

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER), HELD ELECTRONICALLY AT 7:30 PM, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

Present: J. Kerr, Chair; K. Eddy, Vice-Chair; S. Briggs, R. Franklin, D. Hagen, J. McMann and S. Wilson Trustees; J. Morrow, Superintendent; P. Cizmic, Associate Superintendent; M. Kyle, Associate Superintendent; K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

21-135 Call to Order/ Chair's Remarks

Chair Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. He noted that we are approaching the new school year with optimism while being mindful of updated Covid protocols from the Ministry of Education. The Board continues to take precautions and to make accommodations, where possible, to protect the health and safety of all members of our learning community. Kerr encouraged everyone to look for the upcoming Board led campaign for the replacement of Cedar Elementary School.

21-136 Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Morrow thanked all staff including IT, maintenance, operations and board office staff who worked over the summer to prepare us for fall start up and conclude the work of the past year. Summer school was a huge success this year with 648 students registered in 17 different programs. As we enter the third school year that has been impacted by Covid we continue to rely on the experts in the health care system to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students and staff. The District's Strategic Plan continues to be relevant and informs our decisions.

21-137 Approval of the Minutes

It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by D. Hagen and **CARRIED:**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of June 15, 2021 are hereby approved as circulated.

21-138 Additions to the Agenda

- 12A Clarification comment from Trustee Hagen
- 12B Student Leadership Committee update

21-139 Approval of the Agenda

It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by K. Eddy and **CARRIED:**

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as amended.

21-140 Report from the Sept 7, 2021 Confidential Board Meeting

Vice-Chair Eddy reported general statements of matters discussed in the Board's Confidential Meeting, and in accordance with Section 72(3) of the School Act, reports the following:

1. Various teaching, administrative and support staff changes;
2. Property, legal and financial issues.
3. Returning to the Confidential meeting for the completion of the agenda.

21-141 Physical Literacy

Associate Superintendent Morgan Kyle introduce newly appointed Physical Literacy Coordinator, CRDTA member Georgina Knox. Knox shared a presentation on the new provincial Physical Literacy program. The coordinator position is wholly funded through the Ministry of Health's Sport for Life initiative. Knox will work to build capacity with schools and individual teachers to introduce the program's goals into the classroom. Her work will include professional development with teachers to deliver the program which is intended to build students' competence, confidence and motivation to be active for life.

21-142 Comment

Trustee Hagen made a personal comment regarding social media posts about a development proposal he is involved in, that connected him to past school closures. Trustee Hagen asked for it to be recorded that he had not voted in favour of the school closures mentioned in the posts.

21-143 Student Leadership Committee

Trustee Briggs reported that the Student Leadership Committee had their initial meeting on June 10th. The meeting included student representatives from Southgate, Phoenix, Robron, Carihi and Timberline middle and secondary schools as well as Trustee Briggs and Superintendent Morrow. The next meeting will be planned for early fall.

21-144 Updated COVID protocols for 2021/22

Associate Superintendent Philip Cizmick was joined by Health and Safety Supervisor Paul Reid for a presentation on the updated COVID protocols for K-12. They highlighted the removal of cohorts, changes to the high school schedule and the ability to adjust to new circumstances quickly if necessary.

Reid described technical measures that have been taken to provide safe school sites to support students and staff. Ventilation systems and filters were discussed including the District's commitment to exceed the minimum standards for schools. Reusable and disposable masks have been distributed to all staff and students in the district. In addition, barriers remain in place where needed and daily health checks are required for all students and staff.

21-145 Finance Warrant No. 6

It was proposed by D. Hagen, seconded by R. Franklin and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the Finance Warrant No. 6, dated June 30, 2021
be accepted as presented.*

21-146 Approval of 2020/21 schedule of reserves

The 2020/21 financial audit was completed over the summer. The schedule of reserves as presented in the agenda package was reviewed. The Board can identify and use internally restricted surplus amounts for one-time, short term, emergent or urgent items. As the federal and provincial governments have not yet allocated funding for additional costs due to COVID in the 21/22 school year, one of the urgent items that will be funded from the reserves is funding for COVID safety measures and PPE equipment.

It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by D. Hagen and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the Board Communication Committee forward letters to
the federal and provincial governments to establish funding for
COVID mitigation strategies.*

It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by J. McMann and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the 2020-2021 Schedule of Internally Restricted Reserves
be accepted as presented*

21-147 Cedar elementary replacement committee update

Chair Kerr outlined the actions taken to date by the Cedar Elementary replacement committee. Trustees have written letters to various levels of government, developed presentation materials, met with local MLA Babchuk and most recently met with Wei Wai Kum First Nation Chief Christopher Roberts and We Wai Kai First Nation Chief Ronnie Chickite. Board members will continue to advocate on behalf of their goal to see capital funding for a replacement school.

21-148 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

John Kerr, Board Chair.

Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

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September 7, 2021