

MINUTES

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

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020, 5:32 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learner Today and Tomorrow on the Traditional Territories of the Nle?kepmux and Syilx

PRESENT:	Chairman	G. Comeau
	Trustees	B. Jepsen G. Swan E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	N. Willey K. Moyes
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Chenoweth
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

AGENDA

20/069 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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20/070 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the revised minutes of the Regular meeting held April 15, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Presentation: COVID-19 Update

The Superintendent presented to the Board with an overview of the District's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Pandemic Response Plan and Continuation of Learning presentation included the time period between the end of April and beginning of May and focus on the four principles:

Principle 1 – Health and Safety

Principle 2 – Supporting Essential Service Workers

Principle 3 – Supporting Vulnerable Populations

Principle 4 – Providing Ongoing Learning Opportunities

The Superintendent described the process and supports in place for the return of staff to the work site and the planning and preparation for a return to greater face to face instruction. Currently, schools are supporting 30 students of essential service workers and are working to build towards an increase of that number for June 1, 2020. Lastly, he reported out on graduation and the celebratory activities being planned. The Assistant Superintendent noted that the First Nations graduation has been cancelled with no plans to reschedule.

2020/2021 District Calendar

The Superintendent provided Trustees with a memo and the 2020/2021 District Calendar. As per Ministry requirements the 2020/2021 District Calendar was brought forward to the Ministry of Education for approval. The Board approved the draft 2020/2021 District Calendar on April 29, 2020. The calendar will now be published to the District Website and provided to stakeholders as per agreements.

Local Education Agreement Signing

The Superintendent circulated a memo and explained that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the scheduled meeting with the Local Chiefs did not take place nor did the official signing of the Local Education Agreement (LEA). He provided Trustees with an opportunity to discuss potential options for signing and celebration prior to the end of the school year. Trustees suggested going to each community for each individual leader to sign the LEA, take a photo in a safe manner and plan for a celebration when it is appropriate to do so, possibly in the fall of 2020.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent circulated a Superintendent's Report and informed on the important work the District has been working on:

- Health and Safety Signage
- Supporting Children of Essential Service Workers
- Supporting Vulnerable Students
- Providing Ongoing Learning Opportunities
- Everyone Makes a Difference

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Local Stream Advisories

The Superintendent distributed a memo and discussed flood warnings and advisory notifications. As of May 7, 2020, there were no flood warnings in place anywhere in the Province; however, a high stream flow advisory is in effect for the Upper Nicola River above Nicola Lake. The Operations Department is aware of the advisory and will continue to monitor the situation.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2020/2021 Annual Budget

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the budget and fielded questions from Trustees.

20/070 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2020/2021 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$31,877,830 be read a first time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20/071 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2020/2021 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$31,877,830 be read a second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

20/072 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2020/2021 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$31,877,830 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Reports

There were not PAC meetings to report.

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Willey reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. Student Trustee Willey wanted to acknowledge that teachers have been doing a great job. He has been able to participate in all of his online classes. As his last meeting as a Student Trustee, he thanks the Board for this opportunity and expressed how much he has enjoyed being a part of the Board of Education.

Student Trustee Moyes reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. She wanted to thank the teachers for all of their support during this time. She has been doing her best to attend all online classes and really misses school.

Other Reports

Trustee Ward informed the Board that professional learning opportunities will be offered through BCSTA.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from BC Public School Employers' Association

A letter addressed to the Secretary Treasurer was distributed from BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) regarding the Teacher Local Matters Agreement Ratification - School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen) – and - the Nicola Valley and Princeton District Teachers' Union, for agreement commencing July 1, 2019 for the term established by the provincial parties in alignment with the Provincial Collective Agreement between the BC Teachers' Federation and the BC Public School Employers' Association. The tentative local matters agreement has been reviewed by the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Board of Directors. We are pleased to confirm that the Memorandum has been approved and ratified, subject to local ratification, by the Board on April 30, 2020.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary Treasurer