

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

Trustees

G. Ellingsen

T. Kroeker

G. Swan

L. Ward

Student Trustees

R. Chhabra

T. Thomson

Superintendent

S. McNiven

Assistant Superintendent

C. Perkins

16/112 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

16/113 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held June 8, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Nicola Valley Community Theatre

The Superintendent introduced Rich Hodson who provided an update on the Nicola Valley Community Theatre. The architect provided the architectural drawings of the theatre and noted it will have a 275 seat performing arts area. He further noted that the theatre will be combined with the existing building meaning it is intended for a 2017 opening.

Presentation: Learning Commons

The Superintendent introduced Teachers Ed. Involvement and Library. The Learning Commons project at Merritt Secondary School.

Board Authority/Authorized Courses

The Superintendent provided an overview of the proposed Board/Authority Authorized (RAA) courses: Criminology 12, Introduction to Culinary Arts 12, Fashion and Interior Design 12, and Transition and Personal Development 12 developed by South Central Interior Distance Education School.

16/114

It was moved and seconded:

- Criminology 12
- Introduction to Culinary Arts 12
- Fashion and Interior Design 12

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was consensus regarding the Transition and Personal Development 12 course. This information will be brought back to the October Special meeting.

Preliminary Enrollment

The Superintendent advised the current enrollment is 1,025, up 73 students from the 2016 enrollment.

Rotary Exchange Practice

The Superintendent reported the district currently supports a district-wide practice of Rotary Exchange for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 without a fee. He advised that some districts are no longer allowing grade 12's to apply as they do not receive funding when they go. He noted that given the short timeline to make a decision, the district will continue this practice through the 2017 school year but would like to recommend this practice continue.

The Board was in consensus that the district maintains the status quo of permitting grade 12 students to apply for Rotary Exchange.

Learning Improvement Fund (LIF)

The Superintendent informed that a significant amount of the education fund component of the Learning Improvement Fund has been agreed upon and is in place for the 2016-2017 school year.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent provided an update on the following activities in the district:

- Publicly acknowledged maintenance;
- Teacher mentoring projects with 42 participants;
- New curriculum professional development;
- Middle Years professional development;
- DPAC;
- District/Nicola Valley and Princeton District Teacher Union Socials at both ends of the district;
- TTC Orientation;
- Enhancement Agreement planning;
- Orange Shirt Day; and
- First Nations Welcome Dinner September 20th in Merritt and October 6th in Princeton.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2015/2016 Audited Financial Statements

The Secretary/Treasurer introduced Chair, Chris Kelly, CPA, CA, partner with McConnell, Voelkl, to present the Auditors Report.

16/115 It was moved and seconded:

That the Board approve the 2015/2016 Audited Financial Statements for District No. 59 (Nicola Valley) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, be accepted and approved as presented..

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Use and Disbursement of Targeted 2015/2016 Aboriginal Funding

16/116 It was moved and seconded:

That approval be given for the underexpenditure of the 2015-2016 targeted Aboriginal funding in the school year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

United Way School Supplies

The Superintendent noted that United Way and Staples (Kamloops) has donated \$2,000 worth of school supplies to Maritt Students. He stated in the future he would like to challenge Staples in Penticton to support Princeton Schools. The Superintendent thanked the Secretary Treasurer for helping to coordinate this opportunity.

Capital Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer provided information regarding Capital Bylaw No. 1516CP58-01, which provides approval for the 2015/2016 Capital Plan projects supported in the Ministry's letter of approval dated July 9, 2016. He noted currently \$902,555 has been approved for the following projects:

- Maritt Secondary School Lighting upgrade
- Princeton Secondary School LINA C upgrade Phase I
- One school bus

16/117 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 1516CP58-015 Capital Plan 2015/2016 be read a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16/118 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 1516CP58-015 Capital Plan 2015 be read a third time.
 It was moved and seconded:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Summer Projects – Operations Update

The Secretary Treasurer introduced Operations Manager Archie Stojanovic who provided an update on the summer maintenance projects for the district.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

It was moved and seconded:

16/119 THAT approval be given for bus transportation to be provided to Princeton students for the Train the Trainer session on Social Media Safety.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary School and Merritt Ranch Elementary School,
Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary, Trustee Kroeker for SCIDES and
Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School and Community Learning
Centre.

Student Trustee Reports

[Redacted content]

The Chairman read the communique confirming the Board will not tolerate any

ACTION ITEM:

The Secretary/Treasurer was asked to continue to communicate to schools the communications to schools.


A reminder of the upcoming BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting to be held on September 30 and October 1, 2016 in School District No. 74 (Gold Trail).

CORRESPONDENCE


A letter was received from the Ministry of Education regarding financial support being provided for the new curriculum implementation and mandatory coding requirement.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer