

MINUTES

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 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

13/084 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

13/085 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held April 10, 2013, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: Technology Update

District Technology Coordinator Jason McAllister provided an update on technology happening in the district. In particular, he provided an overview of the current iPad pilot program along with the future plans for iPads for the district.

The Chairman thanked Mr. McAllister for his work in spearheading the iPad project for the district.

Trustee Reps for Secondary School Graduations

The Superintendent requested Trustee representatives for the Kengard Learning Centre, Merritt and Princeton Secondary School, and the Aboriginal graduations.

Chairman Comeau would represent the Board for the Kengard Learning Centre graduation, Trustee Kroeker for the Merritt Secondary School graduation, Trustee Laird for the Aboriginal graduation and Trustee Ward would represent the Board for the Princeton Secondary School Graduation.

LEA Update

The Superintendent advised that Upper Nicola Indian Band and the Board have completed an agreement and plan to sign at a Chief and Council meeting on May 13, 2013.

Board/Authority Authorized Course – Horticulture 11

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the proposed Horticulture 11 course that has been developed by Merritt Secondary School. Should the Board approve this course, it will be submitted to the Graduation Standards Division of the Ministry of Education for review and final approval prior to implementation.

13/086

It was moved and seconded

THAT approval be given for the Horticulture 11 course as developed by Merritt Secondary School as a Board Authority/Authorized Course.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent's Report

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

- Merritt Secondary School student Keisha Anderson representing BC in the Jr. Varsity category of the Braille Challenge Program in Los Angeles, California. He noted Ms. Anderson is only 1 of 3 participants from Canada and praised the hard work it took her to get to LA.

- Merritt Central PAC hosting a Fun Day this Friday with carnival like activities.
- Knobby Ball tournament May 17th from 9:30am – 11:30am at CMS.
- Third Annual District Pow Wow May 29th beginning at 9:30am at Merritt Secondary School.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

2013/2014 Annual Budget Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer provided information regarding the Annual Budget Bylaw.

He noted that the majority of the adjustments made within the budget have been driven by funding protection decline of 1.5%, enrolment decline or increases in expenses beyond the district's control, for example the Teacher Pension Plan rate increase. He indicated that this is the second year using the new budget format under PSAB which now includes the expenses that are made from all funds comprised of Operating, Special Purpose and Capital.

13/087 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2013/2014 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$28,297,413 be read a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

13/088 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2013/2014 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$28,297,413 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

POLICY COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee presented Policy No. 602.69 – Social Networking which has been reviewed by the Committee and is being brought forward for first and second reading.

13/089 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

There was consensus that Policy and Regulation No. 602.69 and Policy and Regulation No. 504.3 be brought back to the next Regular meeting for final reading.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Nicola-Canford Elementary School Modular Project Update

Trustee Laird provided an update on the progress of the Nicola-Canford Elementary Modular project. He noted that the district has received a proposal from the Architect on the fee structure. He confirmed that the Building Committee will be reviewing the proposal and bringing a recommendation back to the Board.

Vandalism Report

The Superintendent advised that the windows at Coquihalla Middle School will be boarded up and painted. He noted this was due to a number of windows that have been broken. He also confirmed that the current tenant Conayt Friendship Centre, has been advised of the upcoming work.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary and Merritt Bench Elementary Schools, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary School and Kengard Learning Centre, Trustee Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary School, and Trustee Laird for Nicola-Canford Elementary School.

Other Reports

The Chairman provided an update on the recent BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting. He announced that Mr. Gordon Swan was elected as Vice-President of the BCSTA. The Chairman congratulated Mr. Swan for his success in the election.

Retirement/Long Service Teas

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the proposed dates for the Retirement/Long Service Recognition Teas. There was consensus that the following dates for the teas be set:

- Monday, June 10, 2013 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the library at Princeton Secondary School.
- Tuesday, June 11, 2013 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room at Merritt Secondary School.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

1. Princeton Secondary School inviting the Board to the school's graduation ceremonies on June 22, 2013;
2. Teck Highland Valley Copper regarding sponsorship for the Aboriginal Academy.
3. Merritt Secondary School inviting the Board to the school's graduation ceremonies on June 21, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer