



Open Board Meeting of the Board of Education
School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)
MINUTES

PUBLIC

Tuesday, November 26, 2013
Board Room

Trustees Present: Joyce Cooper, Chair
Jackie Austin, Trustee
Sheila Boehm, Trustee
Tanya Guenther, Trustee
Doug Neufeld, Trustee
Chris Pettman, Trustee
William VanOsch, Trustee

Staff Present: Mark Thiessen, Superintendent of Schools
Harj Manhas, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Connee Newberry, Executive Assistant
Kevin Futcher, Secretary Treasurer - *REGRETS*

1. **Opening by Chair**

1.1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

1.2. **Acknowledgement of Meeting Held on Traditional Secwepemc (Shuswap) Territory**

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was being held on traditional Secwepemc (Shuswap) territory.

2. **Agenda and Minutes**

2.1. **Approval of Agenda**

O2013.11.26-01 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT the agenda of the regular open meeting of the Board of Education be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2.2. **Adoption of Minutes**

O2013.11.26-02 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT the minutes of the regular open meeting of the Board of Education, dated 22 October 2013, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

2.3. **Receipt of Closed Meeting Report**

O2013.11.26-03 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT the Board of Education receives the Closed Meeting Report on items discussed and decisions made at the 22 October 2013 closed meeting of the Board of Education.

CARRIED

3. Public Participation (Section 1)

3.1-.4 No public was provided for showcasing, from delegations, CCTA, IUOE, CCPVPA, or DPAC.

3.5. Public Input/Comment on Items ON the Agenda

The Board questioned the lack of public participation, including district showcasing at board meetings.

4. Action Items

4.1. Election of Officers of the Board

The Board Chair conducted the election process.

Board Chair

The Chair called three times for nominations from the floor for the position of Board Chair. Trustee VanOsch nominated Trustee Guenther, who let her name stand. Trustee Austin nominated Trustee Boehm, who let her name stand. Trustee Neufeld nominated Trustee Cooper, who did not let her name stand.

The Chair invited Trustees Boehm and Guenther to make a brief statement. Both trustees made a statement.

A secret ballot was conducted. The Executive Assistant, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools left the meeting to count the ballots. Upon return, the Executive Assistant declared Trustee Guenther elected as Board Chair, effective 01 December 2013.

Board Vice-Chair

The Chair called three times for nominations from the floor for the position of Board Vice-Chair. Trustee Guenther nominated Trustee Neufeld, who let his name stand. Trustee Cooper nominated Trustee Boehm, who did not let her name stand.

The Chair declared Trustee Neufeld as Vice-Chair by acclamation, effective 01 December 2013.

BCSTA Provincial Council Representative

The Chair called three times for nominations from the floor for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative. Trustee Guenther nominated Trustee Cooper, who let her name stand.

The Chair declared herself as BCSTA Provincial Council Representative by acclamation, effective 01 December 2013.

BCSTA Provincial Council Representative Alternate

The Chair called for three times for nominations from the floor for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Representative-Alternate. Trustee Cooper nominated Trustee Boehm, who let her name stand.

The Chair declared Trustee Boehm as BCSTA Provincial Council Representative-Alternate by acclamation, effective 01 December 2013.

BCPSEA Representative

It was noted that trustees VanOsch, Neufeld, and Pettman were not eligible to fill representative positions on BCPSEA do to a conflict of interest as each trustee has a spouse that is a member of either the CCTA or IUOE bargaining units.

The Chair called three times for nominations from the floor for the position of BCPSEA Representative. Trustee Boehm nominated Trustee Austin, who let her name stand.

The Chair declared Trustee Austin as BCPSEA Representative by acclamation, effective 01 December 2013.

BCPSEA Representative Alternate

The Chair called three times for nominations from the floor for the position of BCPSEA Representative. Trustee Boehm nominated Trustee Guenther, who let her name stand.

The Chair declared Trustee Guenther as BCPSEA Representative-Alternate by acclamation, effective 01 December 2013.

O2013.11.26-04 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT the Board of Education direct Executive Assistant, Connee Newberry, to destroy the ballots of the election.

CARRIED

The Executive Assistant, along with the Superintendent, left the meeting to destroy the ballots, and returned.

4.2. Policy 4117 Superintendent's Evaluation

O2013.11.26-05 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT the Board of Education, after considering the input from the Business Committee and the public at large, adopt the proposed revisions to Policy 4117 Superintendent's Evaluation renamed to Performance Review of the Superintendent of Schools.

CARRIED

4.3. Policy 3513 Community Use of Facilities

O2013.11.26-06 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT the Board of Education refer discussion of Policy 3513 Community Use of Facilities to the December open meeting, when more information is provided by the Secretary Treasurer.

CARRIED

4.4. Policy 3515 - Child Care Providers

O2013.11.26-07 It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Education consider the adoption of Policy 3515 Child Care Providers in conjunction with Policy 3513 Community Use of Facilities or at the February 2014 open meeting of the Board, whichever is sooner.

CARRIED

4.5. Policy 1161 Trustee Remuneration

Trustee Guenther provided information from the Business Committee.

O2013.11.26-08 It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Education, after considering input from the Business Committee and the public at large, adopts revised Policy 1161 Trustee Remuneration, to take effect 01 January 2014.

CARRIED Unanimously

4.6. Budget Process

O2013.11.26-09 It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Education, after considering input from the Business Committee, refers Policy 3110 Budgetting to the Business Committee to revise to reflect best practices and current school district practices.

CARRIED Unanimously

4.7. International Travel Peter Skene Ogden - Seattle, 10-13 April 2014

The Board would like to discuss, at a later meeting, perhaps a planning session, as whether or not to invite students back to report on International travel trips.

O2013.11.26-10 It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Education, after considering input from the Education Committee, approve, in principle, the Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School grades 8-12 student International trip to Seattle, WA, scheduled for 10-13 April 2014, for the purpose of students to gain more knowledge of musical instruments, to experience the rich musical culture of Seattle, and to develop community within the music department, pending all required documentation and procedures are in place and approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

CARRIED Unanimously

O2013.11.26-11 It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Education invite the grades 8-12 students from Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School participating in the International school trip to Seattle, WA from 10-13 April 2014 to make, upon their return, a presentation to the Board of Education regarding their trip objectives to gain more knowledge of musical instruments, to experience the rich musical culture of Seattle, and to develop community within the music department

CARRIED

4.8. International Travel - Peter Skene Ogden Secondary

O2013.11.26-12 It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Education rescind motion O2013.04.23-15

that invites the grades 9-12 students from Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School participating in the International school trip to Barcelona from 9-17 November 2014 to make, upon their return, a presentation to the Board of Education regarding their trip objectives of exploring Barcelona and learning about the culture of Spain.

CARRIED

4.9. Catchment Areas and Bussing Costs

The Superintendent requested clarification as to the Board's intent of motions made 25 January 2011:

06.11: THAT the Board of Education direct staff to determine the cost included in bussing students cross boundaries and walk limits. The review should include current bus routes and consideration of routes may be changed to operate more effectively.

07.11: THAT the Board of Education direct staff to research catchment areas and cross boundary transfers to determine the cost implications of allowing open catchments. The considerations should include the number of students who cross boundary for special programming, numbers for non-program related transfer, and a model showing school configuration if catchments were strictly enforced.

At the 21 May 2013 Planning Session, trustees agreed to track school of choice for a period of one year; then start looking at revamping catchment areas in January, after identifying where students are living and attending school.

The Board briefly discussed the following:

- bussing efficiently and effectively
- policy walk limits
- cross boundary and school of choice - rural school enrolment decline
- catchment area realignments
- why are families choosing certain schools

O2013.11.26-13 It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Education refer the discussion regarding motions 06.11 and 07.11 from 25 January 2011 open meeting to a future planning session.

CARRIED

4.10. Auditors for the Board of Education

O2013.11.26-14 It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Education, after considering input from the Business Committee, directs District Staff to enter into a tendering process for the appointment of financial auditors for the District, for a term of five years.

CARRIED

4.11. Trustee Leadership / Professional Development

O2013.11.26-15 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT the Board of Education engage parliamentarian Eli Mina to lead the Board of Education in governance and board review discussions for an evening and morning session on 9-10 January 2014, at a cost of approximately \$4000.00.

CARRIED

4.12. Capital Project Bylaw - 115974 Bus Replacement

O2013.11.26-16 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT, in accordance with Section 68(4) of the School Act, the Board of Education unanimously agrees to give Bylaw No. 115974 (Bus Replacement-10) of the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) all three readings at this meeting.

CARRIED Unanimously

O2013.11.26-17 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT Bylaw No. 115974 (Bus Replacement-10) of the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) for the amount of \$1,061,886.00 be read a first time this 26th day of November 2013.

CARRIED

O2013.11.26-18 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT Bylaw No. 115974 (Bus Replacement-10) of the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) for the amount of \$1,061,886.00 be read a second time this 26th day of November 2013.

CARRIED

O2013.11.26-19 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT Bylaw No. 115974 (Bus Replacement-10) of the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) for the amount of \$1,061,886.00 be read a third time, passed and adopted this 26th day of November 2013.

CARRIED

4.13. Correspondence Report

O2013.11.26-20 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT the Board of Education receive the correspondence as listed in the Open Correspondence Report dated 22 November 2013.

CARRIED Unanimously

5. Discussion Items

5.1. Student Trustee

Trustee Boehm led a discussion regarding implementing student trustees at open meetings. The Board currently has student involvement in both its new Education and Business committee structures.

O2013.11.26-21 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT the Board of Education refer to the Education Committee the
development of a policy regarding student trustees.

CARRIED

5.2. Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

The Board of Education reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings and conferences. Planning Session on December 12 is suggested to be moved to December 17.

5.2.1. Other Elected Officials Meetings

Trustee Cooper will bring to the December meeting available dates from First Nation Leadership to meet with the Board.

Trustees suggested 20-24 January 2014 as dates to meet with area MLA's.

Dates to tour Chilcotin area schools: Trustee Neufeld advised he was available Dec 12 during the day if any trustees wanted to travel with him.

Jan 11: Trustees Boehm, Austin, Cooper, VanOsch, Pettman

Jan 18: Trustees Guenther, VanOsch, Pettman

Chair Cooper appointed trustees Guenther and Pettman to the ad hoc committee with FNEC representatives to discuss Terms of Reference for FNEC.

6. Information Items

6.1. School District No. 27 Literacy Innovations

Trustee Austin reported that at the 05 November 2013 Education Committee, Director of Instruction – Education, Jerome Beauchamp along with Lori Kelly and Erin Hay, gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the Literacy Success Framework for School District No. 27.

The Board also discussed the Education Committee's concern regarding wording of motions made by the Education Committee to the Board, i.e. recommendation vs. consideration.

6.2. Community Based Field Experience - Superintendent, Mark Thiessen

Trust Austin reported that at the 05 November 2013, Superintendent of Schools, shared a PowerPoint presentation, created for UBC teacher candidates. He explained the community based teacher placements with UBC students. School District No. 27 is 1 of 4 rural school districts who will be taking teacher candidates. 70 students have applied; 30 will be selected. The Superintendent had gone to UBC and talked to students explaining the options/placements that are available in SD27.

6.3. Administration Reports

6.3.1. Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent reported that the Poverty Challenge fund raising events were very successful. Approximately \$15,000 and 2 tonnes of food for the Salvation Army food bank were donated.

6.3.2. Secretary-Treasurer – no report

6.4. Board Committee Chair Reports

6.4.1. Education Committee

Minutes from the last Education Committee were included.

6.4.2. Business Committee

Minutes from the last Business Committee were included.

Trustee Guenther, Committee Chair, noted that in March 2014, a Business Committee meeting was not scheduled due to the NIS days and Spring Break.

O2013.11.26-22 It was duly moved and seconded:
THAT the Board of Education add a Business Committee meeting on 04 March 2014, 3:30-6:30, coinciding with the Education Committee.

CARRIED

6.4.3. First Nations Education Committee

Trustee Guenther provided an update regarding the last FNEC meeting. It was suggested that District Vice-Principal Jan Fichtner showcase to the Board, "Supporting Students with Learning and Behavior, SD27, Our Continuum of Support." Principal Mike Franklin also reported on GROW Continuing Education; GROW Distributed Learning; and Skyline Alternate School.

6.5. Board Liaison Committee Reports

6.5.1. BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Guenther provided an update regarding BCSTA Provincial Councillor. Provincial Council motion deadline is January 17.

6.5.2. BCPSEA

Trustee Boehm reported that BCPSEA AGM would be held 24 January 2014.

6.5.3. Other

Trustee Guenther reported on committee work with BCSTA regarding conflict of interest.

Trustee VanOsch advised that the IUOE will be voting on the Interim Memorandum of Agreement.

Trustee Cooper reported on her work with BCSTA Aboriginal Education

Trustee Guenther reported that at the closed meeting of the Board, the Board passed the following motion regarding IUOE Support Staff Bargaining:

THAT the Board of education send a letter to the Minister of Education expressing our displeasure with the request for the savings plan, and that a further review of the plan and areas for potential savings will be undertaken by the Board.

7. Public Participation (Section 2)

7.1. Public Questions Regarding Items NOT On the Agenda

The media asked for clarification regarding the IUOE wage increase savings plan.

8. Adjournment

O2013.11.26-23 It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:37pm.

CARRIED

Kevin Futchner
Secretary Treasurer

Tanya Guenther
Chair