

MINUTES

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

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 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	K. Druck R. Forde
	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**

Honouring the Lost Children – Truth and Reconciliation

Board Chair Swan introduced District Principal of Aboriginal Education Shelly Oppenheim-Lacerte. District Principal Oppenheim-Lacerte introduced local drummers Kowaintco Michel and Esther Shackelly from Nooaitch Indian Band and students Leann Tom and Ayla Goss. Trustees participated in two honour songs and a moment of silence in recognition of the lost children found at the Kamloops Indian Residential School.

AGENDA

21/048

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the revised agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**MINUTES**

21/049

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the minutes of the Regular meeting May 12, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****Student Trustee Recognition**

Assistant Superintendent Aziz acknowledged the Grade 12 Student Trustee, Kassie Moyes and thanked her for her leadership and contributions to the Board.

Princeton Secondary School Rapids

The Superintendent introduced Principal Bill Lawrence who provided the Board with an update on the process used to determine a new school team/club name and logo for Princeton Secondary School.

21/050

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board supports a \$35,000 budget to implement the new Princeton Secondary School Rapids' school team/club name and that the PSS Committee is to determine how to spend this budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustees made note that a decision will be made by the Board at the Committee of the Whole this summer on how to dispose of the previous jerseys.

Strategic Plan Activity

Superintendent McNiven presented to the Board with an update on the Strategic Plan. He requested approval from the Board to move ahead with three Strategic Plan goals as required by the Ministry of Education. The three goals were each described in detail along with guiding principles.

Goal 1 – Meaning/Purpose

Goal 2 – Appreciation/Respect

Goal 3 – Connection

21/051

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Board supports the adoption of the three Strategic Plan goals.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pandemic Support Update

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent provided the Board with a pandemic support update presentation. The presentation included updates on Covid-19, data related to school and student exposures, final year-end activities and Stage 1 planning for September 2021.

Graduation

The Superintendent provided Trustees with the final update on the graduation ceremonies planned for Princeton Secondary, Merritt Secondary, the Bridge and Kengard Learning Centre. Trustee Ward included an update on a message from the Board to the graduates in Princeton.

Superintendent's Report

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

- Thank You – Health and Safety
- Kamloops Indian Residential School
- Graduation and Act of Kindness
- Battle of the Books
- Summer Literacy Boost
- Administrative Changes
- Learning Outdoors
- Spotlight on Local Languages
- Summer Health Tips
- Pandemic Response Update

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

2021/22 Five-Year Capital Plan

The Secretary Treasurer distributed and discussed the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan Submission for 2021/22.

21/052

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 2021/2022-CPSD58-01 be read for a first and second time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was unanimous that a third reading be held.

21/053

It was moved and seconded:

THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 2021/2022-CPSD58-01 be read for a third time, finally passed and adopted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Long Range Facility Plan

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 took place on June 8, 2021 for further discussion on the outcome of the Surplus Properties Consultation. The Board will use the guiding principles developed to make a decision on the surplus properties early in the 2021/2022 school year.

AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

New Ministry Financial Management Policies

The Secretary Treasurer circulated a memo and reported that the Ministry of Education K-12 Public Education Financial Planning and Reporting Policy and the K-12 Public Education Accumulated Operating Surplus Policy have been revised.

Audit Services

The Secretary Treasurer presented a letter from BDO Canada LLP to confirm an extension of the current term of services as independent external auditors for the District.

21/054

It was moved and seconded:

THAT BDO Canada LLP be appointed as the District's independent external auditors until 2023/24 fiscal year end.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Reports

Student Trustee Forde reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She provided an update on community and wellness. She highlighted a presentation to PSS students by former student Shelley Maynard on anxiety, addition, eating disorders, mental health and much more, which left a lasting impact on students.

Student Trustee Druck reported on recent events at Princeton Secondary School. She provided an update on reducing waste, how PSS honoured the news of Kamloops Residential School, outdoor education and sports updates.

Trustee Reports

The following Trustees reported on recent PAC meetings:

Trustee Comeau reported on Vermilion Forks Elementary.

Trustee Ward reported on Princeton Secondary School.

Trustee Rainer reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Hoisington reported on Nicola-Canford Elementary.

Trustee Chenoweth reported on SCIDES and Colletville Elementary.

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

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary.

Other Reports

Trustee Ward confirmed that BCSTA is tentatively planning to hold all conferences in-person for 2021-2022.

Vice-Chair Comeau spoke to the Okanagan Labour Relations Committee meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer