

MINUTES

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

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

Success for ALL Learner Today and Tomorrow

PRESENT:	Chairperson	G. Swan
	Trustees	B. Jepsen G. Comeau E. Hoisington J. Chenoweth L. Ward D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	C. Anscomb K. Moyes (absent)
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Aziz
	Secretary Treasurer	B. Ross
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Executive Assistant	S. Chenoweth
	Executive Assistant	S. Blonde

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES AND
METIS COMMUNITY**

AGENDA

21/039 It was moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

21/040

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting April 14, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****Equity Scan – Ministry of Education Presentation**

Superintendent McNiven introduced Joe Heslip from the Ministry of Education who presented to the Board on the Equity in Action Project. The Equity in Action Project is in place to address systemic barriers impacting Indigenous student achievements. It will define a collective and collaborative decision-making process for school districts to enter into a genuine and meaningful self-assessment dialogue about the experience of education for Indigenous learners and to respond in strategic ways to create conditions for success. The Equity in Action Project is scheduled for the fall of 2021.

Meeting with Local Chiefs

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on the meeting with local Chiefs. Topics of request at the meeting were to have additional opportunities to meet throughout the year, a celebration of the Local Education Agreement signing and participation of Trustees and School Administrators in a blanket exercise with local Chiefs.

Strategic Plan Activity

The Superintendent presented to the Board with an update on the Strategic Plan. Each member of the Board was asked to rank their top 5 objectives for each goal area and stakeholder group. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet on May 19, 2021 to identify the actions associated to the ranked objectives and goals.

Pandemic Support Update

The Assistant Superintendent provided the Board with a pandemic support update presentation. The presentation included updates on Covid-19, recent changes, and the continued efforts of safe school culture. More outdoor learning and field trips have been scheduled with the return of warmer weather.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Thank you to members of the Strategic Plan Committee
- District Parent Advisory Council Update
- Science Fair
- Meeting with Local Chiefs and Trustees
- Graduation Plans are Ready
- Merritt Secondary School Art Show
- Learning Outdoors
- Princeton Band Program
- BCSTA AGM Welcome by Vermilion Forks Elementary
- Pandemic Response Update

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Surplus Properties - Public Consultation Information

The Secretary Treasurer circulated a memo updating the Board on the ongoing work in progress on the Long-Range Facility Plan. An Operations Committee meeting has been scheduled for May 19, 2021 for further discussion on the outcome of the Surplus Properties Consultation. The meeting will bring forward recommendations on how to proceed with each of these properties at the June Board meeting.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2021/2022 Annual Budget

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

21/041 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2021/2022 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$32,826,355 be read a first time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21/042 It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2021/2022 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$32,826,355 be read a second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

21/043

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the 2021/2022 Annual Budget Bylaw specifying a maximum expenditure of \$32,826,355 be read a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Anscomb reported on recent events at Merritt Secondary School. He provided an update on sporting events. Ultimate frisbee, soccer, and golf were amongst the top sports reviewed. He also updated the Board on the items that Student Trustee Moyes was planning to discuss.

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Rainer reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Comeau reported on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

Trustee Jepsen reported on Diamond Vale Elementary and Merritt Central Elementary.

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Collettville Elementary.

Trustee Ward reported on Princeton Secondary School.

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary.

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary.

Other Reports

The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the successful attendance for the online zoom meeting for parents with Dr. Jody Carrington hosted by the District Parent Advisory Council.

Board Chair Swan provided highlights of the BC School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting that took place virtually on April 16-17, 2021 noting that Trustee John Chenoweth was elected to the BCSTA Board of Directors.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer