

MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN PUBLIC  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

**Board:**

L. Trenaman, Chair  
D. Lang, Vice-Chair (*via video conference*)  
M. J. Blackmore  
J. Bremner  
S. Chew (*via video conference*)  
A. Gribbin  
K. Etheridge  
S. Nazaroff  
M. Shunter

**District Staff:**

T. Smillie, Superintendent  
J. Glaudemans, Secretary-Treasurer  
B. Eaton, District Director of Instruction – Innovative Learning  
G. Higginbottom, District Principal – Aboriginal Education  
C. Kerr, Director of Operations  
F. Maika (*via video conference*)  
N. Ross, District Principal – Early Years & Inclusive Education  
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources  
S. Bruskowski, Executive Assistant

**Student Trustees:**

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**Guests:**

Judy O’Leary and Laura Sacks, West Kootenay Climate Hub

**Regrets:**

D. Holitzki

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM.

**2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory**

**3. Changes to the Proposed Agenda – Nil**

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-031

**THAT** the Agenda for this February 14, 2023 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Receiving Presentations**

**A. Judy O’Leary and Laura Sacks, West Kootenay Climate Hub**

Judy O’Leary and Laura Sacks held a presentation on climate change and climate action in the West Kootenays.

The West Kootenay Climate Club sees the need for collaborations among organizations and sectors in the region and is connected with climate hubs in other parts of Canada.

More information can be found on their website at <https://www.westkootenayclimatehub.ca/>.

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

The Chair responded to a question that communication is shared with the public as outlined in Policy 120. A question was answered outlining that Trustees are elected by their electoral area, but trustees represent all students in the district in her role.

**7. Consent Package – Nil**

**8. Adoption of Minutes**

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-032

**THAT** the minutes from the January 10, 2023 Meeting of the Board held in public BE

**ADOPTED** as circulated.

The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Future and Action Item Tracking – Nil**

**10. Education**

A. Literacy Continuous Learning Report

District Principal Ross and Director Eaton presented the Literacy Continuous Learning Report. The goal is to improve literacy proficiency for all learners. This supports the ultimate goal that every student graduates High School with dignity, purpose, and options for their future.

B. Consent Education Curriculum

The Superintendent presented the Consent Education Curriculum. The curriculum is implemented in the K-10 PHE curricula as well as the grades 10-12 Career Life Education curricula. A button for the ERASE anonymous reporting tool for students is on the district website.

**11. Operations and Finance**

A. Approve Amended Budget Report

In a presentation, the Secretary-Treasurer compared the initial budget, which was created and approved based on best information available, to the amended budget, which is based on the September 29, 2022 enrollment count and takes into consideration developments and adjustments that have occurred over the course of the 2022-2023 school year.

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-033

**THAT** the Board of Education proceed to conclude three readings in one evening for the School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2022/2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

Amended Budget Bylaw 2022 / 2023

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-034

- i. **THAT** the 2022-2023 Amended Budget Bylaw BE APPROVED as read a first time;
- ii. **THAT** the 2022-2023 Amended Budget Bylaw BE APPROVED as read a second time;
- iii. **THAT** the 2022-2023 Amended Budget Bylaw BE ADOPTED as read a third time.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Recycling in School District 8 (Kootenay Lake)

Director Kerr provided background information on the recycling situation in School District 8 (Kootenay Lake) as described in the agenda package.

**12. Governance and Policy**

A. Policy Approval

The Superintendent outlined that Policy 621 was up for field testing for one month. No feedback was received from the public, and the policy was brought to the Board for approval.

**UPON** a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-035

**THAT** policy 621 BE APPROVED.

The motion carried unanimously.

**13. Human Resources – Nil**

**14. Trustee Reports**

A. Trustees

- One Trustee attended three BCPSEA meetings plus the BCPSEA AGM, BCSTA meetings, and the Agenda Setting meeting.
- One Trustee attended the funeral services for former Trustee and Board Chair Annette Hambler-Pruden (1947-2022). Both in her role as Trustee and Education Coordinator for Lower Kootenay Band, Annette was an exceptionally vocal advocate for indigenous education. She set an example for lifelong learning, hard work, integrity, and determination as an educator and as a member of our community.
- One Trustee reported from the meetings of the Climate Hub meeting. The group wants to find ways to support Green Team.
- One Trustee had exchange with her MLA on the idea of bringing private funds into public education. Moving forward, she will investigate whether there is policy in the way to move forward. In addition, she is going to help other representatives understand the framework of Public Private Partnerships in the postsecondary education as well as the health care sector.
- Trustees reported on the Strategic Plan Public Engagement sessions, thanked the public for feedback through the engagement platform and encouraged everyone to participate.

**B. Chair**

The BCSTA Board Chairs met with new Minister of Education and Child Care, Honourable Rachna Singh. She reported from the virtual session on governance and encouraged all Trustees to attend these meetings.

When attending the BCSTA Liaison meeting with the Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer, she learned that the Student and Family Affordability Fund may become an ongoing program.

**C. BCSTA**

The BCSTA Representative for School District 8 (Kootenay Lake) will attend the BCSTA Provincial Council in two weeks.

**D. BCPSEA**

The BCPSEA Representative for School District 8 (Kootenay Lake) reported from a great AGM.

**E. RDCK – Nil**

**F. Other Committees – Nil**

**G. Student Trustees**

The Chair read out a report on a successful semester turnaround, Valentine’s Day activities, and multiple sports events that she had received from LVR Student Trustees.

**15. Comments or Questions from the Public**

A member from the public added that Annette Hambler-Pruden was a wonderful woman who was truly there for the children and she will be missed.

**16. Meeting Schedule and Reminders**

**A. Board Meetings**

The next Meeting of the Board held in the public is scheduled for March 14, 2023.

**17. Adjournment of Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

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