

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 72 (CAMPBELL RIVER), HELD IN PERSON AND ELECTRONICALLY AT 7:30 PM, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

Present: J. Kerr, Chair; K. Eddy, Vice-Chair; S. Briggs, R. Franklin, D. Hagen, J. McMann and S. Wilson, Trustees; J. Morrow, Superintendent; P. Cizmic, Associate Superintendent; M. Kyle, Associate Superintendent; K. Patrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

22-126 Call to Order/ Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm. Kerr opened the meeting by noting the celebration of a new community space at the Surge Narrows school site. Kerr was also pleased to join other district staff and Trustees at the Campbell River Stewardship Awards where the district was a recipient in the category of Water/Energy Conservation. Kerr noted the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th and encouraged everyone to participate in local events.

22-127 Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Morrow was able to visit two of the district's rural schools on Cortes and Read Islands, in September. Preliminary enrolment numbers for the district are expected to be a little above spring enrolment numbers. September has also seen the recognition of several milestone events including Timberline Secondary's 25th Anniversary. Morrow recognized that reconciliation is our daily work. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th calls attention to this.

22-128 Approval of the Minutes of September 6, 2022

It was proposed by R. Franklin, seconded by D. Hagen and **CARRIED:**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2022 are hereby approved as circulated.

22-129 Additions to the Agenda

16 Honouring of September 30 by Indigenous Education Department

22-130 Approval of the Agenda

It was proposed by J. McMann seconded by K. Eddy and **CARRIED:**

THAT the agenda is hereby approved as amended.

22-131 Report from the September 27, 2022 Confidential Board Meeting

Vice-Chair Eddy reported general statements of matters discussed in the Board's Confidential Meeting, and in accordance with Section 72(3) of the School Act, reports the following:

1. Various teaching, administrative and support staff changes;
2. Property, legal and financial issues;
3. Returning to the confidential meeting to complete the agenda.

22-132 Presentation of Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2022

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick introduced the Board's chief auditor, Cory Vanderhorst of MNP LLP. The Ministry requires the preparation of an independent audit of the financial statements by an external auditor according to Treasury Board regulations. MNP reported a clean audit opinion following their review.

22-133 Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis as at June 30, 2022

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick led a discussion and analysis of the financial statements, highlighting the amended reserves and the impact that unanticipated events in 2021-2022 had on the final budget. 2021-2022 saw a large increase in costs due to inflation, ongoing costs due to COVID and the province-wide introduction of 5 days of mandatory sick pay for staff not already covered by agreements.

22-134 Recommendation from Audit Committee

It was proposed by D. Hagen, seconded by R. Franklin and **CARRIED:**

THAT the Audited Financial Statement for the term ending June 30, 2022 which includes the reserve transfers, be adopted as presented by Auditor Cory Vanderhorst from the firm of MNP, LLP.

22-135 Recommendation for extension of Auditors' contract

It was proposed by J. McMann, seconded by S. Briggs and **CARRIED:**

THAT the Board recommends the extension of the Auditor MNP LLP's contract for an additional term.

22-136 British Columbia School Trustee Association Certificates of Recognition

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick presented recognition certificates and pins from the British Columbia School Trustee Association to Trustees who have served more than one term on the Board: John Kerr: 2 terms; Richard Franklin: 2 terms; Susan Wilson: 3 terms; Joyce McMann: 5 terms; Daryl Hagen: lifetime member.

22-137 Honouring of September 30 by Indigenous Education Department

Vice-Chair Eddy recognized the work of the Indigenous Education department to honour and recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. She shared resources including a locally created bilingual picture book in both Kwakwaka'wakw and English, orange shirt teddy bears and the TRC's Calls to Action.

22-138 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.