

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, FEBRUARY 23, 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

21-34 Call to Order/Chair's Remarks:

Chair Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. In his opening remarks 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 further reported that through the direction of the Island Health District Environmental Safety Officer and to maintain compliance with the Provincial Health Order on gatherings and events last updated February 8, 2021, the district will continue to hold Board meetings virtually until further notice. He noted his attendance at the District Pro-D day on February 12 and that the district is working hard to meet the priorities and goals of the Strategic Plan.

21-35 Superintendent's Remarks:

Superintendent Morrow reflected on the activity in our schools and community including: World Read Aloud Day; Pink Shirt Day; "Battle of the Books" for Grade 3, 4 and 5 students; Foundation Skills Assessments for grade 4 and 7 students; and a shared district wide professional development day with participation of all staff on February 12th. The highlight of the day was listening to current and former students about their school experience and what made a positive difference for them.

21-36 Approval of the Minutes:

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2021 are hereby approved as circulated.

21-37 Approval of the Agenda:

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

21-38 REPORT FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, 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, labour, legal issues; and
3. Returning to the Confidential Meeting for completion of the agenda.

21-39 Correspondence Reply from the Ministry of Health:

Board Chair Kerr provided a copy of the reply from the Ministry of Health from our letters of December 2 and 9, 2020 requesting that teachers be considered as essential service providers and given a higher priority for the vaccine. There will be no changes to the vaccine priorities.

21-40 Quadra Island Climate Action Network Society, Energy Team:

Trustee Wilson advised that Quadra Island Climate Action Network Society (ICAN) is looking to install a grid tied photovoltaic solar system for Quadra Elementary School. ICAN is seeking the Board's permission to proceed with an application for funding to BC Hydro's Broad Impact Community Grant program. The system would feed electricity directly into the grid and generate credits through BC Hydro's net-metering program. ICAN is a registered non-profit society devoted to increasing the resilience and self-sufficiency of the Quadra community through direct action on clearly defined practical projects.

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

THAT the Board supports the ICAN request for funding to install a grid tied photovoltaic solar system for Quadra Elementary School and that the Superintendent designate who shall write the letter of support.

21-41 Budget Bylaw – Amended 2020-21 Operating Budget:

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick provided an overview of the amended annual budget for 2020 – 2021. The amendments include updated expenses, actual revenue based on the number of students and updated salary costs from the preliminary budget passed in May 2020. Overall the deficit is \$3,311,850 includes planned spending of \$1.7 million from reserves and a planned operating deficit of \$1.6 million. Due to COVID there was a drop in revenue of \$500,000 and increased costs of \$300,000. However additional these costs were supported through a provincial safe return to school grant in the amount of \$462,607 and a federal return to class grant in the amount of \$2,033,406

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

THAT the Budget Bylaw for the Amended Annual 2020/2021 Budget in the amount of \$77,644,901 be given all required readings at this meeting.

Unanimous Approval required for three readings.

It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by J. McMann and **CARRIED:**

THAT the Budget Bylaw for the Amended Annual 2020/2021 Budget in the amount of \$77,644,901 be given first reading.

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

THAT the Budget Bylaw for the Amended Annual 2020/2021 Budget in the amount of \$77,644,901 be given second reading.

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

THAT the Budget Bylaw for the Amended Annual 2020/2021 Budget in the amount of \$77,644,901 be given third reading, passed and adopted.

21-42 BC K-12 COVID Health and Safety Measures Update:

Associate Superintendent Cizmic advised that new BCCDC Guidance and Provincial Protocols came out in February but new protocols were just issued tonight which will be reviewed. Local protocols to ensure compliance mostly target middle/secondary schools. Our 1/8 model has very few transitions for students. The new COVID App makes it easier for parents to assess their children's health daily. Adults are to wear masks even within their cohort with some exceptions. Middle/Secondary students are to wear masks in class unless they are sitting in their regular seats. There was a re-emphasis on hand hygiene, physical distancing and people who are not feeling well should stay home.

21-43 Pacific Sport: School Physical Activity Physical Literacy:

Associate Superintendent Kyle advised that the district is engaging in a new physical literacy project with Sport for Life and Pacific Sport to increase physical literacy in our elementary and middle schools. The program is funded through the Ministry of Health and will provide the funding to support hiring a .6 FTE position from April to June this year and to continue in September. The support teacher will work alongside classroom teachers to employ best practices in physical literacy before, during, and after school. The project is not intended to be sport specific but to encourage physical activity throughout life. A well developed COVID plan regarding this project has been successfully implemented in other districts in the province. A committee of administrators has been convened to develop a roll out plan for this pilot project into a few schools.

21-44 2021/22 Enrolment Forecast:

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick provided the board with the 2020/2021 Data Collection of Estimated Enrolments Report that is based on demographics and information from schools. The preliminary district wide student enrollment projections are expected to increase next year by 20 full-time equivalent with a slight decrease in ELL and continuing education. The projection is subject to change and the annual final enrollment count date is September 30.

21-45 Draft 2021/22 Annual Operating Budget Development Schedule:

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick provided the board with a copy of the Annual Operating Budget development meeting schedule for information only.

21-46 Guiding Principles for Decision Making – Budget Cycle 2021/22:

The Board reviewed the draft Guiding Principles for Decision Making for the 2021-2022 budget

cycle.

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

THAT the Board adopt the Guiding Principles for Decision Making - Budget Cycle 2021 – 2022 as presented.

21-47 BCPSEA AGM Report:

Trustee Hagen provided an overview of the BCPSEA AGM held virtually on January 28. The Budget passed, elections were completed and two resolutions passed - a review of governance structure, and a business case under the employment act to look at compensation freeze.

21-48 MOE Partner Liaison Meeting Report:

Board Chair Kerr reported out on his virtual attendance at the MOE Partner Liaison meeting on February 5.

21-49 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting Report:

Trustees S. Wilson and J. McMann attended a Zoom virtual meeting for the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting on February 20. Two motions passed – request for funding for distributed learning and our motion on prioritizing teachers to be considered a higher priority for vaccinations.

It was proposed by J. McMann, seconded by K. Eddy and **CARRIED:**

That the Communications Committee write a letter of gratitude to public health officials.

21-51 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

J. Kerr, Board Chair.

K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

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February 23, 2021.