

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

Feb. 9, 2016

PRESENT:	Ms. L. Kerr	Chair	Hope
	Mr. R. Johnstone <i>(via phone)</i>	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

Dr. K. Nelson	Superintendent of Schools
Ms. N. Lowe	Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. K. Bird	Assistant Superintendent
Ms. D. McKinney	Executive Secretary

REGRETS:	Mrs. H. Stewin	Trustee	Hope
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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:05pm at the Kent Elementary School, on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

1. Approval of Agenda

Addition:

- 1) Policy #6000 – *Reimbursement for Expenses*, added to the agenda under New Business, item E.9.
- 2) Notice of Motion for Bylaw #8 - *Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowances*, added to the agenda under New Business, item E.10.

Hendrickson

THAT the agenda for the February 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) be approved, as amended.

036/16-02-09
Approval of agenda

CARRIED

2. Approval of Regular Minutes

Tustian

THAT the last paragraph of Item H.7 Boundary Catchment Area Review Update read: Discussion ensued regarding a previous board motion, the potential First Nation demographics of the schools, and the timing of a decision.

037/16-02-09
Motion to amend minutes to include "First Nation" in demographics of schools

CARRIED

Koopman

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting and In-Camera Summary of Jan. 19, 2016 be approved, as amended.

038/16-02-09
Approval of minutes

CARRIED

3. Approval of Special Minutes

Hendrickson

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Jan. 23, 2016 be approved, as presented.

039/16-02-09
Approval of Special minutes

CARRIED

B. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (Harrison Hot Springs Elementary School)

Principal **Mark Classen** reported on projects that happened over the summer including: new cladding on buildings, new fence along highway, and landscaping. They currently have 2 leadership groups, one that is supporting the supply of water for lifetime at a school in West Africa. Numerous clubs have been formed: chess, basketball, world music choir, and gardening. There will be 2 school plays this year (Intermediate and Primary).

C. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Monique Gratrix (Principal) and Peter Flynn (Vice-Principal), Coquihalla Elementary.

Re: Naming of the new addition at Coquihalla School

The staff and students of Coquihalla Elementary would like the Board of Education to reconsider their motion of naming the new addition The CE Barry Annex for the following reasons:

- CE Barry students have moved on to high school
- All staff (including ones transferred over from CE Barry) now consider themselves part of Coquihalla
- School has rebranded itself from Coquihalla Bees to Bears
- Staff consider the school one whole unit – not 2 different entities (unlike the definition of Annex)

They do believe however, that Mr. Barry should still be recognized (on the existing site) and they would be willing to participate in planting/maintaining a garden.

There was discussion on how to honour the legacy of the man and the school. The idea of an ad-hoc committee will be put on the next board agenda for consideration.

D. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- **Trustee Hendrickson:**
 - 2 Boundary Catchment meetings
 - Welding Celebration
- **Trustee Koopman:**
 - Math Day at Coquihalla
 - Maker Day at Kent
 - Careers & Transitions meeting
 - Boundary Catchment Review meetings
 - Trustee Handbook Committee meeting
- **Trustee Johnstone:**
 - Technology Committee meeting
 - Special Board meeting
 - Board/staff retreat
 - 2 Catchment meetings (#2 & #3)
 - Maker Day at Kent
 - Welding Graduation Ceremony
 - First Nations Support Worker interview for Kent
- **Trustee Tustian:**
 - Catchment Area Review meeting
 - Board retreat
- **Trustee Ferguson:**

- Board retreat
- Forum #2 Catchment Review
- Harrison PAC meeting
- Policy Committee meeting

➤ **Chair Kerr:**

- Coquihalla Choir
- Maker Day
- Special Board meeting
- Board retreat
- Trades & Training Committee meeting
- 2 Boundary Area Review meetings
- BCPSEA AGM
- Labour Enhancement meetings (FCTA & CMAW)
- ProD meeting
- Trustee Report at DPAC meeting
- Policy Committee meeting

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget 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 January 18, 2016 as presented.

040/16-02-09
Motion to
approve Budget
Cmmte report

CARRIED

Trustee Koopman left the meeting at 7:45pm

2. Education Report

Johnstone

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) receive for information the report from the Education Committee meeting held on January 19, 2016 as presented.

041/16-02-09
Motion to
approve
Education
Cmmte report

CARRIED

3. Evergreen School Leaving Certificate Policy

The Assistant Superintendent explained that the process that is currently in use should be solidified by way of policy to ensure there are no issues in the future.

Tustian

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) have the Policy Development Committee create an *Evergreen School Leaving Certificate* Policy for the board to review.

042/16-02-09
Motion to have
Policy Cmmte
create
Evergreen
School Leaving
Certificate Policy
for board review

CARRIED

Trustee Koopman returned to the meeting at 7:55pm

4. AESS Field Trip - Honduras

Ferguson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the proposed overseas field trip for AESS students (Grade 10-12) to Honduras from March 18 – April 3, 2016, as presented.

043/16-02-09
Motion
approving AESS
field trip to
Honduras

CARRIED

Concern was raised about the current Zika virus. The Superintendent assured the Board that the parents are aware of the disease.

5. AESS Field Trip - Kelowna

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the proposed overnight field trip for AESS Grade 8/9 band students to Kelowna, April 20-22, 2016, as presented.

043/16-02-09
Motion
approving AESS
band trip to
Kelowna

CARRIED

6. BBES Field Trip – Manning Park

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the proposed field trip for Boston Bar Elem-Secondary students (grades K-12) to Manning Park, on Friday February 12, 2016, as presented

044/16-02-09
Motion
approving BBES
field trip to
Manning Park

CARRIED

7. TREC Field Trip - Vancouver

Ferguson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the proposed overnight field trip for TREC students to Vancouver by private vehicle, to attend the Indspire Career Fair, February 11-13, 2016, as presented.

045/16-02-09
Motion
approving TREC
field trip to
Indspire Career
Fair in
Vancouver

CARRIED

Trustee Ferguson left the meeting at 8:07pm

8. AESS Field Trip – Activity Day

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the proposed various activities for AESS students' Activity Day, on Friday March 4th, 2016 as presented.

046/16-02-09
Motion
approving AESS
Activity Day field
trip

CARRIED

Trustee Ferguson returned to the meeting at 8:10pm

9. Policy #6000 – Reimbursement for Expenses

Tustian

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) refer Policy #6000 – *Reimbursement for Expenses* to the Policy Committee for review.

047/16-02-09
Motion to refer
Policy #6000 –
*Reimbursement
for Expenses* to
Policy
Committee for
review

CARRIED

10. Notice of Motion – Bylaw #8 – Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowance

Trustee Tustian served notice of motion to include Bylaw #8 – *Trustee Remuneration and Expense Allowance* on the next regular Board meeting agenda.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS1. 2015-16 Amended Annual Budget – 3rd reading**Hendrickson**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve third reading of the 2015-2016 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$22,703,524.00 as presented.

048/16-02-09
Motion
approving 3rd
reading of 2015-
16 Amended
Annual Budget
Bylaw

CARRIED**G. REMARKS**1. Superintendenta) Principals'/Vice-Principals' Meeting

The Superintendent reported that the following items were reviewed: administrators' handbook, district data, district numeracy assessment, and Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. Of concern with the data is the decline in the 6 year completion rates for First Nation students.

2. Secretary-Treasurer

Nil

3. Assistant Superintendenta) Healthy Communities Committees

The Assistant Superintendent reported that Fraser Health's Child and Youth Crisis Program has changed its name and how youth and families can access mental health crisis support. Now called the START Team, the focus remains the same – providing assessment and intervention services for 6 – 18 year olds experiencing a mental health crisis.

b) Cameras on Buses

The Assistant Superintendent reported on side-view cameras on buses that activate when the arms are out. Chilliwack School District is currently using these as a pilot project. There are potentially 3 buses in SD#78 on which these cameras could be useful.

c) Qingdao Students

The Assistant Superintendent reported that the students should be arriving at the end of the month; however they are still waiting on their visas.

d) Grade 6 Exit Interviews

The Assistant Superintendent has created a transition survey. Further information is required as to who is to be interviewed (and for what reason), and how the results can be utilized.

Concern was raised that there is a high number of students on waitlists for Chilliwack schools.

Tustian

That the Board of Education for School District no. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) strike an ad hoc committee to explore Exit Interviews.

049/16-02-09
Motion to strike
ad hoc
committee to
explore Exit
Interviews

CARRIED

Trustees Kerr, Tustian, and Koopman will sit on this ad hoc committee.

H. INFORMATION

1. Joint Use Agreement

The Chair announced that the following motion made by Trustee Tustian at the In-Camera meeting of the Board of Education on January 19, 2016 was defeated;

THAT the Board of Education for School District 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the 2016 Joint Use Agreement between School District 78 and the Fraser Valley Regional District.

2. Trustee Handbook Committee

Trustee Hendrickson shared a draft version of the Trustee Handbook. It was suggested that more policies could be added including information on: scheduled meeting dates; procedure on how to communicate attendance at meetings; protocol on obtaining more information prior to board meeting on agenda items; and sharing of information with trustees and staff.

Tustian

THAT the Board of Education for School District 78 (Fraser-Cascade) disband the Trustee Handbook ad hoc committee.

050/16-02-09
Motion to
disband Trustee
Handbook ad
hoc committee

CARRIED

RECESS

At 8:52pm the Chair called for a 10 minute recess.

The meeting re-convened at 9:00pm.

3. Boundary Catchment Area Review Update

Trustee Koopman reported that 3 public forums have now taken place (including a survey) and all scenarios have been considered.

The Boundary Review Committee has a recommendation prepared to present at the next Board of Education meeting; that in September 2016, K-6 students attend Silver Creek and Coquihalla Elementary and all Grade 7 students attend Hope Secondary.

Advantages to having Grade 7s at HSS include: addresses competition for attendance at desired school; consistency across the district; improved programming options at HSS; space available at HSS; and potential district events across communities.

Disadvantage to having Grade 7s at HSS include: perhaps lack of leadership opportunities for grade 7 students; survey results 60% of parents who completed survey wanted K-7 (16% returned); parental concern for some students at the high school; and 54% of students wanted to attend grade 7 at Elementary.

Concern was raised on the process the board has gone through with regards to the Boundary Review Committee.

The Secretary-Treasurer also indicated: number of special needs students and the room needed at Coquihalla does not allow space for the Grade 7s; splitting the Grade 7s could be a disadvantage and not in the best interest of the student; and staffing implications would be more difficult. Enrollment has changed since 2014 and once the catchment areas are reviewed, this will be reviewed again.

Trustee Hendrickson left the meeting at 9:25 and returned at 9:27

4. District & Native Ed ProD Day

The Superintendent reported that registration is still open for the Feb. 18/19 event. The key note speaker is Dr. Gwen Point.

5. Kent Elementary Field Trip

The Superintendent reported that the field trip for swimming and skating at the Hope Rec Centre was approved prior to the board meeting due to low risk.

6. BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Johnstone reported that BCSTA Provincial Council is Feb. 20th. The theme of the Issues Forum is: Audits and Their Implications for Boards of Education.

7. BCPSEA Rep Report

The Chair shared information from the BCPSEA AGM in January which included: Ideas for Bargaining in 2019; Student Population Growth; Looking Ahead (Deputy Minister, Dave Byng); Ethics Survey from the Office of the Auditor-General; Performance Management Pilot Project; and Shared Services.

8. Boards Making a Difference

The Chair reported that SD#78 was highlighted in BCSTA's The Education Leader on Personalized Learning in Fraser-Cascade.

I. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

J. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Thank you for honouring CE Barry
- Thank you for doing exit interviews for Grade 6s
- Parent clarified that she was not attending the Boundary Review meetings as the AEC Rep, but on her own behalf.

K. **NEXT MEETING**

DATE: **Mar.1, 2016**
 TIME: **7:00 p.m.**
 PLACE: **District Education Office**

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Hendrickson

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

CARRIED

051/16-02-09
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Original signed by the
Board Chair

LINDA KERR
Chair

Original signed by the
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

KEVIN BIRD
Acting Secretary-Treasurer