



REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SCHOOL DISTRICT #54 (Bulkley Valley)
HELD AT
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE
March 13, 2012

PRESENT: Trustees: L. Kearns, K. Martinsen, J. McIntosh, F. Farrell, S. Yaremco, L. Collingwood,
Regrets: P. Michell
Staff: C. van der Mark – Superintendent of Schools
M. McDiarmid – Assistant Superintendent
S. Richards – Secretary Treasurer
B. Kingsmill – Recording Secretary
T. Perreault – Human Resources Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

MOVED/SECONDED: F. Farrell / K. Martinsen

"That the Board meeting move *In-Camera*."

CARRIED

The Board returned to Regular session at 7:02 pm.

2. OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed all guests in attendance: Sara Komadina, CFTK / CJFW; Andrew Hudson, Interior News; BVTU representatives President Karin Bachman, Rick Friesen and CUPE representative, Barbel Schroeter. Trustee Michell sent her regrets. In addition, Trustee Kearns welcomed Toni Perreault – Human Resources Officer back to the board room and welcomed Bobbie Kingsmill as the new Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools. Trustee Kearns congratulated Nora Kerr and all the school secretaries who received a certificate of excellence from the Ministry of Education for having a 100% completion rate for the September 2011 – 1701 Data Collection report. Lastly, Trustee Kearns wanted to thank the CUPE and BVTU members for their professionalism and patience during the current labour dispute.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair asked if there could be an addition to tonight's agenda.

"7.2 Ratification of CUPE Local 2145 Collective Agreement 2010 – 2012. " was added.

MOVED/SECONDED: J. McIntosh / S. Yaremco

"That the amended agenda be adopted as presented."

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The Chair asked if there were corrections to the minutes of February 21, 2012 and the Synopsis of the In-Camera Meeting minutes February 21, 2012. There being none, the minutes of February 21, 2012 and the Synopsis of the In-Camera Meeting minutes of February 17, 2012 were declared approved as presented.

5. REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Achievement

Praise- A- Reader - Over the past month, Smithers Community Services has partnered with other education providers, in order to raise awareness for community literacy. Through the participation of The Interior News, SD#54 students handed out newspapers around Smithers in exchange for donations to community literacy services. A special thank you goes out to the Smithers Secondary students who did the leg work, namely: Will Davis; Kevin Pelzer; Mike Morris; Emily Sayeed and Mikayla Hidber. These students are excellent examples of volunteerism in our community and their efforts raised close to \$500. Chairmen Kearns asked that a letter be send to each of the students for the excellent job they did on this fundraising effort.

DISTRICT BASED INITIATIVES

District Dogwood Scholarship –The District will be awarding several \$1,000 scholarships this year to our graduating students. Assistant Superintendent Michael McDiarmid is planning to have the student presentations the week of May 14th. The trustees will be invited to participate in the presentations.

Regional Science Fair – Will be held at the Hazelton Secondary School this year on April 6-7.

Grade 4 Learning Feast— On March 14th, grade 4 students from across the District will gather to participate in the annual Learning Feast in Moricetown. The students will participate and learn about the clan system.

SCHOOL BASED INITIATIVES

Anti-Bullying Day - On Wednesday February 29, schools across the District participated in an initiative that focused on bringing awareness and an end to bullying. District Principal of Technology, Matthew Monkman, hosted a number of cyber-bullying information sessions with students in conjunction with Smithers Safety Prevention Office, RCMP, and local MLA Doug Donaldson. Chairmen Kearns asked if a thank you letter be sent out to all of the outside corporate partners.

Youth Science Month - March has been proclaimed as Youth Science Month.

2012 Education Week - Education Week has been proclaimed to be the week of April 2-8.

Lake Kathlyn Elementary - Held a Dr. Seuss Day! There was plenty of school spirit and no shortages of Whos', Cats in the Hats, Green Eggs, or Things One and Two. Well done to staff and students for such an engaging day.

HSS & SSS Drama – Both schools competed in the Zone Drama Festival, hosted at SSS this past week. Both drama crews did an excellent job and received individual accolades over the weekend. SSS took the top prize and will be heading to the Provincial Drama Festival in New Westminster with their production "4am Open All night. Quality work all way around, congratulations!

Field Trip Proposals - SSS - 18 Students and 5 Adults will be traveling to France and Spain April 3 to 15th, 2012. The group is now asking for final approval. All requirements required by the District have been met for this trip. A discussion took place and there was consensus amongst the group.

Elementary Report Card Release Date – Mr. van der Mark explained that on the school calendar, elementary reports cards were scheduled for disbursement on March 16, 2012. On March 12, a letter was sent home from the Superintendent stating that the issuance of elementary report cards will be rescheduled and will now be released by April 19th. At this time the form of the report card is still unknown. We appreciate the professional manner that all of our teachers have shown during this difficult time however, the Board of Education has legislative responsibilities with respect to the issuance of report cards.

OPERATIONS

Budget Development 2012-2013 - Preliminary efforts are underway with respect to budget development .

PEBT Regional Meetings - Administration will attend one of 10 regional meetings this spring covering topics including the Annual Report, financial information and the JEIS and LTD programs.

New Busses - 2 new busses have been ordered. A bussing bylaw will be presented to the Operations Committee at its next meeting.

AFG Planning - Communication with PVP 's on school facility issues is now complete and planning is well underway with respect to AFG projects for the summer of 2012, although no formal announcement has been made by the ministry with respect to AFG commitment.

Phase 1 Audit 2011 – 2012 - Auditors will visit the district office for the week of March 26, 2012.

EDUCATION FORUM REPORT

No report this month.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Martinsen presented the Committee's Report from February 28, 2012 meeting. The committee had a lengthy discussion with regards to the challenges of holding board meetings in Houston.

MOVED/SECONDED: K.Martinsen / F.Farrell

" The committee recommends that the Board, beginning with 2012-2013 school year, hold 1 Board meeting per year in Houston, rotating through the 3 schools and 1 Education Forum per year, both of which to be held at a time when seasonal conditions facilitate travel and attendance."

CARRIED

2012 – 2013 Enrolment Projections – Projections show a decrease of 1.5%

CUPE Request for Letter of Support – re: Canada European Union Trade Agreement (CETA) – no further action was warranted.

1701 / Ministry Acknowledgement – September 2011 - 100% successful data entry by school secretaries.

Disposition of Lands & Improvements – The Throne Speech provided information relating to planned changes which would make the disposition of lands & improvements easier. There has been no announcement with respect to the rescinding of the Ministerial Order.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Trustee Collingwood, on behalf of Trustee Yaremco, presented the Committee's Report from the February 28, 2012 meeting. No quorum was reached. Informal discussion took place about:

1. 9.210 – Student Suspension
2. 9.120 – Student Involvement with Drugs & Alcohol
3. 10.110 – Facilities Use – Sections 3 & 8 – will stay in committee at this time.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 3, 2012 starting at 3:00 pm.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

No meeting this month. Next meeting is TBA.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee McIntosh provided the board with an overview of Provincial Council Meeting held February 24-25, 2012. In addition, Trustee McIntosh was happy to report that Prince George Trustee, Trish Bella was elected as Provincial Councilor in the by election.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Post Legislation Implications – Trustee Yaremco and the board discussed the timeline of reinstating recess if Bill 22 passes through the legislature. Trustee Yaremco placed a motion on the table.

MOVED/SECONDED: S. Yaremco / J.McIntosh

" The Board directs administration to reinstate recess at all district schools subject to:

- 1. The passage of Bill 22 and*
- 2. 1 week subsequent notice to parents and other stakeholders. "*

CARRIED

Trustee Farrell, raised the issue of when recess would be reinstated if Bill 22 passes. After discussion the Board agreed that the most likely dates would be March 26, 2012 or April 2, 2012.

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7.2 Ratification of CUPE Local 2145 Collective Agreement 2010-2012 - Trustee McIntosh informed the Board that the CUPE National ratified the agreement on March 10, 2012 and on behalf of the Administration and the Bargaining Committee put forth a motion to the board.

MOVED/SECONDED: J.McIntosh / K.Martinsen

"Administration and the Bargaining Committee recommends that the Board accept and ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education of School District 54 (Bulkley Valley) and CUPE Local 2145 from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012. "

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Expenditure summary for the period ended February 29, 2012 was included in the Trustee Board Packages.

9. READING FILE

January 23, 2012	Letter from CUPE B.C. re: The Canada European Union Trade Agreement
February 10, 2012	Letter from BCRT re: Volunteering Study
February 16, 2012	Letter from District of Houston re: Emergency Response Preparedness Exercise Invite
February 16, 2012	Letter from Vancouver District Students' Council re: Student's Voice on Anti Bullying Action
February 20, 2012	Letter from SD54 re: Request to Dispose of Vacant Property
February 21, 2012	Letter from SD20 re: Unique Student Needs Funding
February 21, 2012	Letter from SD20 re: Funding Formula
February 22, 2012	Letter to Cathy Whalen re: Board Appreciation
March 1, 2012	Month End Enrolment
March 6, 2012	Email from Pauline Mahoney-on behalf of Canadian Parents for French (CPF): Invitation to a performance/workshop by Anne Glover – Storyteller March 13/14,2012 at Muheim

Chairmen Kearns acknowledged the receipt of a letter from the BVTU this morning. As the letter was just received, we were unable to add it to the board package.

MOVED/SECONDED: J.McIntosh / L.Collingwood

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

CARRIED

10. NEXT BOARD MEETING

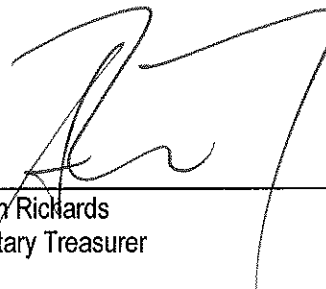
The next School Board meeting will be held on April 17, 2012 at the Multiplex in Moricetown starting at 7:00 pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Les Kearns
Chairman of the Board



Steven Richards
Secretary Treasurer