

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN)**

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	R. Gage D. Laird D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Superintendent	R. Peacock
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

It was requested that Strategic Planning be added to the Education Committee.

AGENDA

13/028

RAINER-WARD

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

13/029

SWAN-LAIRD

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 16, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Literacy helping teacher Mrs. Jennifer Denton on February 26th; and a reminder that February 27th is anti-bullying day and pink shirts are worn in support.

Strategic Planning

Trustee Laird provided information on the Strategic Planning session put on by School District 73 (Kamloops) at the recent BCPSEA AGM. He noted that the district does not have a strategic plan in place and that BCSTA does provide funding for a facilitator to help build the preliminary plan.

ACTION ITEM:

03/033

SWAN-RAINER

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2012/2013 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of \$28,741,667 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

03/034

GAGE-SWAN

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2012/2013 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of \$28,741,667 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

CARRIED**POLICY COMMITTEE****Draft Policies & Regulations**

It was decided that Policy and Regulation No. 407 – Respectful Workplace be tabled until the next meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

PAC Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Gage for Merritt Central Elementary School, Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary and Merritt Bench Elementary Schools, Trustee Rainer for Princeton Secondary School.

Other Reports

The Chairman advised of the recent joint City Council/Board of Education meeting in Merritt. He made note of the joint use arrangement that is currently in place between the City and the district and the plan to make a more formal agreement. The Chairman also provided information on the discussion around crime and the drug free zone.

Chairman Comeau noted that he and the Superintendent will be attending the BCPSEA Provincial Council meeting on February 16, 2013 in Vancouver.

The Assistant Superintendent provided information on the literacy dollars that were lost at both ends of the district.

He noted that Decoda Literacy Solutions are not able to provide funding for the literacy outreach coordinator position in both Princeton and Merritt for this year. Funding for the coordination of the community literacy task groups was \$2.5 million province wide for three years, but last year, the Ministry of Education only provided \$1 million. Decoda added \$1.5 million from its reserves to address the shortfall; however, they cannot make up the difference this year and as a result, 55 communities have lost funding.

ACTION ITEM:

The Assistant Superintendent to bring back the dollars left for each community.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the UBCM/BCSTA granting approval for the School Community Connections application for school ground and daycare improvements at Kengard Learning Centre.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Dawn Johnson from the Similkameen Newsleader inquired about the 2013/2014 budget presentation meeting in Princeton. The Secretary Treasurer advised it will be held on April 4th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

13/037

LAIRD-WARD

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer