

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER), HELD ELECTRONICALLY AT 7:30 P.M., ON TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

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

21-51 Call to Order

Chairperson Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. In his opening remarks he noted the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic and encouraged everyone to continue to adhere to the provincial health order. He highlighted his concern for provincial capital funding levels and the condition of several schools, in particular Cedar Elementary.

21-52 Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Morrow reflected on spring activities including: student led conferences in the schools, the District "Battle of the Books", the accomplished production of "Once Upon a Mattress" at Timberline, Phoenix's letter writing initiative to first responders and a study of the book "A Long Walk to Water" which spurred a fundraising initiative.

21-53 Approval of the Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of February 23, 2021 are hereby approved as circulated.

21-54 Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as circulated.

21-55 Report from the March 16, 2021 Confidential Board Meeting

Vice-Chair Eddy 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, administrative and support staff changes;
2. Land issues.

21-56 Superintendent's Report on Achievement

Superintendent Morrow shared a report detailing student achievement data in the district for 2019-2020. The report identifies areas of strength as well as areas for future focus. The report will be published on the district website.

21-57 Board Governance Policy Review Committee Recommendations

Following a review by the Board Governance committee, Trustee Eddy provided a memorandum outlining amendments to: Policy 1 - Role of the Board and Policy 16 – Role of Committees and Representatives. Notice of Motion was given for further amendment, debate or adoption at the next public meeting on April 13, 2021.

21-58 Quarterly Financial Statement as at December 31, 2020

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick shared data on the financial position of the district as of December 31, 2020. The financial statement compares budgeted amounts to actual expenditures.

21-59 Student Advocacy re. Mental Health Curriculum

Vice Chair Eddy shared information on mental health curriculum including student advocacy work published in the Vancouver Sun and from the Ministry of Education. Eddy discussed the importance of having this curriculum embedded in day-to-day learning and ensuring supports are relevant and accessible to students.

21-60 Operating Grant Comparison

Secretary – Treasurer Patrick shared the detailed operating grant information received from the Ministry of Education on March 12, 2021. Changes from the projected amounts were noted due to: small increases in projected student numbers, wage settlements and salary differentials from labour settlement increases.

21-61 Finance Warrant No 12

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

*THAT the Finance Warrant No.12, dated December 31, 2020
be accepted as presented*

21-62 Finance Warrant No 1

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

*THAT the Finance Warrant No.1, dated January 31, 2021
be accepted as presented*

21-63 VISTA Chapter Meeting

Chair Kerr attended the VISTA chapter meeting virtually on March 12, 2021.

21-64 BCSTA AGM

Chair Kerr noted that this meeting will take place virtually on April 15-17, 2021.

21-65 Questions

Trustee Hagen asked for an update on a system for information sharing and cooperation between Ministries for children at risk. Superintendent Morrow noted that the Learning Support Services team plans to talk to the Ministry of Children and Family Development over spring break and discuss necessary actions to ensure continuity of care for students.

21-66 Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

John Kerr, Board Chair.

Kevin Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

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