



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 54 (BULKLEY VALLEY)
DECEMBER 8, 2020
ELECTRONIC FORMAT VIA: ZOOM

PRESENT: Trustees: F. Farrell, J. Williams, L. Kearns, J. Krauskopf, F. Krishan, P. Michell

Trustee Absence: E. Quinlan

Staff: M. McDiarmid – Superintendent
M. Monkman – Assistant Superintendent
D. Margerm – Secretary Treasurer
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

2. TRADITIONAL WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS

- Chairperson Williams acknowledged that we are gathered on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en – Bear Wolf Clan and the Likhsilya – Small Frog Clan.
- Chairperson Williams welcomed all guests present to the last board meeting of the calendar year. She began by recapping 2020 as the most unusual year but acknowledged that a lot of learning came out of it. She thanked Assistant Superintendent Monkman and all of the SD54 Technology department for their ongoing tech support during the pandemic.
- Chairperson Williams then handed the meeting over to Secretary Treasurer Margerm

3. BOARD ELECTIONS

- Secretary Treasurer Dave Margerm explained the Board Election as per Board Policy 1.160 Annual Board Elections.
- Mr. Margerm requested a motion to appoint Mr. McDiarmid and Mr. Monkman as scrutineers for the election proceedings.

MOTION: It was moved by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Kearns.

“That Mr. McDiarmid and Mr. Monkman be named as scrutineers.”

CARRIED

- Mr. Margerm outlined to the Board that this year any voting will be handled by Electronic Ballot set up through the Zoom platform. Once the votes are completed, Mr. McDiarmid will pass the name of the winner to Mr. Margerm via text.

- **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**
 - Mr. Margerm informed the Board that expression of interest was received from Trustee Williams.
 - Mr. Margerm opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chairperson and called for nominations.
 - Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time. Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed.
 - Mr. Margerm announced that Trustee Williams was elected the Chairperson by acclamation.

- **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**
 - Mr. Margerm informed the Board that expression of interest were received from Trustee Farrell and Trustee Kearns.
 - Mr. Margerm opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice - Chairperson and called for nominations.
 - Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time. Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed.
 - Trustees voted VIA Zoom Polling.
 - Mr. Margerm announced that Trustee Kearns was elected the Vice Chairperson by ballot voting.

- **ELECTION OF BCPSEA REPRESENTATIVE**
 - Mr. Margerm informed the Board that expression of interest was received from Trustee Kearns and Trustee Williams.
 - Trustee Williams withdrew her expression of interest.
 - Mr. Margerm opened the floor for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative, and called for nominations.
 - Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time. Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed.
 - Mr. Margerm announced that Trustee Kearns was elected to the position of BCPSEA Representative by acclamation

- **ELECTION OF BCSTA PROVINCIAL COUNCILOR**
 - Mr. Margerm informed the Board that expression of interest was received from Trustee Farrell.
 - Mr. Margerm opened the floor for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councilor, and called for nominations.
 - Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time. Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed.
 - Mr. Margerm announced that Trustee Farrell was elected the BCSTA Provincial Councilor by acclamation.

- **ELECTION OF INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**
 - Mr. Margerm informed the Board that expression of interest was received from Trustee Krishan.
 - Mr. Margerm opened the floor for nominations for the position of Indigenous Education Council Representative, and called for nominations.
 - Mr. Margerm called for nominations a second time. Mr. Margerm then called for further nominations a third and last time, and hearing none declared the nominations closed.
 - Mr. Margerm announced that Trustee Krishan was elected the Indigenous Education Council representative by acclamation.

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Krauskopf.*

“That all electronic ballots be destroyed.”

CARRIED

- Trustee Williams assumed the Chair as Presiding Officer.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Michell and seconded by Trustee Kearns.*

“That the agenda be accepted as presented.”

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- The Chairperson asked if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of November 24, 2020 or the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of November 24, 2020. There being none, the regular meeting minutes of November 24, 2020 and the synopsis of the in-camera meeting minutes of November 24, 2020 were declared approved as presented.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the District achievement report to the Board. Mr. Perry Rath, SSS Teacher was awarded the ‘*Excellence in Education*’ from the Smithers Chamber of Commerce and Ms. Heather Lee, SSS Drama Teacher was also recently awarded the ‘*Simpson and Lynds Distinguished Service Award*.’
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the student achievement report to the Board. Secondary schools have issued their first report cards of the year while elementary schools have been communicating student learning through regular communication with parents and guardians. Early Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year will take place the week of January 18-22, 2021.
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the District initiatives report to the Board. Trustees and senior administration took part in their Annual BC School Trustees Academy on November 27-28, 2020 via Zoom. The Week of Code 2020 began on December 7th and schools are encouraged to introduce Computational Thinking and Coding activities to students and teachers.
- Superintendent McDiarmid presented the school-based initiatives report to the Board. Mr. McDiarmid highlighted all the activities happening at each one of SD54 schools for the month of December.

7.a) OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- There was no Operations Committee meeting this month.
- Next Meeting Tuesday, January 12th, 2021.

7.b) POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

- There was no Policy Committee meeting this month.
- Next Meeting Tuesday, January 12th, 2021.

7.c) TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Trustee’s Krishan, Farrell and Williams all submitted reports from their participation in the BCSTA Fall Trustee Academy. Trustee Farrell congratulated Trustee Williams on her appointment of Chairperson of the BCSTA Northwest Branch.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- There was no unfinished business this month.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business this month.

CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business this month.

11. READING FILE

MOTION: *It was moved by Trustee Farrell and seconded by Trustee Krauskopf.*

“That the information contained in the Trustee Reading File be received and filed.”

CARRIED

12. CLOSING REMARKS

- Closing Remarks – Chairperson Williams wished everyone happy holidays and stay safe during the holidays. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on January 26, 2021 at the School Board Office in Smithers B.C., commencing at 7:00 p.m. **NOTE:** Location &/or meeting delivery is subject to current Provincial Health Orders in place.

13. ADJOURNED

- The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Approved by:



Approved by Les Kearns, Vice – Chairperson on behalf
Jennifer Williams, Chairperson of the Board of Education



Dave Margerm
Secretary Treasurer