

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	R. Gage T. Kroeker D. Laird D. Rainer G. Swan
	Student Trustee	A. Silbernagel
	Superintendent	R. Peacock
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

AGENDA

It was requested that the Riverside Building be removed from the Building Committee as this was dealt with in the in-camera meeting.

Strategic Plan

The Superintendent informed that the district is moving forward with the Strategic Plan. Senior staff will be meeting with Ross Spina on Friday to discuss direction for the upcoming advisory committee meeting on February 20, 2014.

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

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It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the 2013/2014 fiscal year specifying a budget bylaw amount of \$28,647,552 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2014/2015 PAC Budget Presentations

The Superintendent reported on the recent 2014/2015 budget presentations given at the PAC meetings. He noted that currently, four presentations have occurred with further presentations planned for next week. He indicated that the goal of the presentations is to gather feedback on the budget process.

PLNet Upgrade

The Superintendent provided an overview of the PLNET upgrade attachments. He noted that the current network challenges are provided in the document. In particular, the current 1990 architecture has been failing to meet requirements and is not a design that is scalable to meet projected growth.

Due to the current network state, the recommendation is to upgrade the network. Along with this upgrade come costs to the district.

Two options were provided from the Ministry of Education. Option one includes taking the capital costs from the Annual Facilities Grant funding and the operating costs from the block funding before allocation to districts. Option two would be to charge each district their costs as they are able to utilize the network.

The Superintendent recommendation was option one. There was general consensus the district move forward with the recommendation.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Nicola-Canford Modular Project Update

The Superintendent advised that the Nicola-Canford Modular project is moving ahead and at the present time, is on schedule for an end of July completion.

The Chairman noted he recently toured the site and was quite impressed at the progress and is excited about the final product.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Andrew Silbernagel noted the first semester exams just finished. He informed that his leadership class is currently looking at anti-bullying programs

to present to other students. He noted Princeton Secondary School will be hosting a Valentine's Day game contest on February 13, 2014.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary and Merritt Bench Elementary Schools, Trustee Laird for Nicola-Canford Elementary School, Trustee Rainer for John Allison Elementary School and Trustee Comeau for Princeton Secondary School.

Other Reports

The Chairman noted he attended the BCPSEA AGM.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer