

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

Dec. 2, 2015

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00pm in the District Education Office, on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015. The Chair opened by acknowledging that the meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo people.

A moment of silence was held to recognize those lost in the recent Paris and San Bernardino incidents.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ferguson

THAT the agenda for the Dec. 2, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) be approved, as presented.

305/15-12-02
Approval of
agenda

CARRIED

3. Approval of Regular Minutes

Correction:

- i) With regards to item E.1.b. (Policy Committee Report), have the minutes reflect that the board policy was not being followed.

Kerr

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting and in-camera summary of October 27, 2015 be approved, as amended.

306/15-12-02
Approval of
Regular minutes
and In-Camera
summary.

CARRIED

B. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Principal **Rosalee Floyd** shared information about activities that Hope Secondary is involved in: pancake breakfast for students at beginning of school year; Leadershout Program; Spirit Week, Terry Fox Run, Hope Food Bank; friendly sport competitions between students, staff, and RCMP, Welding Program; We Day, Brigade Days, Student of the Month (Rotary Club); Mylan Relay of Hope (aids awareness); Remembrance Day; Grad fundraising; and BC Lions Skills for Life Summit.

Teacher **Maya Araki** introduced Helen Kennedy (Hope Visitor Centre & Museum) along with students from the History 12 class who are working on a Collaboration Student

Exhibit for the Visitor Centre which will be opening in the Stationhouse in 2016. Different themed exhibits include: Flood of '48; Hope Cinema; Stationhouse; and Railways. After returning from a behind the scenes tour of RBC Museum in Victoria, the students are eager to begin. This project fits well with the Circular Competencies / Personalized Learning in the new MOE Education Plan.

C. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

Nil

D. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- **Trustee Kerr:**
 - Coquihalla Choir (Remembrance Day & Christmas Concert)
 - Remembrance Day (Hope)
 - HELP Project Fundraiser
 - ProD Committee meeting
 - Personnel Committee meeting
 - BCSSA Conference
 - CMAW Committee meeting
 - Education Committee meeting
- **Trustee Ferguson:**
 - SD34 (Abbotsford) November meeting
 - BCSTA Conference
- **Trustee Koopman:**
 - Boundary Review Committee meeting
- **Trustee Hendrickson:**
 - AEC meeting
 - Bus tour to Sts'ailes and Scowlitz
 - FNEESC Conference
- **Board Chair:**
 - Technology meeting
 - Remembrance Day (Agassiz)
 - HELP Project fundraiser
 - AEC meeting
 - Personnel Committee meeting
 - Education Committee meeting
 - BCSTA Trustee Academy
- **Trustee Stewin:**
 - Remembrance Day (Silver Creek School)

E. NEW BUSINESS

- 1 Bylaw #2 – Regular Board Meetings – 1st reading

Koopman

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

CARRIED

Discussion regarding this be a topic of discussion at a board retreat. The rationale behind the motion is better time management of board meetings

307/15-12-02
Motion
approving 1st
reading of Bylaw
#2 – *Regular*
Board Mtgs.

2. Statement of Financial Information

Kerr

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve Statement of Financial Information for the 2014-2015 school year, as amended.

308/15-12-02
Motion
approving SOFI.

CARRIED

The Secretary-Treasurer pointed out a correction to Trustee Koopman's remuneration which should be \$6490.85.

3. Policy on School Planning Councils

Whereas:

Bill 11 (Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015) removed references to achievement contracts, superintendents' reports on student achievement and school planning councils from the School Act, effective July 1, 2015, relevant sections include the following:

- Section 2(a) of Bill 11 removed the definitions of "achievement contract" and "school planning council" from section 1 of the *School Act*.
- Section 7 repealed sections 8.1 and 8.2 of the Act (which provided for the establishment and set out the responsibilities of school planning councils).
- Section 13 replaced "school planning council" with "parents' advisory council" in section 74.01(1) and (2) of the Act (which provide for the operation of video surveillance cameras in schools).
- Section 14 repealed section 79.2 (achievement contracts) and 79.3 (superintendent's reports on student achievement).
- Section 15 replaced "school planning council" with "parents' advisory council" in section 82.1 (which provides for the establishment of specialty academies).
- Section 30(a) repealed section 168(2)(r) (ministerial orders respecting achievement contracts).

Therefore it is recommended:

Kerr

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) repeal Policy #5010 – *School Improvement Planning Process*.

309/15-12-02
Motion to repeal
Policy #5010 –
*School
Improvement
Planning
Process*

CARRIED

The Superintendent explained that School Planning Councils are no longer legislated and that school planning processes will be locally developed in consultation with partner groups by March 2016. There is no need to develop a new committee at this time. Preliminary discussions can be had at the Education Committee level.

4. Hope Secondary School Field Trip Bundle

Kerr

THAT the Board of Education for School District 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the proposed Hope Secondary School field trips, as presented:

- a) Grade 8 Social Studies (curricular) Religion Tour. Destination: Mission/Abbotsford, Tuesday, April 12, 2016
- b) Band 7 (extra-curricular, overnight) Concert Tour. Destination: Victoria by charter bus, Tuesday, April 26 – Thursday, April 28, 2016
- c) Band 8-12 (extra-curricular, overnight) Concert Tour. Destination: Vancouver by charter bus, Friday, May 13 – Sunday, May 15, 2016
- d) Band 9-12 (extra-curricular, overnight) Cultural Exchange. Destination: Cuba by charter bus and airplane, Monday, March 21 – Tuesday, March 29, 2016, and

- e) School PE Classes (curricular) Outdoor Experiences Skiing. Destination: Manning Park, Thursday, January 14, 2016. 310/15-12-02
Motion
approving Hope
Secondary Field
Trip Bundle
- CARRIED**

5. Capital Plan

Stewin

- THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve the 2015/2016 – 5 Year Capital Plan Summary, as presented. 311/15-12-02
Motion
approving 5 year
Capital Plan
Summary
- CARRIED**

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the 5 year Capital Plan Summary which included updated numbers for the replacement of AESS & HHS. With the conditions of these schools and declining enrollment, neither of them appears to be eligible at this time. However, a project identification report will be completed should AESS qualify on the basis of the new seismic guidelines.

6. Capital Project Bylaw #126983

Stewin

- THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve first reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 126983 (lighting upgrade in Silver Creek) in the amount of \$160 000.00 as presented 312/15-12-02
Motion
approving 1st
reading of
Capital Project
Bylaw #126983
- CARRIED**

Ferguson

- THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve second reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 126983 (lighting upgrade in Silver Creek) in the amount of \$160 000.00 as presented 313/15-12-02
Motion
approving 2nd
reading of
Capital Project
Bylaw #126983
- CARRIED**

The Secretary-Treasurer referred to a news release showing that Kent Elementary was awarded the largest investment in BC under the Routine Capital Project Program.

7. Capital Project Bylaw #127027

Stewin

- THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve first and second reading of Capital Project Bylaw No. 127027 (mechanical upgrade at Kent) in the amount of \$1,300,000.00 as presented. 314/15-12-02
Motion
approving 1st
and 2nd reading
of Capital Bylaw
#127027
- CARRIED**

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Trustee Handbook Committee

Trustee Stewin will be taking over Trustee Ferguson's position on the Trustee Handbook Committee.

2. Bylaw #5 – Chairpersons and Presiding Officers – 3rd reading

Kerr

- THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve third reading of Bylaw #5 – *Chairpersons and Presiding Officers*, as amended. 315/15-12-02
Motion
approving 3rd
reading of Bylaw
#5 –
*Chairpersons &
Presiding
Officers – 3rd
reading*
- CARRIED**

Chair Johnstone announced that he will be stepping down as Chair at the next regular Board of Education meeting on December 8, 2015.

3. Qingdao School Students**Stewin**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) approve in principle the Qingdao School Students attend participating schools in the District (following the self-housing model).

316/15-12-02
Motion
approving
Qingdao
Students attend
participating
schools in district

CARRIED

The Superintendent explained the "boarding" model, where the 4 students (grades 5 & 6) live with their instructors from China who look after their needs. SD78 would provide learning support from a portion of the charged fees.

Concern was raised over the age of the children. The students will be living with their own teachers selected by their school and parents – for a period of 6 months.

RECESS

At 8:25pm the Chair called for a 5 minute recess.

The meeting re-convened at 8:35pm

G. REMARKS1. Superintendent

Nil

2. Secretary-Treasurera) WorkSafeBC Rate Information for 2016

The Secretary-Treasurer referred to the WorkSafe report that shows the report as of January 1st. The discount will offset the industry increase.

b) Flood Hope Bridge Closure

Parents have been informed of the changes in bus routes/times with regards to the bridge closure in Silver Creek.

3. Assistant Superintendenta) Teacher Education Department Advisory Committee (UFV)

The Superintendent reported that the Assistant Superintendent attended the Teacher Education meeting at UFV on her behalf. Highlights included: a Master of Education program in the development stages; Rick Hansen Secondary School Project, Summer Institute of Courses, and Career Fair in May of 2016.

H. INFORMATION1. BCSTA (FV Branch) Report

Trustee Koopman shared the district report that was presented at the Fraser Valley Branch meeting in October.

2. ProD Committee Report

The Superintendent reported on the District ProD Day scheduled for Feb. 18 & 19, 2016 at AESS. The theme for the SD#78 and Native Ed Professional Development Day is: Respecting the Spirit. Key note speaker is Dr. Gwen Point.

3. Strong Start / Head Start meeting

The Superintendent reported that elements of existing programs (Strong Start, Head Start, and Family Place) were pulled together with First Nations culture entwined. Sessions could rotate between the communities of Spuzzum, Boston Bar, and Boothroyd.

4. Facilities Review / Strategic Facilities Plan

The Chair referred to the link that refers to Maple Ridge School District's Facilities Plan. The Secretary-Treasurer confirms that SD78 is also looking into a long term facilities plan.

5. Curriculum Framework / Implementation

The Superintendent reported that MOE is implementing a curriculum change. Instructional hours have been reduced by 2 school days. 8 teachers from SD78 have been allocated to train and attend sessions about the new curriculum and assist in the planning of the 2 in-service days.

Whereas:

The BC Ministry of Education has revised curriculum for kindergarten to grade 9 and is in the process of revising grades 10-12. In order to implement these changes, the minimum number of instructional hours has been reduced by two days for the current 2015-2016 school year. The new non-instructional time will be used for the purpose of enabling teachers to participate in discussion and activities related to the implementation of the new curriculum.

Therefore it is recommended:

Ferguson:

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) amend the 2015-2016 school calendar to include two non-instruction days: Monday March 7, 2016 and Monday April 18, 2016.

317/15-12-02
Motion to amend
the 2015-16
school calendar
to add 2 non-
instructional
days

CARRIED

The Superintendent confirmed that letters will be sent home to parents and that the district calendar on the website will be updated.

6. BCPSEA AGM – Call for Proposed Resolutions

Trustee Kerr reported that the BCPSEA AGM is January 29th and that the deadline for submitting resolutions for consideration at the AGM in December 10th.

7. BCSTA 2016/2017 Budget Planning Feedback Request

The Chair reported that the 2016/2017 BCSTA Budget Planning information is in the board package for information.

8. Synopsis – October 2015 Provincial Council

The Chair reported that the Synopsis from the BCSTA Provincial Council is in the board package for information.

9. Technology Committee Report

The Chair reported that the NGN (Next Generation Network) is ahead of schedule and will be up and running soon. Issues with MyEd BC continue on and report card time will be a crucial test for the system. The new Social Media policy was presented to the committee and discussion was had regarding portable drives being used as back-ups and how they should be encrypted when taken out of a secure building.

Discussion was had regarding the wifi letter emailed to Trustees. The Chair reports that this letter is on the agenda for the next board meeting and that the writer will be advised.

10. Student Data

The Superintendent shared information on student data including bus manifests in the Agassiz-Harrison end of the district. A slight revision to route #5 is that there are 56 riders (rather than 58) arriving at AESS. The Transportation Dept. is doing what they can to accommodate all riders.

11. Board Retreat

The Chair confirmed that the board retreat will take place on Saturday, January 23rd at the board office.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were received for information only:

1. MOE Letter re: MyEd BC
2. Letter from MOE Deputy Minister Dave Byng
3. BCTF Brief to the Select Standing Committee on Children & Youth

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

Discussion was had regarding increasing enrollment and the concerns of funding protection. The Secretary-Treasurer stated that hopefully once funding protection has ended, funds will be based upon the number of students.

K. NEXT MEETING

DATE: **Dec. 8, 2015**
 TIME: **7:00 p.m.**
 PLACE: **District Education Office**

ADJOURNMENT

Hendrickson

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

CARRIED

318/15-12-02
 Motion to
 adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Original signed by
 Board Chair

 LINDA KERR
 Chair

Original signed by
 Secretary-Treasurer

 NATALIE LOWE
 Secretary-Treasurer