

MINUTES

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

**PRINCETON SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024, 6:00P.M.**

Success for ALL Learners Today and Tomorrow

PRESENT:	Chairperson	G. Swan
	Trustees	J. Jepsen J. Kent-Laidlaw E. Hoisington (ABSENT) J. Chenoweth L. Ward D. Rainer
	Student Trustees	K. Hartwell M. Williams
	Superintendent	S. McNiven
	Assistant Superintendent	J. Kempston
	Secretary Treasurer	D. Richardson
	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	L. Rusnjak
	Executive Assistant	J. McGifford

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

AGENDA

24/004 It was moved by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw:

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES

24/005 It was moved by Trustee Rainer and seconded by Trustee Ward:

THAT the minutes of the Open Meeting held December 13, 2023, be adopted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

UNADOPTED MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD DECEMBER 12, 2023

24/006 It was moved by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw:

THAT the minutes of the Open Meeting held December 12, 2023, be adopted as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION

Truth and Reconciliation – 2022/2023 How Are We Doing Report:

The Superintendent provided an overview of the How Are We Doing Report. This document provides a comprehensive overview of 2022/2023 data for the district and is available on the Ministry of Education and Child Care website for review: [SD58 2022-2023 HAWD](#).

ChildCareBC New Spaces Funding:

Superintendent McNiven and District Vice-Principal of Early Learning and Child Care Daniella Bennie spoke to the media release announcing that B.C.'s Ministry of Education and Child Care has committed to \$10,272,474 in funding to support child care in Princeton. They provided an overview of the New Spaces Project for Riverside Learning Centre.

Skills, Trades and Post-Secondary Transition Update:

District Trades and Skills Coordinator, Principal Kevin McGifford, provided Trustees with a 2023-2024 District Update. This included Youth Train in Trades, Youth Work in Trades, Work Experience, Dual Credit Opportunities, SD58 Rocks, Career Life Connections, and Nicola-Similkameen/NVIT Post-Secondary Transition Support.

Anti-Racism Plan:

Assistant Superintendent Kempston spoke to the district's development of its Anti Racism Plan. Students, families, rightsholders, and staff believe that all students in the Nicola-Similkameen District can only achieve their full potential in an educational community that is equitable, free of racism and systemic barriers, and where all students, staff and families feel welcome, safe, respected, and valued. The Nicola-Similkameen School District is committed to being an Anti-Racist District with an authentic and action focused commitment to equity for all students, families, staff, and communities.

2024/2025 District Calendar:

The 2024/2025 District Calendar was brought forward for consideration by the Superintendent. The calendar includes the correct number of days in session and days of instruction meeting the Ministry of Education and Child Care requirements.

24/007

It was moved by Trustee Jepsen and seconded by Trustee Ward:

THAT the Board approve the 2024/2025 District Calendar and it be brought forward for public review prior to submission for Ministry approval.

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent circulated and spoke to his report highlighting the events that have taken place across the district over the past month.

OPERATIONS

Not an agenda item for this meeting.

AUDIT AND FINANCE**2023-2024 Ministry of Education Funding Announcement**

The Secretary Treasurer provided Trustees with information on the funding announcement from the Ministry of Education and Childcare. The September 2023 enrolment verification produced increased student enrolment since the district's initial enrolment projections made February 2023. As a result, the Ministry of Education and Child Care announced an increase in operating dollars, \$299,475, which will be used to prepare the 2023-2024 amended annual budget.

2022-2023 Statement of Financial Information Report:

The Secretary Treasurer informed Trustees that the Statement of Financial Information (SOFI report) has been filed, as per the Financial Information Act.

2022-2023 Charities Report:

Trustees were provided a copy of the 2022-2023 Charities Report for the school district. Secretary Treasurer Richardson explained the Registered Charity Information Return is a report that all charities must file each year within six months of fiscal year end, which is December 31st for the school district (our year end is June 30).

POLICY**Policy 1.23 Conflict of Interest:**

24/008

It was moved by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw and seconded by Trustee Ward:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.23, Conflict of Interest, forward for first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.70 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses:

24/009 It was moved by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw and seconded by Trustee Ward:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.70, Trustee Remuneration and Expenses, forward for first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.71 Trustee Professional Learning and Engagement:

24/010 It was moved by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw and seconded by Trustee Ward:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.71, Trustee Professional Learning and Engagement, forward for first reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.10 Vision and Guiding Principles:

24/011 It was moved by Trustee Rainer and seconded by Trustee Chenoweth:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.10, Vision and Guiding Principles, forward for second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.20 Board Authority and Responsibilities:

24/012 It was moved by Trustee Chenoweth and seconded by Trustee Hoisington:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.20, Board Authority and Responsibilities, forward for second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.21 Role of the Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson:

24/013 It was moved by Trustee Chenoweth and seconded by Trustee Hoisington:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.21, Role of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, forward for second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.22 Trustee Code of Conduct:

24/014 It was moved by Trustee Chenoweth and seconded by Trustee Hoisington:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.22, Trustee Code of Conduct, forward for second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.30 Delegation of Authority:

24/015 It was moved by Trustee Chenoweth and seconded by Trustee Hoisington:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.30, Delegation of Authority, forward for second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.50 Board Committees:

24/016 It was moved by Trustee Rainer and seconded by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.50, Board Committees, forward for second reading as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.51 Board Liaison Assignments:

24/017

It was moved by Trustee Rainer and seconded by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.51, Board Liaison Assignments, forward for second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.52 Board Representation:

24/018

It was moved by Trustee Rainer and seconded by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.52, Board Representation, forward for second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.53 Okanagan Labour Relations Council:

24/019

It was moved by Trustee Rainer and seconded by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.53, Okanagan Labour Relations Council, forward for second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 1.60 Board Correspondence:

24/020

It was moved by Trustee Rainer and seconded by Trustee Ward:

THAT the Board move Policy 1.60, Board Correspondence, forward for second reading.

MOTION CARRIED

Policy 2.30 Public Interest Disclosure:

24/021

It was moved by Trustee Rainer and seconded by Trustee Kent-Laidlaw:

THAT the Board move Policy 2.30, Public Interest Disclosure, forward for second reading as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Student Trustee Reports:

Student Trustees Kabrie Hartwell and Matthew Williams provided Trustees with their perspective on how students can feel heard at Princeton Secondary School. Teacher's recognizing individual learning needs is a priority. Students would also like to have a voice in what (and how) they are learning. They also expressed their appreciation of the Indigenous curriculum and trades programs for a hands-on learning experience.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Chenoweth reported on Collettsville Elementary and SCIDES.

Trustee Rainer reported on John Allison Elementary.

Trustee Hoisington was not present to report on Nicola Canford Elementary.

Trustee Ward reported that Vermilion Forks Elementary has their meeting next week.

Trustee Kent-Laidlaw reported on Princeton Secondary School.

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

Trustee Swan reported on Merritt Bench Elementary and Merritt Secondary School.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD


None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Ward and seconded by Trustee Rainer. The Open meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.



Chairperson



Secretary Treasurer

