, BE APPROVED.
- d) Family of Schools Facility Plan Follow Up Meeting Dates  
**Moved** by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Huscroft AND RESOLVED  
THAT:

The Board approve re-scheduled Family of Schools Facilities Plan Follow Up meetings, postponed in Spring 2017, as follows:  
Nelson Family of Schools, Blewett Elementary School, October 16, 2017, 6-8 pm  
Slocan Family of Schools, Winlaw Elementary School, October 30, 2017, 6-8 pm.

17/18-013

**Moved** by Trustee Bendig, seconded by Trustee Lang AND RESOLVED THAT:

The motion be amended to change the October 16 date to October 23, 2017.

The Board approve re-scheduled Family of Schools Facilities Plan Follow Up meetings, postponed in Spring 2017, as follows:  
Nelson Family of Schools, Blewett Elementary School, October, 23, 2017, 6-8 pm  
Slocan Family of Schools, Winlaw Elementary School, October 30, 2017, 6-8 pm.

**Opposed:** Trustee Trenaman, Suttie, Huscroft, Lang, Maslechko, Nazaroff.  
Defeated

17/18-014

**Moved** by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Huscroft AND RESOLVED THAT:

The Board approve re-scheduled Family of Schools Facilities Plan Follow Up meetings, postponed in Spring 2017, as follows:  
Nelson Family of Schools, Blewett Elementary School, October 16, 2017, 6-8 pm: and  
Slocan Family of Schools, Winlaw Elementary School, October 30, 2017, 6-8 pm.

**Abstained:** Trustee Bendig  
Carried

**B. Information/Discussion**

- a) Notification of Likely or Actual Offsite Migration to Neighboring Properties from 80 Baker Street, Nelson, BC

17/18-015

**Moved** by Trustee Suttie, seconded by Trustee Nazaroff AND RESOLVED THAT:

The June 26, 2017 letter from M. Parker, Program Support, Ministry of Environment carbon copied to School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) relative to Notification of Likely or Actual Offsite Migration to Neighboring Property from 80 Baker Street, Nelson, BC BE RECEIVED for information.

- 17/18-016      b) Student Learning Fund Spending Plan Report  
**Moved** by Trustee Bendig, seconded by Trustee Huscroft AND  
RESOLVED THAT:

The 2016/2017 – 2017/2018 Student Learning Fund Spending Plan Report BE RECEIVED for information.

#### **POLICY AND GOVERNANCE**

A. **Action**  
Nil

B. **Information/Discussion**  
Nil

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

A. **Action**  
Nil

B. **Information/Discussion**

a) 2017-2018 Student Enrolment Update

Director Holitzki advised that enrolment FTE is 4770 as of September 8, 2017 and is 20 FTE increase from the February 2017 enrolment projection. Enrolment will flux over the next weeks as districts move toward September 30, 2017 snapshot date.

b) 2017-2018 Staffing Update

Director Holitzki advised:

- Since May 15, 2017, nearly 140 teacher postings were filled; not all full time. Included are 36 teachers from restored language under the Classroom Enhancement Fund
- Over 80 CUPE postings processed since June 1, 2017
- No CUPE layoffs
- In total, hired 52 people “brand new” to the district (CUPE and Teachers)

c) Student Transfer Update

Director Holitzki updated the Board as follows:

- Spring 2017 transfer process opened early for two months

- All transfers submitted by the deadline were approved first week of April
  - 50 new transfers received after the deadline
- Working toward reviewing and approving or denying late transfers by September 15, 2017.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **A. Action**

17/18-017

- a) Rescinding Ad Hoc Board Evaluation and Review Committee resolution  
**Moved** by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Huscroft AND RESOLVED THAT:

*The Resolution No. 15/16-125 which reads as follows:  
Staff be directed to provide the Ad Hoc Board Evaluation and Review Committee with the following:  
a) a map with the electoral boundaries of the RDCK and School District No. 8 overlaid; and  
b) all Board reports and/or resolutions relevant to the prospective district boundary re-alignment.  
BE RESCINDED.*

#### **B. Information/Discussion**

- a) BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Fall Branch Meeting and AGM  
September 15 – 17, 2017  
Ainsworth Hot Springs  
Ainsworth, BC
- b) Third Annual Education Partner Liaison Meeting  
October 25, 2017  
Vancouver Airport Hilton Hotel  
Richmond, BC
- c) BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting  
October 26, 2017  
Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel  
Richmond, BC
- d) BCSTA Provincial Council  
October 27 - 28, 2017  
Morris J. Wosk Centre  
Vancouver, BC
- e) BCPSEA Symposium  
November 2-3, 2017  
Coast Coal Harbour Hotel



Vancouver, BC

- f) BCSTA Trustee Academy 2017  
November 23 - 25, 2017  
Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel  
Richmond, BC
- g) BCPSEA 2018 AGM  
January 26, 2018  
Coast Coal Harbour Hotel  
Vancouver, BC
- h) BCSTA Provincial Council  
February 16-17, 2018  
Morris J. Wosk Centre  
Vancouver, BC
- i) BCSTA AGM 2018  
April 26 – 29, 2018  
Sheraton Vancouver Airport  
Richmond, BC

#### **TRUSTEE VERBAL REPORTS**

Trustee Nazaroff – Attended Recreation Commission meeting

Trustee Bendig – Attended Keep the Beat and Kootenay Pride Parade and met students excited about Kindergarten this year

Chair Trenaman - 22 minute phone call with Minister; written report to follow

Trustee Lang – Absent September 26, 2017 to attend UBCM

#### **QUESTION PERIOD**

Nil

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for **October 10, 2017** at Nelson Board Office.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer