

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**

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

AGENDA

13/061 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

13/062 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 13, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PSS Bamfield Field Trip

The Superintendent introduced Princeton Secondary School teacher Crystal Larsen who provided information regarding the upcoming trip to Bamfield Marine Educational/Research Facility on May 9-13, 2013. She noted that there are 18 students in total who are signed up for the field trip.

13/063 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the Princeton Secondary School field trip to Bamfield Marine Educational/Research Facility on May 9 - 13, 2013 be approved as requested, subject to Regulation No. 603.2 Field Experiences being adhered to.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PSS Europe Field Trip

Princeton Secondary School teacher Kirk McConnell provided an overview of the proposed field trip to Europe for spring break in 2014. He reviewed an itinerary which included tentative dates and prices. Mr. McConnell noted that currently, ten people have expressed interest.

13/064 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval in principle be given for the Princeton Secondary School field trip to Europe subject to a final presentation with confirmed numbers being brought back to the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

District Data

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent provided a detailed overview of the district data they used guidelines such as:

- Ensuring multiple source of data/information is used.
- Ensure comparability of different sources.
- Consider participation rates.
- Be cautious of data representing small numbers of students.
- Review data trends.

It was noted that out of 78 local health areas, overall Merritt is 6th worst and Princeton is 44th. In education, Merritt is 24th and Princeton is 42nd out of 78 areas.

Support Services Quality Review

The Superintendent advised Trustees of a Support Services Quality Review currently taking place. The district has hired Marilyn McLean, a retired Assistance Superintendent from Kamloops with the goal of how to make support services better.

Field Trips

13/065

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the Kengard Learning Centre Educo Adventure School field trip to 100 Mile House on May 27-28, 2013 be approved as requested, subject to Regulation 603.2 Field Experiences are adhered to.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent noted a number of activities occurring in the district including:

- Thirty out of forty district students won medals at the recent Science Fair as well as thirteen out of the twenty-four total trophies. He noted that three of the five students that are going to Nationals are School District 58 students.
- Changing Results for Young Readers April 9th at 8:30 a.m. in Princeton.
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) workshop April 10th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Merritt Civic Centre.
- The Grade 6/7 District Elementary Basketball tournament April 19th at Colletville Elementary School.
- Earth Day is April 22nd.
- Merritt Secondary School is hosting a parent information night on social media and internet safety, April 10th in the multi-purpose room.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Electronic Basketball Cranks

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the quotes received for the installation of electronic basketball winches at Princeton Secondary School.

13/066

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given to Royal Stewart Ltd. in the amount of \$8,275 less taxes plus the electrical cost, for the installation of electronic basketball winches at Princeton Secondary School.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Literacy Finances

The Assistant Superintendent advised that the Ministry of Education has provided an additional one million dollars to Decoda Literacy for distribution to fund community literacy coordinators.

Farm Tractor Tender

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the list of tenders received for the farm tractor noting that one company did not meet the PTO horsepower requirements. He advised that the Maintenance Supervisor has recommended Prairiecoast Equipment, whose tender came in at \$1,320.78 higher than the lowest quote. He cited his past experience with John Deere equipment has been positive.

13/067 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Prairiecoast Equipment Ltd. tender in the amount of 37,020.78 for the purchase of a farm tractor be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer provided information regarding the Annual Facility Grant (AFG).

13/068 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Annual Facility Grant Bylaw No. 126647 specifying a maximum expenditure of \$374,883 be read a first, and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

13/069 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Annual Facility Grant Bylaw No. 126647 specifying a maximum expenditure of \$374,883 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICY COMMITTEE

Draft Policy and Regulations

The Superintendent advised that there has been no public feedback on Policy and Regulation No. 501.8 – Fees to Students and Financial Hardships and Policy and

Regulation No. 502.5 – Smoking and the Use of Smokeless Tobacco Products, therefore, he recommended final reading.

13/070 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy and Regulation No. 501.8 – Fees to Students and Financial Hardships and Policy and Regulation No. 502.5 – Smoking and the Use of Smokeless Tobacco Products, be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Superintendent advised that Policy and Regulation No. 602.69 – Social Networking and Policy and Regulation No. 504.3 – First Aid in Schools has been reviewed by the Policy Committee.

13/071 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy and Regulation No. 602.69 – Social Networking and Policy and Regulation No. 504.3 – First Aid in Schools, be read a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13/072 It was moved and seconded:

THAT a final reading to adopt these policies and regulations be brought back to the next Regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Local Education Agreement

The Superintendent advised that the progress is on hold pending information from the Upper Nicola Band regarding one item that was not completed in negotiations.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Nicola-Canford Modular Project Update and Bylaw

13/073 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 126610 for the classroom Replacement with 8 Modular Classrooms specifying a maximum expenditure of \$4,826,543 be read a first, and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

13/074

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 126610 for the Classroom Replacement with 8 Modular Classrooms specifying a maximum expenditure of \$4,826,543 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nicola Fire Base Lease

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources would like to extend their lease by two months to end on August 31, 2013.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary, Trustee Ward for South Central Interior Distance Education School, and Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School.

Other Reports

Trustee Comeau reminded Trustees of the upcoming BCSTA AGM at the end of April.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and action taken:

- UBCM/School Community Connections announcing approval for the school ground and daycare improvements at Kengard Learning Centre application in the amount of \$17,500.00.
- A letter from the Minister of Education regarding the 2012/2013 funding recalculations.
- City of Merritt confirming the discussions of the joint City/Board meeting held on January 29, 2013.
- Heart & Stroke Foundation thanking the district for donations raised through the Jump Rope for Heart.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Princeton News Leader reporter inquired about dates for the sports day and Family Fair at John Allison Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer