



MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN PUBLIC
MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

Board:

L. Trenaman, Chair
D. Lang, Vice-Chair
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, Director of Instruction – Innovative Learning
D. Holitzki, Director of Instruction – Equity, Inclusion & Diversity
C. Kerr, Director of Operations
F. Maika, Manager of Public Engagement (*via video conference*)
N. Ross, District Principal Early Years Childcare & Inclusive Education
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
S. Bruskowski, Executive Assistant

Student Trustees:

P. Gatto-Beebe, Kootenay River Secondary
N. Holland, Mount Sentinel

Guests:

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Regrets:

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Changes to the Proposed Agenda

Chair Trenaman reminded Trustees that proposals to add or change policies can be submitted using the [Policy Pro Forma](#).

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

22/23-039

THAT the Agenda for this April 11, 2023 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Receiving Presentations – Nil

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

The Secretary-Treasurer outlined monthly financial reports for March and moving forward reflect the union settlement. District infrastructure now allows for simultaneous charging of two electric buses in Creston and Nelson each. The five buses recently obtained are diesel driven as grants to support with the higher purchase prices of electric buses are currently not available.

Superintendent Smillie stated that the district expects to spend the community links as well as the return to school health and safety grants.

7. Consent Package – Nil

One Trustee inquired about AP 820.8: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Fee Schedule. Secretary-Treasurer Glaudemans will provide information regarding costs for applicants other than commercial applicants at a later date.

8. Adoption of Minutes

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-040

THAT the minutes from the March 14, 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. Draft Strategic Plan 2024-2029

Superintendent Smillie outlined public mandates as well as the reconciliation framework and the framework for enhancing student learning that guide the Board in their work on the Strategic Plan. She reiterated the steps of the public engagement process before presenting the most recent version of the draft School District 8 (Kootenay Lake) Strategic Plan 2024-2029.

Once approved for field testing, it will be publicly accessible on the website where everyone is invited to provide feedback before the final version will be brought to the May 9, 2023, Meeting of the Board Held in Public for approval.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-041

THAT the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan **BE APPROVED** for field testing.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Child Care Provision Memo

Director Holitzki and District Principal Ross provided information on the provision of Child Care in School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) which has transitioned from the from the Ministry of Children and Family Development to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The goal is to provide access to inclusive, sustainable, equitable, and affordable childcare across the district. An environmental scan of resources is currently underway which will allow to identify additional childcare needs within the district.

11. Operations and Finance

A. 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

The Secretary-Treasurer provided a presentation on the 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget.

Answering to Trustees' questions, the Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer outlined that the final budget presented in May will be aligned with strategic priorities.

B. Capital Plan Bylaw 2023/24

Director Kerr explained that this is an update to the 5-year capital plan and outlined details to the projects as listed in the capital plan. He outlined that the district could apply for grants that are focused on government priorities, such as reducing the carbon footprint.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-042

THAT the Board of Education unanimously agrees to give the Capital Project Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD8-01 all three readings at this meeting of April 11, 2023.

WHEREAS in accordance with section 142 of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) (hereinafter called the “Board”) has submitted a capital plan to the Minister of Education (hereinafter called the “Minister”) and the Minister has approved the capital plan or has approved a capital plan with modifications,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 143 of the School Act, the Board has prepared this Capital Bylaw and agrees to do the following:

- (a) Authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to execute a capital project funding agreement(s) related to the capital project(s) contemplated by the capital plan or the capital plan with modifications;
- (b) Upon ministerial approval to proceed, commence the project(s) and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete each project substantially as directed by the Minister;
- (c) Observe and comply with any order, regulation, or policy of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the capital project(s); and,
- (d) Maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the capital project(s), as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board for the 2023/24 Capital Plan as approved by the Minister, to include the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent dated March 15, 2023, is hereby adopted.
2. This Capital Bylaw may be cited as School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24- CPSD8-01.”

READ A FIRST TIME the 11th day of April 2023;

READ A SECOND TIME the 11th day of April 2023;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED the 11th day of April 2023.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. School Fees Memo

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the School Fees Memo. The Secretary-Treasurer that he would provide information on the dollar amount spent by families as well as funds raised by PACs within School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) on school fees to allow Trustees investigate possibilities to cover fees as a district. The Secretary-Treasurer clarified that fee amounts differ between schools as principals set the fees in discussion with local PACs.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 22/23-043

THAT the 2023-2024 School Fees **BE APPROVED** as proposed with minor corrections.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. Governance and Policy – Nil

13. Human Resources

A. National Day of Mourning

Superintendent Smillie reminded the Board of the National Day of Mourning on April 28. To collectively remember injuries and lives lost, and as a reminder to work on health and safety, the district will lower the flags that day.

14. Other Items

A. Indigenous Learning by the Board of Education

Superintendent Smillie outlined the steps the Board is taking to work on Indigenous learning and on reconciliation. Legal advice was requested to ensure the district is working within legislation.

15. Trustee Reports

A. Trustees

Trustees reported on their work in the past month:

- Vice-Chair Lang participated in a BC School Trustees Association workshop for Board Chairs and Vice Chairs.
- Trustee Nazaroff reported from meetings of the Board. At the Slocan Valley Community Band meeting last week, hope ignited again that there is music in the valley.
- Trustee Blackmore attended a DPAC meeting and used this as an example how dialogue allows growth.
- Trustee Chew acknowledged the work of her fellow Trustees in various meetings. She highlighted the Superintendent's work on those and expressed her belief that thanks to the efforts made, change will be seen in the future.

B. Chair

The Chair reported of 14 meetings of the Board within 9 days. As the Board carries on, there will be a lot of traction.

C. BCSTA

Trustee Chew attended the BCSTA Provincial Council. A summary report is available on the BCSTA hub and numerous important motions are coming forward.

A virtual orientation meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13.

D. BCPSEA

On May 8, a regional BCPSEA meeting will be held in Cranbrook. Trustee Nazaroff will be attending.

E. RDCK – Nil

F. Other Committees – Nil

G. Student Trustees

- Student Trustee Patton Beebe reported on an amazing concert of an Indigenous artist that took place at KRSS right before Spring Break.
- Student Trustee Holland from Mt. Sentinel Secondary school provided information on the Mr. Webber freedom quest, as well as the film and media program trip to Vancouver that will include visits to multiple universities as well as the Vancouver Art Gallery. A new phone policy allows no phones in classrooms.

16. Comments or Questions from the Public

Superintendent Smillie answered questions made by the public. The Pro-D Day on Indigenizing the curriculum will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023, and will be accessible for the public through Zoom.

17. Meeting Schedule and Reminders

A. Board Meetings

The next Meeting of the Board held in the public is scheduled for May 09, 2023.

18. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.



Board Chair



Secretary-Treasurer