

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014, 4:30 P.M.**

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PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	Z. Douglas R. Howarth
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

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The Secretary Treasurer called the meeting to order.

**Election of Chairperson**

The Secretary Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Trustee Comeau was nominated.

**ACCEPTED**

14/160 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Gordon Comeau be nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Board.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Secretary Treasurer declared Trustee Comeau elected by acclamation as Board Chairman.

Trustee Comeau assumed the position as Chair.

**AGENDA**

14/161 It was moved and seconded:  
 THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED****MINUTES**

14/162 It was moved and seconded:  
 THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held November 19, 2014, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED****Election of Vice-Chairperson**

Call for nominations.

Trustee Swan was nominated.

**ACCEPTED**

14/163 It was moved and seconded:  
 THAT Gordon Swan be nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Chairman declared Trustee Swan elected by acclamation as Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

**BCSTA Provincial Council Representative**

14/164 It was moved and seconded:  
 THAT Dave Rainer be appointed as the BCSTA Provincial Council representative for the district.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****Appointment of Committees**

The Chairman noted that he will make appointments to committees once Trustees have had a chance to send him their requests.

**Appointment of Signing Officers**

14/165 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Gerry Ellingsen and Tim Kroeker be authorized, in addition to the Secretary Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary Treasurer, as signing officers for School District 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) in accordance with Board Policy.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****Presentation – Renewable Energy**

Mr. John Allsop provided an overview of a renewable energy project for the School District in Princeton.

The Chairman noted that the Operations Manager had recently attended a conference that included solar energy. He advised that the Operations Manager has been tasked with providing a report and recommendation to the Board.

**Board/Authority Authorized Courses**

The Superintendent provided an overview of the following proposed Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses from South Central Interior Distance Education School:

- Fundamental Italian 12
- Fundamental Japanese 12
- Fundamental Korean 12

14/166 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the following as Board/Authority Authorized Courses:

- Fundamental Italian 12
- Fundamental Japanese 12
- Fundamental Korean 12

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Field Trips**

The December 5, 2014 list of field trips was circulated.

14/167 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Merritt Secondary School Outdoor Education field trip to Manning Park on January 26, 2015 be approved as requested, subject to Board Policy.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Princeton Secondary School band teacher Myrna Coates provided an overview of the PSS Senior Band culture tour to Seattle, Washington on May 8-11, 2015.

14/168 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval in principle be given to the Princeton Secondary School Senior Band field trip to Seattle, Washington on May 8-11, 2015, subject to further information being brought forward to the Board.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

14/169 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval in principle be given to the Merritt Secondary School World War I trip to Belgium, France and London on July 6-16, 2015, subject to further information being brought forward to the Board.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

14/170 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval in principle be given to the Merritt Secondary School Band field trip to Edmonton, Alberta on May 30-June 2, 2015, subject to further information being brought forward to the Board.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement**

The Superintendent reviewed the six-year completion and the grade 12 graduation rates for 2013/2014. He also reviewed the Social Emotional screen summary for Kindergarten students for the district.

### **Superintendent's Report**

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

- The District received \$8,000 for Foundation Skills Assessments;
- Nicola-Canford Elementary School open house;
- Princeton Secondary School craft fair;
- Vermilion Forks Elementary band concert;
- The Operation Manager's assisting the Penticton volleyball team stranded just outside Princeton;
- A variety of Christmas activities/concerts occurring in the district;
- IHA, MCFD and Phoenix Centre contract.

14/171 It was moved and seconded:

THAT a letter be sent to Operations Manager Archie Stogianos thanking him for assisting the Penticton volleyball team.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

### **Funding Update**

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the District will receive an additional \$403,421 over and above the regular funding. This amount is to assist funding for wage increases, extra preparation time for elementary teachers, and TTOC increased costs resulting from the negotiated Collective Agreement with the British Columbia Teachers Federation.

He informed the total provincial increase is \$93,557,772 of which \$335,796 is for additional CommunityLINK dollars and Provincial Resource programs which have not yet been allocated.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **Student Trustee Reports**

The Superintendent introduced grade 12 student Trustee Reuben Howarth and grade 11 student Trustee Zoe Douglas, both from Princeton Secondary School.

Student Trustee Howarth reported on the recent PSS craft fair. He also noted that Drew Weaver opens up the gym at lunch to provide opportunities for student.

Student Trustee Douglas reported on the basketball program at PSS and noted a cheerleading squad has been formed.

### **P.A.C. Reports**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Rainer for John Allison, Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary School and Merritt Bench Elementary School, and Trustee Comeau for Princeton Secondary School.

### **Other Reports**

Trustee Jepsen and Ellingsen provided an update on the recent BCSTA Trustee Academy conference.

Trustee Swan reported on the Memorandum of Co-Governance that was signed between the Ministry of Education and the BCSTA.

### **2015 Board Meeting Dates**

The following dates were approved for upcoming Board meetings:

January 14 – Merritt  
 February 18 – Princeton  
 March 11 – Merritt

April 15 – Princeton

May 13 – Merritt

June 10 – Princeton

**BCSTA Branch Meeting**

The Chairman advised of the upcoming BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting to be held on February 27-28, 2015 in Vernon.

**New Trustee Orientation – BCPSEA**

The Chairman advised that BCPSEA will be holding a new trustee orientation session on January 29, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary Treasurer