

**MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN PUBLIC
MINUTES**

HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022

In person at the School Board Office and via video conference

Board:

L. Trenaman, Chair
S. Nazaroff, Vice-Chair
D. Lang (*via video conference*)
S. Walsh
B. Coons (*via video conference*)
A. Gribbin (*via video conference*)
B. Maslechko (*via video conference*)
C. Beebe (*via video conference*)
S. Chew

District Staff:

T. Smillie, Superintendent
J. Glaudemans, Secretary-Treasurer
D. Holitzki, Director of Instruction – Equity, Inclusion & Reconciliation
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction - Innovative Learning Services
C. Kerr, Director of Operations
M. Choudhary, Manager of Finance
S. Whale, Executive Assistant

Student Trustees:

A. Trobak, J.V. Humphries Secondary School (*via video conference*)
R. Klassen, Kootenay River Secondary School (*via video conference*)

Partners:

A. Cavicchi, CUPE (*via video conference*)
R. Bens, CUPE (*via video conference*)
M. Bennett, CUPE (*via video conference*)
K. Walgren, KLTF (*via video conference*)
D. Kunzelman, KLTF (*via video conference*)
S. Maloff, KLPVPA (*via video conference*)

Guests:

J. Baumgartner
S.- L. McGregor (*via video conference*)
Adam Robertson Elementary (*via video conference*)
R.K. Douville (*via video conference*)
C. McGregor (*via video conference*)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Changes to the Proposed Agenda

Added: Item 11G Monthly Financial Report out of the Consent Package

4. Adoption of Agenda

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-056

THAT the Agenda for this June 21, 2022 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.

5. Receiving Presentations – Nil

6. Comments or Questions from the Public regarding items on this Agenda – Nil

7. Consent Package

8. Adoption of Minutes

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-057

THAT the minutes from the May 24, 2022 Meeting of the Board held in public **BE ADOPTED**.

9. Future and Action Item Tracking – Nil

10. Education

A. 2021/2022 Enhancing Student Learning Report and 2022/2023 School Learning Plans

The Superintendent thanked the Inclusive Learning Team and District Principals for their hard work putting together the new format of this report.

The Director of Innovative Learning Services presented information on SD8 Student Enhancing Report 2021-2022 (pranteticse ESL) including the following:

- What is FESL?
- District context
- Goals, priorities, coherence, and alignment
- Educational outcomes
- Evidence of learning
- Future directions
- School Learning Plans

A Trustee inquired whether the full report would be submitted to the Ministry. The Superintendent responded that a shorter document would be submitted, and it would link to specific data in the full report.

B. Provincial Online Learning Update

The Director of Innovative Learning Services was pleased to announce that SD8 had been accepted to operate as a Provincial Online Learning School effective in 2023. 18 Districts in the Province had been selected. More information from the Ministry of Education and Child Care regarding the implementation process will most likely take place in October 2022.

11. Operations and Finance

A. 2022/2023 School-Initiated Facility Projects

The Director of Operations provided an update on School-Initiated Facility Projects including:

- Brent Kennedy: Sensory path
- Canyon Lister: Accessible pathways and ramps
- Wildflower Nelson: Outside play area to be expanded by reconfiguration of parking area
- Erickson: Elder teaching platform/stage
- Hume: Outside mural in collaboration with AbEd, Nelson District Arts Council and LKB
- Kootenay River Secondary:
 - Canoe storage as collaborative initiative
 - Bouldering wall
- Mt Sentinel: Media Arts Stage
- Redfish: Fenced garden and raised garden beds
- Salmo Elementary: Outdoor playground enhancement and improvement of garden area
- Salmo Secondary:
 - Playing field project for soccer tournaments
- Gaga Ball Pit at various sites

B. 2021/2022 Video Surveillance

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the attached report is an annual requirement, and mentioned that the access to the recordings is restricted to principals and designated district personnel staff on a strictly as needed basis.

C. 2022-2023 School Fees

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that school fees are set at school level in consultation with the Parent Advisory Committee. He noted that the fees are similar to prior years and that a policy is in place to assist parents that needed financial support. A Trustee raised concerns around certain school fees especially when they're not optional and not refundable. A discussion ensued.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:**

21/22-058

THAT the 2022-2023 School Fees **BE APPROVED** as proposed.

After further discussion a second motion was suggested and adopted:

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:**

21/22-059

THAT school fees be reviewed between September 2022 and January 2023 to ensure alignment to the School Act and any fees outside of this be refunded to families;
and **THAT** the Board of Education use this review to make necessary policy revisions related to school fees.

D. Trustee Indemnity

The Trustee that came forward with this motion and provided a rationale.

The Secretary-Treasurer introduced a Memorandum related to Trustee Indemnities and provided a background on the two options presented in the memo.

A discussion ensued and several Trustees shared their point of view.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-060

THAT the term average indemnity in Policy 131 is to be changed to median indemnity to take effect at the end of the 2021/2022 school year, **BE APPROVED**.

Seven Trustees were opposed. Motion defeated.

After further discussion following motion was adopted:

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-061

THAT the Board consider reviewing the Trustee indemnity once the new Board has been elected after October 15, 2022, **BE APPROVED**.

One Trustee was opposed. Motion carried.

E. Auditors Terms of Engagement

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that an auditor presented earlier at the Closed Board Meeting and the audit plan would be similar to last year's audit.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-062

THAT the proposal of BDO Canada, made pursuant to the Auditor Terms of Engagement issued on March 31, 2022 **BE APPROVED** by the Board.

F. School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2022

The Secretary-Treasurer announced that every 4 years Trustee elections take place. This year they are scheduled for October 15, 2022. He advised that the attached bylaw sets up regulations on how the elections are held.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-063

THAT the School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2022 **BE GIVEN FIRST** reading.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-064

THAT the School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2022 **BE GIVEN SECOND** reading.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-065

THAT the School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2022 go forward to **THIRD** reading.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-066

THAT the School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2022 BE ADOPTED as read a **THIRD** time.

G. Monthly Financial Report

A Trustee inquired about the net revenue and remaining budget of an amount of \$45,597 if that creates a slight deficit. The Secretary-Treasurer responded that there had been an adjustment in the funding revenue received from the Government due to change of enrollment numbers. Furthermore, the Trustee inquired about the deficit of \$565,329 in operating funds which was previously expected to be balanced. The Secretary-Treasurer responded that there is a difference between financial position as well as income statement. The Financial position would be related to the balance sheet and by the end of the year a balanced budget is expected to be achieved.

12. Governance and Policy

A. Board Calendar

The Superintendent suggested to adopt the new Policy 121 before the Board Calendar approval. By consensus this item was deferred.

B. Policies returned after Field Testing

- Policy 330: Sexual Orientation Gender Identity
- Policy 331: Anti-Racism and Cultural Safety
- Policy 410: School Choice and Catchment
- Policy 450: Equitable and Inclusive Educational Services for Learners
- Policy 791: Naming / Re-Naming of Schools & Facilities

The Superintendent reported that one feedback from the public had been received for Policy 331: Anti-Racism and Cultural Safety, which she read out. The Superintendent and Trustees thanked all staff involved in creating this new policy.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-067

THAT Policies 330, 331, 410, 450 and 791 **BE APPROVED.**

C. Board Policies for Approval

- Policy 120: Board Meeting Procedures
- Policy 121: Committee Structure
- Policy 160: Policy Development

The Chair introduced the updated Board policies and noted that these wouldn't follow the same process as other policy sections because they are governance policies.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-068

THAT the updated Policies 120, 121 and 160 **BE APPROVED**.

D. Board Calendar

The Superintendent advised that the attached Board Calendar was provided to ensure a predictable schedule for Trustees and Partner Advisory Committee members.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 21/22-069

THAT the 2022-2023 Board Calendar **BE APPROVED** as proposed.

13. Human Resources

Nil

14. Trustee Reports

A. Trustees

- Trustee Chew reported that she attended the Salmo Secondary School Graduation Ceremony.
- Trustee Lang reported that she was unable to attend the JVH Graduation, but she delivered a video address and she thanked the Chair for attending the Ceremony on her behalf. Trustee Lang attended several BCPSEA Meetings, Director Meetings, and Provincial Update Meetings and the Selkirk College Open House. Furthermore, she announced her appointment for the BCSTA Legislative Committee for a one-year term.
- Trustee Walsh participated in the LVR Graduation Ceremony, she attended the unveiling of the new sign at KRSS, films from MSS students at the Civic Theatre, PAC meetings and the final Aboriginal Education Committee of the year.
- Trustee Maslechko attended the LVR Graduation ceremony and he thanked all staff for their hard work.
- Vice-Chair Nazaroff reported that she attended the School Learning Tours and the MSS Graduation Ceremony.
- Trustee Gribbin attended the School Learning Tours of Creston schools and he participated at the KRSS Graduation Ceremony.

B. Chair

The Chair reported that she attended retirement celebrations at Hume Elementary, Nelson Maintenance, Wildflower Creston and Adam Robertson. Furthermore, she attended school tours of

all families of schools, Crawford Bay PAC meeting, PVP pool interviews, meetings with unions for upcoming policy and committee structure changes, meeting with Superintendent and MLA B. Anderson, Graduation Ceremony at LVR, KRSS, JVH, and at Creston Homelinks, CUPE Labour Management meetings and KRSS sign reveal.

The Chair acknowledged that Trustee Maslechko had broken a provincial record by being a Superintendent for 17 years and a Trustees for the equal numbers of years.

C. BCSTA - Nil

D. BCPSEA - Nil

E. RDCK

Vice-Chair Nazaroff reported that the RDCK is still collecting for input from the public for the planning of recreation development at Campbell Field.

F. Other Committees

G. Student Trustees

The Chair reported that seven out of ten Student Trustees would be graduating this year. She recognized them for their contribution and the time they invested as Student Trustees. She noted that the Board will miss them and wished them all the best in their endeavors. Furthermore, she acknowledged Student Trustees that will return next year and expressed her gratitude for them. The Board and Staff applauded to all Student Trustees.

Student Trustee Klassen from Kootenay River Secondary School thanked the Board and provided an update, including:

- Everyone is excited for summer break
- End of May student council organized an anti-hate forum
- Performance arts class had final performance
- New sign reveal, great step in changing our presence in community

She reported that she would be moving to Vancouver next year to pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree at UBC.

Student Trustee Trobak from J.V. Humphries Secondary School thanked the Board for the opportunity and reported that she will be back next year. She provided following update:

- Highschool is done for the year, Elementary School is still going
- Family carnival with games and prizes
- Talent show with little ones
- Final drama performance of the year with audience, which was greatly appreciated

The Chair thanked on behalf of the Board of Education every person of all areas in the SD8 community for their contributions and support to help students thrive and to bring the joy of learning to them. She wished everyone a wonderful summer filled with family fun and joy.

15. Comments or Questions from the Public

Members of the public inquired about the following:

- Definition of Online Learning Center

- Whether Trustees would downsize in numbers with the withdrawing attendance at Partner Meetings
- With layoffs of Student Support Workers, how the Board would justify a cost of living allowance for Trustees
- Whether the public would hear from Trustees that didn't provide a report

The Superintendent and Chair provided responses to all questions and clarified any misunderstandings.

16. Meeting Schedule and Reminders

A. Board Meetings

The next Meeting of the Board held in the public is scheduled for September 13, 2022.

17. Adjournment of Meeting

The Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.


Chair


Secretary-Treasurer