

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

Nov. 15, 2016

PRESENT:	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
	Dr. K. Nelson	Superintendent of Schools	
	Ms. N. Lowe	Secretary-Treasurer	
	Mr. K. Bird	Asst. Superintendent	
Ms. D. McKinney	Executive Secretary		
REGRETS:	Ms. R. Tustian	Trustee	Agassiz-Harrison

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:00pm at Agassiz Elementary-Secondary school, on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016. The Chair opened by acknowledging that the meeting was being held on the traditional territory of the Sto:lo people.

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Revision:

1. Move Item G.1. (Public Apology) to follow Approval of Agenda.

Johnstone

THAT the agenda for the Nov. 15, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) be approved, as amended.

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Approval of
agenda

CARRIED

2. Public Apology

The chair reported that disparaging comments were made over a year ago by a trustee of the board to a school district employee in which a public apology was expected. A letter of apology was written on behalf of the board. As the trustee was not in attendance (and the employee was), the chair made the following statement:

“Some time ago, at a public meeting like this, comments were made by a Trustee of the Board which called into question the integrity and competence of one of our District employees, Mr. Dan Landrath. I do not want to repeat what was said, as the statements were untrue, as well as unfair to Mr. Landrath. They related to his work in overseeing our school busing system, and impugned his integrity and competence.

Some months ago, on behalf of the Board, I wrote to Mr. Landrath to apologize for the comments which were made, expressing our support for him and our appreciation of his good work on behalf of the District. With his consent, and in light of the fact that the improper comments were made at a public meeting, we believe it is appropriate that an apology also be made publicly.

The Board is committed to providing our employees with a work environment which respects their dignity and privacy. Public statements which are false and disparage the work of our employees are not consistent with this commitment. I would like to publicly apologize to Mr. Landrath for the hurt and embarrassment caused to him by the actions of a trustee of this Board.

We regret that these statements were made, and wish to make it clear that the Board has complete confidence in Mr. Landrath's professionalism, competence, and integrity. We appreciate the work he does for the District and our students, and thank him for his service."

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of the investigation and legal fees to date which were stated at being close to \$55,000.00.

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve a question period for the Public Apology agenda item only.

CARRIED

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Approval of
Question Period
for Public
Apology

3. Question Period (Public Apology)

- Employee compensation claim / medical leave
- Recurrence of event
- Grievance / public apology from Trustee / arbitration
- Public/staff relationships with the Board

B. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (Agassiz Centre for Education)

Vice-Principal **Sandy Balascak** brought along 4 students (who attended the We for She Conference) to report on ACE's highlights including:

- Continuing partnerships throughout the community
- Face Your Fear (Haunted House)
- ACE burgers (fund-raising)
- HELP Project (ACE students are the Youth Council)
- ASAP (alternate version of a PAC with parents & supporters)
- TEDx (Sandy will be speaking at event in January)

C. CONSENT AGENDA

- Regular minutes and in-camera summary: Oct. 24, 2016
- Ops & Facilities Report (Oct. 18)
- AEC Report (Oct. 12)
- Shelly Moore Presentation
- Kindergarten Transition meeting
- Update on Rural Education Process
- Gifted Education meeting (Oct. 24)
- Special Education meeting (Nov. 2)
- BCSTA & MOE Partner Liaison meeting report
- BCSTA Board Chairs meeting report
- BCPSEA AGM
- Canadian School Boards Association Annual Congress
- NITEP
- Field Trips Approved
 - BBES, HSS, COQ, SCE, AESS & HHS – We Day – Nov. 3
 - BBES – BC Lions Skills 4 Life – Nov. 5-6
 - AESS, HSS & ACE – Coding @ UFV – 5 dates
 - AESS – Band Trip – Trinity Western – Jan. 6, 2017
 - SCE – Band Practice, Hike & Play – HSS – Nov. 26

Hendrickson

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the consent agenda as presented.

CARRIED

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Approve consent
agenda

D. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Nil

E. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- **Trustee Johnstone:**
 - Shelly Moore presentation
 - BCSTA Provincial Council
 - Special Education meeting
 - ACE fundraiser
 - Face Your Fear event at ACE
 - AEC meeting
 - Remembrance Day Ceremony

It was suggested that a card of thanks be sent to the students who participated in Remembrance Day ceremonies on behalf of the Board of Education.

- **Trustee Koopman:**
 - Funeral for HSS student Darryl Peters
- **Trustee Hendrickson:**
 - AEC meeting
- **Trustee Kerr:**
 - Ministry Liaison meeting
 - BCSTA Board Chairs meeting
 - Funeral for former employee Nelson Leon
 - DPAC meeting
 - Special Education meeting
 - Sent condolences on behalf of board to Abbotsford School District as a gesture of solidarity regarding incident at Abbotsford Secondary
 - Remembrance Day ceremony at Coquihalla school with choir
 - Remembrance Day ceremony
 - BCPSEA teleconference

F. NEW BUSINESS1. Careers & Transitions Committee**Kerr**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve a Memorandum of Understanding between School District 78 (Fraser-Cascade) and Interior Heavy Equipment (IHE) as presented.

CARRIED

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Approve MOU
with SD78 &
Interior Heavy
Equip.

The superintendent stated that this MOU would give up to 20 students in School District 78 an opportunity to further enhance their qualifications for employment at the Interior Heavy Equipment site in Mission. The application process will begin soon. Final costs are yet to be determined.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS1. Bylaw #1 – Inaugural Meeting – 2nd reading**Kerr**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve second reading of Bylaw #1 – *Inaugural Meeting* as presented.

CARRIED

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Bylaw #1 –
Inaugural
Meeting
- 2nd reading

It was decided to change the wording in 1.5 to ‘*The chairperson shall proceed to conduct an election for the position of vice-chairperson.*’

2. Policy Bundle – 3rd readinga) Policy #6000 – Reimbursement for Expenses**Koopman**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve third reading of Policy #6000 – *Reimbursement for Expenses*, with suggested alterations as presented.

CARRIED

294/16-11-15
Policy #6000 –
Reimbursement
for Expenses
- 3rd reading

b) Policy #7022 – School Completion (Evergreen) Certificates**Koopman**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve third reading of Policy #7022 – *School Completion (Evergreen) Certificates*, as presented.

CARRIED

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Policy #7022 –
School
Completion
(Evergreen)
Certificates
- 3rd reading

c) Policy #7010 – Student Records Confidentiality**Koopman**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve third reading of Policy #7010 – *Student Records Confidentiality*, as presented.

CARRIED

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Policy #7010 –
Student Records
Confidentiality
- 3rd reading

d) Policy #7012 – Student Records Procedures**Koopman**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve third reading of Policy #7012 – *Student Records Procedures*, as presented.

CARRIED

297/16-11-15
Policy #7012 –
Student Records
Procedures
- 3rd reading

H. INFORMATION1. BCSTA Provincial Council Report

Trustee Johnstone reported on the BCSTA Provincial Council that took place on Oct. 28-29, 2016. The following 6 motions were passed: 1) Funding of Exempt Staff Salary Increases; 2) Excluding Rural Schools from Districts’ Capacity Utilization Calculations; 3) Funding; 4) Foundation Skills Assessment; 5) Time Limit for Specially Appointed Trustees; and 6) Grades 10-12 Curriculum. It was also noted that the Education Committee changed its name to “Professional Learning Committee”.

2. BCSTA FV Branch Report & Branch Meeting

The chair reported that SD78 will be hosting the Branch meeting on either February 4th or 11th, 2017.

It was suggested that the event take place at the Agassiz end of the District on Feb. 4th and staff work on preliminary plans for possible venues as well as food and beverage options.

3. Coquihalla School Addition Opening

The Chair reported that this event is confirmed for Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016 at 1:30pm. The choir will perform and students will be providing a tour of the school for the dignitaries. The Ministry is looking after the official invitations.

I. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Volunteer Basketball Coach @ HSS re: Budgetary Support for Athletics

Discussion ensued regarding the process available for bringing concerns to the board and how/when they are responded to. One option suggested was through DPAC. Further dialogue continued regarding DPAC's web presence which the Secretary-Treasurer indicated is in the process of being updated.

The Chair closed the discussion by stating that the letter will be recommended to the Budget Committee.

2. Kent PAC re: Student Transportation; and Board Response

3. Kent Parent re: Student Transportation Investment

4. District of Hope re: Flag Design Contest

J. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Channels of communication
- Secretary-Treasurer attend DPAC meeting to explain how funding works
- Black Press coverage of Careers & Transitions
- Supreme Court Ruling

K. **NEXT MEETING**

DATE: **Dec. 13, 2016**
 TIME: **7:00 p.m.**
 PLACE: **District Education Office**

ADJOURNMENT

Stewin

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

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Original signed by
Board Chair

Original signed by
Secretary-Treasurer

LINDA KERR
Chair

NATALIE LOWE CPA,CA
Secretary-Treasurer