

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	C. McCormack A. McElveen
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

AGENDA

15/011 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

15/012 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held December 10, 2014, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

The Superintendent introduced grade 12 Student Trustee Allison McElveen and grade 11 Student Trustee Cohen McCormack.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent advised of the following activities occurring in the district:

Merritt Secondary bus arrived and took students on first trip
 Science Fair work and planning taking place (fair to be hosted by MCE /
 Burt Bergman taking on district organizing)
 Request sent out for regional judges
 Honouring our Elders January 22nd (Merritt Central to host 11:00 a.m. to
 2:00 p.m.)
 Basketball taking place at both ends of the district
 New Literacy Outreach Coordinator hired for Merritt – Ros Duclos (1st
 meeting next week)
 Strong Start evening sessions starting in Merritt and Princeton (Once per
 week or once every second week)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2014/2015 Ministry of Education Grant

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the estimated funding grant and the final funding numbers for the 2014/2015 school year.

Appointment of Auditors

15/014 It was moved and seconded:

THAT McConnell, Voelkl be appointed as the district's auditors for the 2014/2015 school year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

School Dude Software

Operations Manager Archie Stogianos presented a proposal regarding switching from the current work order system "WebWorks" to a new system called "School Dude."

15/015 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the District to move forward with the School Dude software program.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Phone Replacement Update

The Secretary Treasurer advised that a Request For Proposal (RFP) is currently on BC Bid for the phone replacement at Merritt Secondary School/School Board office, Kengard Learning Centre, and Princeton Secondary School. He noted the RFP closes tomorrow and he will review the bids with the Operations Manager. He

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and action taken:

ArtStarts In Schools grant for \$7,200 for performing arts activities throughout the district for the 2014-2015 school year;
Ministry of Education approval for the under-expenditure of Aboriginal Education targeted funds.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer