

**MINUTES**

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

**MERRITT BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

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| PRESENT: | Vice Chairman                 | G. Swan  |
|          | Trustees                      | G. Ellingsen<br>B. Jepsen<br>T. Kroeker<br>L. Ward |
|          | Student Trustees              | C. McCormack                                       |
|          | Superintendent                | S. McNiven   |
|          | Assistant Superintendent      | C. Perkins   |
|          | Secretary Treasurer           | K. Black   |
|          | Assistant Secretary Treasurer | L. Lutter  |

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**AGENDA**

15/112 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

15/113 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held June 10, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

### **Presentation: Nicola Canoe Pull**

The Superintendent informed that over 87 youth were involved in the Nicola Canoe pull at Monck Park. The Superintendent then introduced Constable Grant and Constable Ryan who provided an overview of the Nicola Canoe pull.

Constable Grant advised that the canoe pull took place July 28 and 29 at Nicola Lake. She noted there was an extensive planning committee which included various stakeholders in the community. She noted the overall goal of the day was to build stronger community relationships with the RCMP and the surrounding Aboriginal communities.

The Superintendent thanked Constables Grant and Ryan for their work in organizing the Nicola Canoe pull, as well as the strong working relationship that the RCMP and the School District share.

### **Preliminary Enrolment**

The Superintendent noted that the Alternate programs and SCIDES do not have an update at this time. He noted that the K-12 schools in Merritt and Princeton are up 95 students from October 2014 and 93 students from June 2015. He further noted that currently, K-12 across the district is up 93 students from projections.

### **LIF**

The Superintendent provided an overview of the Learning Improvement Fund and noted that \$450,000 has been allocated to date. He advised that some of the projects that are in place include additional classroom teachers, learning commons support, literacy and numeracy support, alternate program support and curriculum support.

### **Policy Update**

The Superintendent advised that the Respectful Workplace policy revisions have been sent to the Policy Committee for review as well as the new draft Restraint and Seclusion policy. He advised that the Public Use of Facilities policy will be reviewed and brought forward to the next Board meeting.

### **Superintendent's Report**

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

- Publicly acknowledge maintenance;
- Currently in progress of stabilizing classroom rosters;
- Commitment to Success for ALL Students - Today and Tomorrow;
- First Nations Welcome Dinner October 1<sup>st</sup>;
- Upper Nicola LEA will be signed on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Upper Nicola General Meeting;

- Emergency Crisis Response Planning is moving forward with an upcoming meeting between the district and the fire department.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **2014/2015 Audited Financial Statements**

The Secretary Treasurer provided a review of the Audit report, the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Operations for the year ended June 30, 2015. He informed that the statements are a consolidation of three funds the Operating, Special Purpose and Capital. He noted that the supporting schedules two, three and four will provide further breakdown of each fund. He advised that the district currently has an accumulated reserve of \$19,035,592 and it is broken out as follows:

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| Operating | \$6,436,949         |
| Capital   | <u>12,598,643</u>   |
| Total     | <u>\$19,035,592</u> |

15/114 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Audited Financial Statement for School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 be accepted and approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **Underexpenditure of Targeted 2014/2015 Aboriginal Funding**

15/115 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board approve the plan for the current year underexpenditure of targeted Aboriginal funds in the amount of \$229,747.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

### **Capital Projects**

The Secretary Treasurer noted the following capital projects have been put forward for funding:

- Diamond Vale - Mechanical upgrade
- Collettsville - Mechanical upgrade
- Merritt Secondary School - light upgrade
- Merritt Central - gym upgrade

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### **Trustee reports**

Trustee Jepsen reported on the Diamond Vale Elementary School PAC meeting.

### **Student Trustee (s)**

Student Trustee Cohen provided an update of the first few weeks of school including the Battle of Grades. He noted the grade eights are attending a movie in Kamloops called S.O.A.R which stands for student, optimistic, aware and ready.

### **Selection of School Liaisons**

The overall consensus was to have Merritt Trustees continue at the same schools as last year. It was noted that CLC has created a new PAC and Trustee Kroeker will attend. The Princeton Trustees will provide an update at the October meeting.

### **Non-Sexist Environment**

The Vice Chairman read the communique confirming the Board will not tolerate any written or verbal expression of sexism.

### **ACTION ITEM:**

The Secretary Treasurer was asked to circulate the communique to schools.

### **BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting September 25 & 26, 2015**

Trustees were reminded of the upcoming BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

David Dyck from the Merritt Herald requested the amount of dollars spent on renovations over the past fiscal year.

The Secretary advised he would provide the information along with some details the following day.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Chairman

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Secretary Treasurer