

**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.**

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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

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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**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Presentation – John Allison & Vermilion Forks Elementary Activities**

The Superintendent introduced Barry Clarke, Principal for John Allison and Vermilion Forks Elementary Schools. Mr. Clarke provided information on a number of activities that are occurring at both Vermilion Forks and John Allison.

### **2013/2014 School Calendar**

The Superintendent reviewed the two 2013/2014 calendar options. He noted that both options have the required 185 instructional days with the school year in option A ending on June 27<sup>th</sup> and ending on June 26<sup>th</sup> in option B. He advised that option A has a two week continuous spring break while option B has two one-week breaks. The Superintendent advised the draft calendars will be sent out to parents for feedback and brought back to the March 13, 2013 meeting for final approval.

### **Pro D Update**

The Assistant Superintendent provided an update of the numerous Pro D activities that are occurring across the district.

### **LEA Update**

The Superintendent provided a brief overview of the Local Education Agreement. He advised that discussions are occurring and that the district is looking forward to coming to a negotiated agreement with the Upper Nicola Indian Band.

The Superintendent also provided a recap of the recent FNEESC LEA workshop held in Kamloops.

### **Field Trips**

The February 7, 2013 list of Superintendent approved field trips was circulated.

03/030

### **LAIRD-GAGE**

THAT approval be given for the Nicola-Canford Elementary School grades 4-7 field trip to Eagle Bay Camp at Sorrento on May 22 – 24, 2013, provided that the two items that are marked in progress are concluded prior to the trip.

**CARRIED**

### **Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent noted a number of activities occurring in the district including the recent girls basketball ranking tournament at PSS, which saw the PSS girls team finish in second place; the Grade 4-5 elementary handball tournament at DV and NC; MSS Valentine Pancake breakfast with donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation; Lets Talk About Reading with Merritt Moms and Families hosted by

Literacy helping teacher Mrs. Jennifer Denton on February 26<sup>th</sup>; and a reminder that February 27<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Trustee Swan to speak with Stephen Hansen from BCSTA regarding funding for a facilitator.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **Princeton Secondary School Photocopier Purchase**

The Secretary Treasurer provided a brief overview on the Princeton Secondary School photocopier purchase request.

03/031

#### **SWAN-RAINER**

THAT approval be given for the purchase of Ricoh photocopier in the amount of \$12,701.75 excluding HST.

**CARRIED**

#### **Auto Scrubber Purchase**

The Secretary Treasurer provided details of the auto scrubber purchase and advised the plan is to put the new ride-on scrubber in one of the larger schools and move the hand held scrubber to one of the smaller schools.

03/032

#### **SWAN-RAINER**

THAT approval be given for the purchase of an Advance Model SC3000 Auto Scrubber in the amount of \$12,200 excluding HST.

**CARRIED**

### **2012/2013 Amended Annual Budget**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2012/2013 Amended Annual Budget. He reviewed the major changes from the Annual versus the Amended Annual Budget. In particular, he noted the overall budget bylaw is down \$801,080 as a result of the Nicola-Canford Elementary School Modular Project not starting in January as anticipated.

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 Rainer provided information on Policy and Regulation No. 501.8 – Fees to Students and Financial Hardships, as well as Policy and Regulation No. 502.5 – Smoking and the Use of Smokeless Tobacco Products.

03/035 **RAINER-WARD**

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 first and second time; and

THAT a final reading to adopt these policies and regulations be brought back to the next regular meeting on March 13, 2013.

**CARRIED**

**BUILDING COMMITTEE****Update – Nicola-Canford Elementary School**13/036 **LAIRD-RAINER**

THAT the district proceed with the signing of a capital project agreement for the Nicola-Canford Elementary School Modular Project.

**CARRIED**

The Superintendent advised that the total project cost will be approximately \$7 million with the Ministry putting forward a significant portion of the overall costs.

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

13/037

**LAIRD-WARD**

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

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Chairman

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Secretary Treasurer