

MINUTES

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

**MERITT BOARD OFFICE  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

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PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	G. Ellingsen T. Kroeker D. Rainer G. Swan L. Ward
	Student Trustees	R. Chhabra T. Thomson
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	C. Perkins
	Secretary Treasurer	K. Black
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Lutter

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AGENDA

16/112 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

16/113 It was moved and seconded:  
THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting held June 8, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### Presentation: Nicola Valley Community Theatre

The Superintendent introduced Rich Hodson who provided an update on the Nicola Valley Community Theatre. Mr. Hodson reviewed the architects drawing of the theatre and noted it will have a 275 seat performing arts theatre. He further noted that the theatres' purpose will be community minded meaning it is intended for everything from performing arts to school district use to movies, etc.

### Presentation: Learning Commons

The Superintendent introduced teachers Lia Moyes, Rita Cavaliere and Library Technician Val Kynoch, who provided an overview of the Learning Commons Inquiry Project at Merritt Secondary School.

### Board Authority/Authorized Courses

The Superintendent provided an overview of the proposed Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses Criminology 12, Introduction to Culinary Arts 12, Fashion and Interior Design 12 and Transition and Personal Development 12, developed by South Central Interior Distance Education School.

16/114

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the following Board Authority/Authorized Courses be approved as presented:

Criminology 12  
Introduction to Culinary Arts 12  
Fashion and Interior Design 12

### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was consensus that further information was required regarding the Transition and Personal Development 12 course. This information will be brought back to the October Special meeting.

### Preliminary Enrollment

The Superintendent advised the current enrolment is 1,925, up 73 students from the 1,852 June 2016 final enrolment.

### Rotary Exchange Practice

The Superintendent reported the district currently supports Rotary Exchange for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 without a fee. He advised that some districts are no longer allowing grade 12's to apply as they do not receive funding when they go abroad therefore, the exchange of funding does not take place. He noted that based on the short timeline to make a decision, the district has permitted this for the 2016-2017 school year but would like to recommend this practice continue.

There was consensus that the district maintains the status quo of permitting grade 12 students to apply for Rotary Exchange.

**Learning Improvement Fund (LIF)**

The Superintendent informed that a significant amount of the education fund component of the Learning Improvement Fund has been agreed upon and is in place for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent provided an update on the following activities in the district.

- Publicly acknowledged maintenance;
- Teacher mentoring projects with 42 participants;
- New curriculum professional development;
- Middle Years professional development;
- DPAC;
- District/Nicola Valley and Princeton District Teacher Union Socials at both ends of the district;
- TTOC orientation;
- Enhancement Agreement planning;
- Orange Shirt Day; and
- First Nations Welcome Dinner September 29<sup>th</sup> in Merritt and October 6<sup>th</sup> in Princeton.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**2015/2016 Audited Financial Statements**

The Secretary Treasurer introduced Chris Kelley, CPA, CA, partner with McConnell, Voelkl, to present the Auditors Report.

16/115 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Audited Financial Statement for School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 be accepted and approved as presented..

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Underexpenditure of Targeted 2015/2016 Aboriginal Funding**

16/116 It was moved and seconded:

THAT approval be given for the underexpenditure of the 2015-2016 targeted Aboriginal funds in the amount of \$115,471 to be carried forward to the 2016-2017 school year.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **United Way School Supplies**

The Superintendent noted that on the United Way and Staples (Kamloops) had donated \$2,000 worth of school supplies to Merritt Students. He noted in the future, he would like to challenge Staples in Penticton to support Princeton Schools. The Superintendent thanked the Secretary Treasurer for helping to coordinate this opportunity.

### **Capital Bylaw**

The Secretary Treasurer provided information regarding Capital Bylaw No. 1516CP58-01, which provides approval for the 2015/2016 Capital Plan projects supported in the Ministry's letter of approval dated July 8, 2016. He noted currently, \$892,555 has been approved for the following projects:

- Merritt Secondary School Lighting upgrade
- Princeton Secondary School HVAC upgrade, Phase I
- One school bus

16/117 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 1516CP58-015 Capital Plan 2015/2016 be read a first and second time.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

16/118 It was moved and seconded:

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 1516CP58-015 Capital Plan 2015/be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

#### **Summer Projects – Operations Update**

The Secretary Treasurer introduced Operations Manager Archie Stogianos who provided an update on the summer maintenance projects for the district.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

It was moved and seconded:

16/119 THAT approval be given for bus transportation to be provided to Princeton students for the Train the Trainer session on Social Media Safety.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Swan for Merritt Secondary School and Merritt Bench Elementary School, Trustee Ward for Vermilion Forks Elementary, Trustee Kroeker for SCIDES, and Trustee Comeau for John Allison Elementary School and Community Learning Centre.

### **Student Trustee Reports**

Student Trustees Rahul Chhabra and Tyler Thomson reported on a number of events and activities at Merritt Secondary School.

### **Non-Sexist Environment**

The 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**

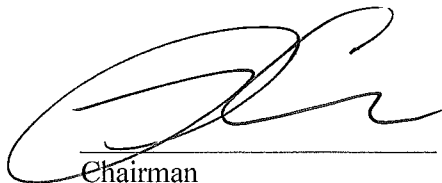
A reminder of the upcoming BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting to be held on September 30 and October 1, 2016 in School District No. 74 (Gold Trail).

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from the Ministry of Education regarding financial support being provided for the new curriculum implementation and mandatory coding requirement.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Chairman



Secretary Treasurer