

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER), HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021.

Present: J. Kerr, Chair; Susan Wilson, J. McMann, D. Hagen, K. Eddy, R. Franklin, and S. Briggs (remotely) Trustees; J. Morrow, Superintendent; and K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

21-182 Call to Order:

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

21-183 Election of Board Chairperson:

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick called for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board for the upcoming year.

Trustee Franklin nominated J. Kerr for the position of Chairperson. Trustee Kerr accepted the nomination.

After calling two more times for further nominations and hearing none, Secretary-Treasurer Patrick declared that J. Kerr was elected Chairperson of the Board of Education for School District 72 (Campbell River), by acclamation for the upcoming year.

21-184 Chair's Remarks:

In his opening remarks Kerr thanked everyone for their support in his role as Chair for a second term. He conveyed that the Campbell River Board of Education would like to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Laichwiltach People. He further advised that the core purpose of the Board is for the health, well being and learning of our students; that the Board consulted Dr. Charmaine Enns the North Island Medical Health Officer as part of the process in reaching the decision not to implement a vaccine mandate for district staff. Dr. Enns supported the decision, however indicated that the best way to protect individuals against COVID-19 is to get vaccinated; the COVID vaccination for children was not part of the provincial direction to boards in considering a vaccine mandate and the board had no conversations on the matter; the Cedar school replacement committee will meet with Minister Whiteside on November 25; thanked all who have sent letters of support to MLA Babchuk and Minister Whiteside and encouraged anyone who hasn't already to download and send a letter; and lastly he acknowledged these times are trying for everyone and thanked district staff for their efforts in maintaining a sense of normalcy for students.

21-185 Election of Vice-Chairperson of the Board:

Trustee McMann nominated K. Eddy for the position of Vice Chair. Trustee Eddy accepted the nomination.

After calling two more times for further nominations and hearing none, Board Chair Kerr declared that Trustee K. Eddy was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education for School District 72 (Campbell River), by acclamation for the coming year.

21-186 Vice-Chairperson’s Remarks:

In her opening remarks Eddy thanked the team for supporting her on the personal learning journey she is on of becoming a good governor for the children in our K-12 schools.

21-187 Appointment of Signing Officers:

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

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 72 Campbell River hereby appoints, the Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson as signing officers for the school district.

21-188 Superintendent’s Remarks:

Superintendent Morrow congratulated Chair J. Kerr and Vice-Chair K. Eddy on their re-election to their positions for a second term. He further highlighted: Battle of the Books began on November 1; Student led conferences for elementary and middle schools will be held on November 25; November 1 was the districts pro-d day which involved all staff and focused on understanding and learning around Indigenous peoples’ perspectives and worldviews; congratulated the Carihi senior boys soccer team on their Island championship win and wished them luck in the upcoming provincial championship; watched the senior girls’ volleyball teams from Carihi and Timberline compete in the North Island tournament; and reflected on his positive and personal connections he has had to date during his visits to schools.

21-189 Approval of the Minutes:

It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by S. Wilson and **CARRIED:**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2021 are hereby approved as circulated.

21-190 Approval of the Agenda:

It was proposed by K. Eddy, seconded by J. McMann and **CARRIED:**

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

21-191 REPORT FROM THE NOVEMBER 8, 2021 CONFIDENTIAL BOARD MEETING:

Vice-Chair Eddy reported that the Board made the decision not to implement a vaccine mandate for district staff.

21-192 REPORT FROM THE NOVEMBER 16, 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, and support staff changes; and
2. Financial, property issues.

21-193 Surge Narrows School:

Principal Lorill Vining introduced Teacher Susanne Hrybko from Surge Narrows school who showed a video to the Board on the building of a community nature trail by Surge Narrows students alongside adults in the community of Read Island. The land was purchased three years ago through community fundraising efforts. Over the three year period, students measured distances and tree circumference, researched First Nations languages of the area, made trail markers, flagged and researched the most interesting parts of the trails as well as wrote, edited designed and produced a trail guide. Students applied aspects of the Ministry of Education’s core competencies, applied design skills and technologies curriculum.

21-194 Campbell River Family Network:

Brenda Wagman coordinator from Campbell River Area Family Network provided a presentation entitled “Working Together to Build a Culture of Learning and Wellness for Student Success. The network is asking the school district to continue to provide early learning programs and to create the position of an Early Years Coordinator. The organization is a network of coalitions and service providers working together to strengthen the capacity and commitment of the communities in the Campbell River region to benefit our young children. The early years prior to children starting Kindergarten is when critical components develop in a child’s brain and historically this is what schools focus on in children ages 4 and 5. Campbell River area Early Development Instruments (EDI) show children in Kindergarten have higher averages of vulnerability than provincial averages; and vulnerability in both social development and emotional development has increased. A dedicated early years coordinator could help increase collaboration and connections between the school district and the early learning programs and family outreach, as well as for a community working group in planning for childcare.

21-195 Surplus Policy Update:

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick advised the Ministry of Education has updated their Accumulated Surplus Policy effective July 1, 2021. The Audit Committee will review our existing Board Governance Policy 26 Accumulated Surplus and the new requirements for recommendations and amendments. Amendments will be presented to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

21-196 Finance Warrants:

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

THAT the Finance Warrant No. 1, dated July 31, 2021, Finance Warrant No. 2, dated August 31, 2021, Finance Warrant No. 3, dated September 30, 2021, and Finance Warrant No. 4, dated October 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.

21-197 Quarterly Financial Report Ending September 30, 2021:

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick shared data on the financial position of the district to September 30, 2021. Revenues were up due to one-time Ministry grants, however expenses were overspent by approximately \$760,000 due to summer work and the ordering of supplies for school start-up. The district reported a deficit of \$2 million for the quarter.

21-198 Cedar Replacement Committee:

Board Chair advised that representatives will be attending a 20 minute Zoom meeting with Minister Whiteside on November 25.

21-199 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

J. Kerr, Board Chair.

K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

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November 16, 2021.