

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON BOARD OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen B. Jepsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer L. Ward
	Student Trustees	Z. Douglas M. White
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	C. Perkins
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black

AGENDA

It was requested that Smoking in Schools be added to the Education Committee.

16/062 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

16/063 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held March 9, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

John Allison Elementary School Update

Bill Lawrence, Principal for John Allison Elementary School, Teacher Shanna Nelson and four students provided an overview of the Spring Benefit Concert for Angels for animals in need.

Interior Health Authority – Tobacco Use in Schools

Jeff Conner from Interior Health presented a report on smoking policies for school districts. He recommended integrating tobacco under the existing policy of alcohol and drug prohibition.

ACTION ITEM:

Senior staff to research and provide a report to the Board.

Enhancement Agreement(EA)/Local Education Agreement(LEA)

The Superintendent provided an update on action items that have occurred to date regarding the EA and LEAs and noted the district is in the process of reviewing the Enhancement Agreement (EA) and Local Education Agreements (LEAs).

District Technology Update

The Superintendent introduced District Technology Coordinator Janet Hohner who provided an update the Board on the numerous technology initiatives:

- Student/Teacher hardware plan
- Airwatch
- Office 365
- Next Generation Network
- Staff development
- Improved infrastructure

Interior Health Authority Acknowledgement

The Superintendent advised that long serving public health nurse Beatrice Bibby, is retiring. He noted that Ms. Bibby has done a great deal of outreach in the Princeton schools. He recommended a letter of thanks be sent to Ms. Bibby on behalf of the district.

16/064

It was moved and seconded:

THAT a letter of thanks be sent to Ms. Bibby for her service and work with the school district.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Field Trips

16/065

It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the Nicola-Canford Elementary School field trip to Eagle Bay on June 8 – 10, 2016 as requested.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Superintendent's Report

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

- Regional Science Fair and that two students will be attending Nationals
- Scientists in Schools from Science World working with students at Vermilion Forks Elementary
- Ten teachers and administrators are participating in the Harvard Instructional rounds in Kamloops
- Aboriginal Youth Voice conference scheduled for April 29th
- DPAC meeting scheduled for April 19th
- Tools for Parenting taking place in Merritt and Princeton
- Handball tournaments are scheduled for this weeks
- Grade Seven Traditional Games May 21st
- Grade Five Knobbyball May 3rd
- Youth Wellness forum May 4th and 5th
- Battle of the Books invitation

FINANCE**Summary of Operating Grant Comparisons**

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of 2015/2016 operating grants and the 2016/2017 estimated operating grants.

OPERATIONS**CMS Pathway**

The Board Chair advised that he and the Secretary Treasurer had met with the City Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer and that the City will be bringing forward a recommendation to Council to their April or early May meeting. He noted that as the City has the equipment, they are looking to moving the no-post onto a more secure piece of the path. The district will look at closing their end of the path subject to the results from the Council meeting.

Collettsville and Diamond Vale Elementary School Boiler Tenders

The Secretary Treasurer advised of the tenders for Collettsville and Diamond Vale boiler upgrades and recommended the tender from Interior Plumbing & Heating Ltd. at the combined price \$330,689.

Trustee Jepsen declared a conflict of interest.

16/066 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Interior Plumbing & Heating Ltd. be awarded the Collettsville and Diamond Vale boiler upgrade projects in the amount of \$330,689.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Annual Facility Grant Bylaw

16/067 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2016/2017 Annual Facility Grant Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$476,637 be read a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

16/068 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2016/2017 Annual Facility Grant Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$476,637 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Water Management Program

The Secretary Treasurer advised that the Operations Manager tested all of the district's water fountains at first draw and then tested the water for the presence of lead. This test was repeated and the results found the district did not have any readings over 15 parts per million. The plan on the go forward will be to test the fountains every three years.

POLICY

The Secretary Treasurer advised that no feedback was received from stakeholders and recommended second reading take place.

16/069 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 203.1 – Policy Making Development & Adoption Procedures be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Secretary Treasurer advised that after sending out to stakeholders, no feedback was received and recommended second reading.

16/070 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 1004.1 – Public Use of School Facilities Schedule A be read a third time finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was recommended that Policy No. 203.2 – Policy Adoption Procedures be rescinded as revised Policy No. 203.1 covers all content that was contained in the policy.

16/071 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Policy No. 203.2 be rescinded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Kroeker for Collettsville Elementary School and SCIDES, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary, and Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School and Community Learning Centre.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees White and Douglas reported on the numerous activities occurring at Princeton Secondary School.

CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail was received from Minister Bernier advising he would not be able to attend the district's Annual Student Pow Wow.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary Treasurer