

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

Dec. 8, 2015

PRESENT:	Ms. L. Kerr	Chair	Hope
	Mr. R. Johnstone	Vice-Chair	Agassiz-Harrison
	Mr. J. Koopman	Trustee	Hope
	Ms. C. Ferguson	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison
	Ms. R. Tustian	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison
	Mr. T. Hendrickson	Trustee	Canyon
	Mrs. H. Stewin	Trustee	Hope
	Dr. K. Nelson	Superintendent of Schools	
	Ms. N. Lowe	Secretary-Treasurer	
	Mr. K. Bird	Assistant Superintendent	
	Ms. D. McKinney	Executive Secretary	

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary-Treasurer at 7:00pm in the District Education Office, on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015.

1. Election of Board Chairperson

The Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade). Nominations were called three times and the following trustee was nominated:

Trustee Koopman nominated **Linda Kerr** (nomination accepted)

Hearing no further nominations, the Secretary-Treasurer declared nominations closed for the position of Chair of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) and declared **Linda Kerr** elected by acclamation.

An expression of thanks was given to outgoing Chair, Trustee Johnstone.

Recess:

The Chair called for a short recess.

The Regular meeting resumed at 7:05pm

Trustee Kerr took the Chair and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional grounds of the Sto:lo people.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ferguson

THAT the agenda for the December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) be approved, as presented.

322/15-12-08
Approval of
agenda

CARRIED

3. Approval of Regular Minutes

Due to time constraints, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held on December 2, 2015 will be available for approval at the next regular meeting on January 19, 2016.

4. Approval of Special Minutes**Hendrickson**

THAT the minutes of the special meeting of November 23, 2015 be approved, as presented.

323/15-12-08
Approval of
Special minutes

CARRIED

B. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (Silver Creek Elementary)

Principal **Bruce Becker** along with 4 students spoke about leadership opportunities at their school including: Choices (one Wednesday per month); Effective Behavior System (focus on respect); Homework Club; Reader Program (Kiwaniis Club of Chwk); Multi-grade House Teams; and Leadership (opportunity to have a more active role in school programs).

C. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Nil

D. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- **Trustee Ferguson:**
 - Harrison PAC meeting
- **Trustee Koopman:**
 - Silver Creek fundraising event
- **Trustee Hendrickson:**
 - Nelson Open House
- **Trustee Johnstone:**
 - Nelson Open House
- **Chair Kerr:**
 - Nelson Open House
 - Policy Development Committee meeting
 - Coquihalla Choir will be performing at a community Christmas music event

E. NEW BUSINESS1. AEC Report**Hendrickson**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) receive for information the report from the Aboriginal Education Council meeting held on November 12, 2015 as presented.

324/15-12-08
Motion to
approve AEC
Report

CARRIED

Trustee Hendrickson reported that this years' FNEC conference had the largest number of delegates to date. Discussion regarding the timing of the FNEC conference conflicting with the BCSTA Trustee Academy.

2. Education Committee Report

Kerr

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) receive for information the report from the Education Committee meeting held on December 1, 2015 as presented.

325/15-12-08
Motion to
approve
Education
Cmmte Report

CARRIED

3. Budget Advisory Committee Report

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) receive for information the report from the Budget Advisory Committee meeting held on November 30, 2015 as presented.

326/15-12-08
Motion to
approve Budget
Cmmte report

CARRIED

Trustee Hendrickson reported that he has been elected Chair of the committee. The Superintendent clarified that the money set aside for welding is for the whole Careers & Transitions program.

4. Committee Meetings

The Chair expressed concern regarding full committee meeting agendas and not having time to address questions from visitors during the meeting. It was decided that a Question Period will be added to the end of each standing committees' agenda. Questions by Trustees (not on the committee) would be asked at a regular board meeting (except for the Chair, who is a de facto member of each committee).

5. Election of Vice-Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade). Nominations were called three times and the following trustee was nominated:

Trustee Hendrickson nominated **Ron Johnstone** (nomination accepted)

Hearing no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed for the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) and declared **Ron Johnstone** elected by acclamation as permanent Vice-Chair.

6. Election of BCPSEA Rep & Alternate

The Chair called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA representative. Nominations were called three times and the following trustee was nominated:

Trustee Johnstone nominated **Linda Kerr** (nomination accepted)

Hearing no further nominations, the Chair declared **Linda Kerr** elected as BCPSEA Trustee Representative by acclamation.

Trustee Koopman excluded himself as a potential alternate given the possible conflict of interest.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of alternate BCPSEA representative. Nominations were called three times and the following trustee was nominated:

Trustee Stewin nominated **Cindy Ferguson** (nomination accepted)

Hearing no further nominations, the Chair declared **Cindy Ferguson** elected as alternate BCPSEA Trustee Representative by acclamation.

7. Election of BCSTA Councillor & Alternate

The Chair called three times for nominations for the position of BCSTA Councillor.

Trustee Koopman nominated **Ron Johnstone** (nomination accepted)

Trustee Stewin nominated **Rose Tustian** (nomination accepted)

Following a secret ballot vote, the Secretary-Treasurer declared **Ron Johnstone** elected as BCSTA Councillor.

Hendrickson

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

327/15-12-08
Motion to
destroy election
ballots

The Chair called three times for nominations for the position of alternate BCSTA Councillor.

Trustee Ferguson nominated **Rose Tustian** (nomination accepted)

Trustee Johnstone nominated **John Koopman** (nomination accepted)

Trustee Tustian withdrew.

The Chair declared **John Koopman** elected as alternate BCSTA Councillor.

8. Election of BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch Rep

The Chair called three times for nominations for the position of BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch Rep.

Trustee Koopman nominated **Heather Stewin** (nomination declined)

Trustee Hendrickson nominated **Cindy Ferguson** (nomination declined)

The Chair declared that position vacant. The Superintendent advised that the next branch meeting is in February.

9. Boards Making a Difference

The Chair referred to the newsletters that BCSTA is distributing. The Superintendent advised that suggestions from the Board would be welcome.

Koopman

THAT the FV Branch report (complete with video link) be submitted to BCSTA for consideration in their Boards Make a Difference newsletter.

CARRIED

328/15-12-08
Motion to submit
FV Branch
Report to
BCSTA for
newsletter

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS1. Bylaw #2 – Regular Board Meetings – 2nd reading**Johnstone**

THAT the following changes be made to Bylaw #2:

- 2.2.b. add: this may be extended by approval of the majority of the board;
- Wherever 4 trustees are referred to as a majority, change to majority of the board; and
- 2.7.b. have read: Material relevant to the agenda items, shall, where practicable, be included with the agenda package, which will be delivered to Trustees' inboxes by email by 1600 hours on the Thursday prior to the meeting (where possible).

329/15-12-08
Motion to approve changes to Bylaw #2 – Regular Board Meetings

CARRIED**Ferguson**

THAT in order to lessen gaps between board meetings, the following changes be made to 2.1:

- The August meeting to be scheduled, but called at the discretion of the Chair; and
- Include Winter Break with Spring Break

330/15-12-08
Motion to approve further changes to Bylaw #2 – Regular Board Meetings

CARRIED

Discussion regarding 2.16 on how communication is received, in what format and how it is shared, distributed and responded to.

Kerr

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve second reading of Bylaw #2 – Regular Board Meetings, as amended.

331/15-12-08
Motion to approve 2nd reading of Bylaw #2 – Regular Board Meetings

CARRIED2. Capital Project Bylaw #126983 – 3rd reading**Hendrickson**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve third reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 126983 in the amount of \$160,000.00 as presented.

332/15-12-08
Motion to approve 3rd reading of Capital Project Bylaw #126983

CARRIED

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that this lighting upgrade at Silver Creek Elementary is to be completed by the end of March.

3. Capital Project Bylaw #127027 – 3rd reading**Johnstone**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve third reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 127027 in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 as presented.

333/15-12-08
Motion to approve 3rd reading of Capital Project Bylaw #127027

CARRIED

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that this mechanical upgrade at Kent is the largest project in the Province in this program. Deadline for completion is March 31st.

The Assistant Superintendent left the meeting at 8:02pm.

G. REMARKS1. Superintendent

Nil

2. Secretary-Treasurera) Financial Review

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that information has been uploaded to new accounting software. On target with spending. Report will include special purpose funds in the future.

3. Assistant Superintendenta) Technology Report

The Assistant Superintendent reported that a preview link has been sent out for feedback on the new website. NGN dates are fixed and transition at schools will happen between Jan. 29 – Feb. 10. Information has been circulated with response to the concerns regarding wifi.

H. INFORMATION1. UFV & School District Superintendent's Meeting

The Assistant Superintendent shared stats that shows that SD78 students do better at remaining in UFV programs than surrounding districts. UFV is interested in looking at forming a committee with school districts to look at transitions to see what students can do to be more successful at UFV.

2. ACE Collaborative Meeting

Trustee Hendrickson reported on the Community tour that included: Sts'ailes, Snowoyleh, Charlie Longhouse and Sqowlets.

The Assistant Superintendent returned to the meeting at 8:12 and reported on G.3 and H.1 above.

3. BCSSA/BCASBO Fall Conference

The Superintendent attended along with Trustee Kerr which hosted great key-note speakers. The Spirals of Inquiry is a process that is growing throughout the world which supports inquiry based learning in turn hoping that grad rates will increase by 10%. SD78 participated with the largest team in the Province (21 delegates representing 4 schools).

Trustee Koopman left the meeting at 8:25pm

4. BCSTA Trustee Academy

The Chair gave a brief overview of the Trustee Academy. Discussion regarding having one of the presenters (Kathy Sawchuk) attend a future SD78 event.

5. FNESC Conference

Trustee Hendrickson shared a highlight of the conference being Dr. Cindy Blackstalk who spoke on the residential schools.

Trustee Koopman returned to the meeting at 8:28pm

Trustee Ferguson left the meeting at 8:29pm

The Assistance Superintendent shared his highlight keynote speaker, Deborah Jeffrey (Exec. Director of FNEESC) who had an amazing presentation on identifying targets that FNEESC will be pursuing.

RECESS

At 8:30pm the Chair called for a 5 minute recess.

The meeting re-convened at 8:40pm *with Trustee Ferguson in attendance.*

6. BCSTA FV Branch Meeting

The Chair presented the district report on behalf of Trustee Koopman who was unable to attend.

7. Evergreen Certificates

The Assistant Superintendent reported that there are concerns on how these certificates are being used and the process in which students are moved into an Evergreen program. Schools in SD78 have robust processes, however some students are arriving on the Evergreen track and some have been mis-categorized. Evergreen Certificates are an accomplishment for some students. A Provincial focus will help with the conversion.

Discussion regarding the sharing of information with parents, possibly in the form of video.

The Superintendent reported that teachers' goals are to get Evergreen students to a Dogwood Certificate or Adult Education Certificate.

8. District Dialogue

The Superintendent gave an update on the District Dialogue and the time constraints with MyEd BC. Therefore, the Superintendent and Superintendent will provide information on the school app via twitter in which news would be shared in a more timely matter.

9. Provincial Council Motions

Trustee Tustian shared that the intent of the Issues Forum is to discuss issues for Trustees which in turn will help BCSTA Board of Directors as they prepare for potential AGM motions. The key questions for consideration deal with concerns about audits.

There was discussion on feedback to forward to BCSTA such as: include samples or suggestions of audit; amount of notice given for an audit to be performed; and provide requirements (expectations) of audit in advance.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received for information only:

1. Letter re: Dangers of Wifi in schools

Discussion regarding the wifi letter took place under F.1. Trustee Johnstone reported that he responded to the citizen that her letter would be on the agenda at tonight's meeting.

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

K. NEXT MEETING

DATE: **Jan. 19, 2016**
TIME: **7:00 p.m.**
PLACE: **District Education Office**

L. ADJOURNMENT

Hendrickson

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

334/15-12-08
Adjournment

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Original Signed by
Board Chair

LINDA KERR
Chair

Original Signed by
Secretary-Treasurer

NATALIE LOWE
Secretary-Treasurer