

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER), HELD VIRTUALLY IN CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021.**

**Present:** J. Kerr, Chair; S. Wilson, J. McMann, D. Hagen, R. Franklin, K. Eddy and S. Briggs Trustees; J. Morrow, Superintendent; K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer; P. Cizmic, Associate Superintendent; and M. Kyle, Associate Superintendent

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**21-01 Call to Order/Chair's Remarks:**

Chair Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. In his opening remarks J. Kerr conveyed that the Campbell River Board of Education would like to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Laichwiltach People. He welcomed everyone back from the winter break and advised that due to COVID case counts rising, we have gone to a virtual public board meeting format until further notice. The direction came from the Environmental Safety Officer at the District Health Office in order to maintain compliance with the Provincial Health Officer's order which restricts the Board's ability to meet in person. The current order will be in effect until February 5<sup>th</sup>. Our board and district continue to take precautions and make accommodations, where possible, to protect the health and safety of all members of our learning community.

**21-02 Superintendent's Remarks:**

- Schools have settled back into learning routines since returning from the winter break;
- Acknowledged that a number of staff at our elementary schools found alternative and creative ways to celebrate the season with virtual concerts and performances;
- Family Literacy Week runs from January 24<sup>th</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> and the theme this year is "Travel the World";
- Grade 3, 4 and 5 students at schools are beginning to read the "Battle of the Books", gearing up for school battles and district battles happening in late February/ March. The theme this year is "Thinking Beyond Ourselves";
- Ministry of Education is conducting their annual learning survey for students and parents in grades 4, 7,10, and 12. The survey is open until April 30<sup>th</sup> and information as well as a link to the survey is posted on the district website;
- Administration of the grades 4 and 7 FSA has been postponed by the Ministry of Education and will now run from February 15 through March 12; and
- Prior to Christmas break we received notice from public health about a COVID exposure event at Carihi Secondary School (Dates of Nov 30, Dec. 1 and 2). While notice of an exposure is always concerning, we received confirmation from Island Health that this exposure event did not lead to any transmission or further cases of COVID. We continue to ask parents and community to be vigilant in performing health checks before attending school. As schools reflect what is happening in the community we continue to ask that all public health protocols be followed.

**21-03 Approval of the Minutes:**

It was proposed by D. Hagen, seconded by S. Wilson and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2020 are hereby approved as amended.*

**21-04 Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Item 20-206 – change the word “teachers” in the preamble and the motion to read “education workers”.

Trustee Hagen asked if there was any information from item 20-196: Music Programs. Associate Superintendent Cizmic will be meeting with district music teachers and will have an update for the January 26 public meeting.

**21-05 Approval of the Agenda:**

It was proposed by D. Hagen, seconded by R. Franklin and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.*

**21-06 REPORT FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2021 CONFIDENTIAL BOARD MEETING:**

The Vice-Chair reported general statements of matters discussed in the Board’s Confidential Meeting, and in accordance with Section 72(3) of the School Act, reports the following:

1. Various teaching, and support staff changes;
2. Financial, property and department issues.

**21-07 Careers / Strong Voice:**

Donnie Fitzpatrick Co-op and Career Life Teacher at Carihi Secondary provided a presentation to the Board on a careers and personal exploration program called “Tyee Transitions”. The program is offered to all secondary students and was developed after years of interviewing students and recognizing the importance of student voice. The data was collected then partnered with core competencies and aligned with the Strategic Plan. The program was developed to help students build confidence, explore their competencies, interests and the skills to enable them to make life long decisions as they transition to their next steps in life after secondary school. Students in the program have reported an increased self-awareness, self-acceptance, resilience in dealing with prior challenges, confidence in their decision-making process, clarity about future direction, confidence in academic challenges and more life balance.

**21-08 Board Governance Policy Review Committee Recommendations:**

Following a review by the Board Governance committee, Trustee Franklin provided a memorandum outlining amendments to: Policy 6 - Role of the Chair and Vice Chair; Policy 25 – Indigenous Education; and the addition of a new Policy 28 – Student Leadership. Notice of Motion was given for further amendment, debate or adoption at the next public meeting on January 26.

**21-09 Resolution Regarding Banking:**

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick advised the board that a new banking resolution was required to be signed due to the change in the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson positions for 2021.

It was proposed by D. Hagen, seconded by R. Franklin and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, together with the Secretary-Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, be appointed signing officers for the district, in accordance with the Resolution Regarding Banking which is attached to and forms part of these minutes.*

**21-10 Kindergarten Registration for 2021 / 2022:**

Associate Superintendent Cizmic reported that Kindergarten registration will run from February 1 to February 5. The district is working with our elementary schools to plan how to welcome these new registrations safely and with consideration to COVID-19 protocols. Information will be shared through the Campbell River Mirror, district social media, as well as the district and school websites next week.

**21-11 Cross Catchment Transfers:**

Associate Superintendent Kyle advised that the Cross Catchment Transfers period begins in January and the deadline for submissions to be approved by the end of March is currently February 12. The district is creating a process to allow applications to be submitted online due to COVID-19 health and safety protocols at the schools.

**21-12 Finance Warrant No. 6 – June 30, 2020:**

It was proposed by K. Eddy, seconded by D. Hagen and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the Finance Warrant No.6, dated June 30, 2020 be accepted as presented.*

**21-13 Finance Warrant No. 7 – July 31, 2020:**

*It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by S. Wilson and CARRIED:*

*THAT the Finance Warrant No.7, dated July 31, 2020 be accepted as presented.*

**21-14 Finance Warrant No. 8 – August 31, 2020:**

*It was proposed by K. Eddy, seconded by R. Franklin and CARRIED:*

*THAT the Finance Warrant No. 8, dated August 31, 2020 be accepted as presented.*

**21-15 Finance Warrant No. 9 – September 30, 2020**

It was proposed by K. Eddy, seconded by R. Franklin and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the Finance Warrant No.9, dated  
September 30, 2020 be accepted as presented.*

**21-16 Finance Warrant No. 10 – October 21, 2020:**

It was proposed by R, Franklin, seconded by K. Eddy and **CARRIED:**

*THAT the Finance Warrant No.10, dated  
October 31, 2020 be accepted as presented.*

**21-17 Vaccination Letter Follow up with BCSTA Provincial Council:**

Board Chair Kerr discussed the letter the Board sent to the Ministers of Health and Education requesting that education workers be included in the category of essential workers to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. The Board continues to have concerns about the safety of education staff that are in contact with students. Trustee Wilson will submit a resolution on behalf of the Board to BCSTA Provincial Council for consideration at their February 20 meeting which requests to prioritizing vaccinations for education staff as essential workers.

**21-18 Letter to Board Re: Technology Labs:**

Trustee Eddy discussed the letter of gratitude the Board received from Colin Riddell, English Teacher from Carihi thanking them for the technology labs and all the support that has been provided to aid in technology in the district.

**21-19 BCPSEA**

Trustee Hagen will bring a motion and his rationale for the proposal to the January 26 public board meeting with respect to prioritizing vaccinations for education staff as essential workers. If approved by the Board, Mr. Hagen will bring the motion to the BCPSEA AGM on January 28 for their consideration.

**21-20 Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

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**J. Kerr, Board Chair.**

**K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.**

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January 12, 2021.