

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 78 (FRASER-CASCADE)**

**Jan. 10, 2017**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Ms. L. Kerr	Chair	Hope
	Mr. J. Koopman	Vice-Chair	Hope
	Ms. C. Ferguson	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison
	Mr. T. Hendrickson	Trustee	Canyon
	Mr. R. Johnstone	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison
	Mrs. H. Stewin	Trustee	Hope
	Ms. R. Tustian ( <i>via phone</i> )	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison
	Dr. K. Nelson	Superintendent of Schools	
	Ms. N. Lowe	Secretary-Treasurer	
	Mr. K. Bird	Asst. Superintendent	
	Ms. D. McKinney	Executive Secretary	

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:00pm at the District Education Office, on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017. The Chair opened by acknowledging that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Sto:lo people.

1. Approval of Agenda

Amendments:

1. Move Item C "Consent Agenda" to item A.2. (so that Consent Agenda is approved before regular Agenda)
2. Add addendum items:
  - i. F.4. TREC Field Trip – Getting Your "L" Workshop (Chwk)
  - ii. F.5. Dark Highways & Safer Kids Update
  - iii. H.1. MoE News Release re: Funding Announcement
3. Add Boardroom Bulletin Board to F.6.

2. Consent Agenda

- Regular minutes and in-camera summary: Dec. 13, 2016
- Policy Report (Dec. 6)
- AEC Report (Dec. 14)
- Bylaw #2 – *Regular Board Meetings* – 1<sup>st</sup> reading
- NITEP Report (Dec. 2)
- Community Meeting re: Student Reporting
- Election Financing
- Rural Education Enhancement Fund
- Careers & Transitions (Nov. 28)
- District & Native Ed ProD Day
- District of Hope – Flag Contest

**Hendrickson**

THAT the consent agenda for the Jan. 10, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) be approved as presented.

008/17-01-10  
Approval of  
consent agenda

**CARRIED**

**Koopman**

THAT the agenda for the Jan. 10, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) be approved as amended.

009/17-01-10  
Approval of  
agenda

**CARRIED**

**B. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (Careers & Transitions)**

District VP Careers & Transitions **Karl Koslowsky** reported that partnerships have been created with: University of the Fraser Valley, Thompson Rivers University, and School District 33 (Chilliwack). Some of the programs that are being offered to students throughout the district include:

- UFV Trades Program
- UFV Coding
- TRU Welding
- Northern Opportunities Tour
- Heavy Metal Rocks
- Hair Dressing

A Career & Employment Fair will be held for Grade 7-12 students on Feb. 8, 2017 from 9:00 – 2:30 at the Chawathil Gym. Senior students are encouraged to bring resumes to leave with local employers. A *Path to Graduation* Session will be held for parents from 1:00 – 2:30.

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved to A.2.

**D. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

Nil

**E. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

- **Trustee Koopman:**
  - Agenda Setting meeting
  - DPAC meeting
  - Careers & Transitions meeting
- **Trustee Johnstone:**
  - ACE Grinchmas
- **Trustee Kerr:**
  - Coquihalla Choir Christmas Concerts
  - Careers & Transitions meeting
  - Heavy Metal Rocks meeting
  - Ministry of Education Conference Calls (2)
  - BCPSEA Conference Call

**F. NEW BUSINESS**1. Appointment of Auditor**Hendrickson**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) appoint Mr. Chris Kelley of the firm McConnell, Voelkl Chartered Accountants to perform the audit of the financial statements for School District No. 78 for the 2016/17 school year.

010/17-01-10  
Appointment of  
Auditor

**CARRIED**

2. Policya) Policy #6700 – *District Health & Safety Practices***Kerr**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) refer Policy #6700 – *District Health & Safety Practices* to the Policy Development Committee for review.

011/17-01-10  
Refer Policy  
#6700 to Policy  
Cmnte for  
review

**CARRIED**b) Policy #1050 – *Retention & Disposal of School District Documents***Kerr**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) refer Policy #1050 – *Retention & Disposal of School District Documents* to the Policy Development Committee for review.

012/17-01-10  
Refer Policy  
#1050 to Policy  
Cmnte for  
review

**CARRIED**3. BCSTA AGM Motion Submission

The chair suggests that a motion be submitted to BCSTA to pursue with the Minister of Education the idea of an amendment to the BC School Act that includes steps for a clear process for censure of trustees.

**Whereas:**

An increasing number of boards in BC have censured trustees for various infractions of their own Code of Ethics, or in our case, Worksafe BC laws;

**It is recommended:****Kerr**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) have BCSTA President Teresa Rezansoff pursue with Minister Bernier the idea of an amendment to the Public BC School Act that echoes the law currently in effect in Nova Scotia:

- Under the legislation, school board members will be required to take on an oath of office agreeing to adhere to the prescribed Code of Ethics. Individual boards may add their own items to their code of ethics as long as they include the standard items;
- Boards will also be required to adopt standardized procedures for the conduct of meetings. Board members must inform the chairperson in advance if they wish to leave a meeting, to ensure the board has the proper quorum. The new regulations also prohibit board members from disclosing confidential information;
- Boards will have the authority to censure individual members for violating the board's code of ethics. It includes the power to suspend a member for one to three months, or to recommend to the Minister to vacate a member's seat. A censured board member will have the right to appeal;
- The Minister will retain authority currently under the act to replace an entire board, but with the ability to appoint one or more individuals to act as the board;
- The legislation also defines how school board vacancies will be filled; and
- Vacancies less than six months before a school board election will remain vacant. For vacancies six months to two years before an election, the Minister of Education will appoint a person in consultation with boards. Special elections will be called to fill vacancies more than two years before a school board election.

Amendment #1:**Johnstone**

THAT in the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet, the word "School" precedes the word "act" and to remove the remainder of the wording that follows, including the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet.

**CARRIED**

013/17-01-10  
Amendment #1 –  
adjust wording in  
bullet #4 and  
remove bullet #5  
& #6

Amendment #2:**Johnstone**

THAT a 'Whereas' be included that states: "A clear process is needed that outlines the steps for censure".

**CARRIED**

014/17-01-10  
Amendment #2 –  
include a  
'whereas' that  
shows a clear  
process is  
needed for  
censure

Amendment #3:**Johnstone**

THAT the individual names of the BCSTA President and Minister of Education be removed.

**CARRIED**

015/17-01-10  
Amendment #3 –  
remove  
individual names  
of President &  
Minister

Amendment #4:**Tustian**

THAT the wording of the first 'Whereas' be removed: "An increasing number of boards in BC have censured trustees for various infractions of their own Code of Ethics, or in our case, Worksafe BC laws".

**DEFEATED**

016/17-01-10  
Amendment #4 –  
remove the  
'whereas' with  
regards to  
increasing # of  
trustees  
**DEFEATED**

Motion with amendments:**Whereas:**

An increasing number of boards in BC have censured trustees for various infractions of their own Code of Ethics, or in our case, Worksafe BC laws; and

**Whereas:**

A clear process is needed that outlines the steps for censure;

**It is recommended:****Kerr**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) have BCSTA pursue with the Minister of Education the idea of an amendment to the Public BC School Act that echoes the law currently in effect in Nova Scotia:

- Under the legislation, school board members will be required to take on an oath of office agreeing to adhere to the prescribed code of ethics. Individual boards may add their own items to their Code of Ethics as long as they include the standard items;
- Boards will also be required to adopt standardized procedures for the conduct of meetings. Board members must inform the chairperson in advance if they wish to leave a meeting, to ensure the board has the proper quorum. The new regulations also prohibit board members from disclosing confidential information;
- Boards will have the authority to censure individual members for violating the board's code of ethics. It includes the power to suspend a member for one to three months, or to recommend to the Minister to vacate a member's seat. A censured board member will have the right to appeal; and
- The Minister will retain authority currently under the BC School Act.

**CARRIED**

017/17-01-10  
Submit motion to  
BCSTA to have  
MoE amend  
School Act re  
censure of  
trustees

4. TREC Field Trip**Stewin**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the TREC Field Trip "Getting your 'L' Workshop" to Chilliwack by private vehicle on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 as presented.

018/17-01-10  
Approve TREC  
Field Trip –  
Getting your 'L'

**CARRIED**5. Dark Highways & Safer Kids Update

The Superintendent reported that Darryl Peter's mother passed along her appreciation to the Board for the motion regarding reflective anklets and toques. She has requested that the items be distributed in Darryl's memory.

6. Boardroom Bulletin Board

The Board discussed the possibility of installing a bulletin board in the boardroom that would showcase what the district is involved in and how the students are benefiting.

*Trustee Ferguson left the meeting at 8:06pm.*

**RECESS**

At 8:07pm the chair called for a brief recess.

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The meeting reconvened at 8:12 (*with Trustee Ferguson in attendance*).

**Koopman**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) purchase a bulletin board for the District Education Office Boardroom.

019/17-01-10  
Approve  
purchase of  
bulletin board for  
boardroom

**CARRIED****G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**1. BCSTA FV Branch Meeting (Feb. 4, 2017)

The Superintendent confirmed that the BCSTA FV Branch meeting will take place on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 1:30pm in the library of Agassiz Elem-Secondary School. The agenda has been distributed.

**H. INFORMATION**1. MoE News Release re: Funding Announcement

The secretary-treasurer shared information from the Ministry that includes the announcement of \$50 million for the remainder of the 2016/17 school year for the hiring of up to 1100 new teachers in the province. It is unclear at this point as to the amount that will be allocated to School District 78. The allocation of funding will be determined in consultation with the Fraser-Cascade Teachers Association.

**I. CORRESPONDENCE**1. Min. of Trans & Infrastructure re: Student Safety on Highways

The board suggested that a copy of the letter also be sent to the Chilliwack-Hope MLA Laurie Throness.

**J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Bulletin board in boardroom.

**K. NEXT MEETING**

DATE: **Jan. 31, 2017**  
TIME: **7:00 p.m.**  
PLACE: **Harrison Hot Spring Elementary School**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Johnstone**

THAT there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned.

020/17-01-10  
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Original Signed by  
Board Chair

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LINDA KERR  
Chair

Original Signed by  
Secretary-Treasurer

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NATALIE LOWE CPA,CA  
Secretary-Treasurer