

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)  
HELD AT THE NORTHWEST TRADES 7 EMPLOYMENT CENTRE – MEETING ROOM  
& VIA CMSD82 YOUTUBE CHANNEL LIVESTREAM  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT WERE:**

Chair - S. McCrory  
- A. Brand Danuser  
- A. Erasmus  
- K. Jonkman  
- R. Raj (virtual)  
- M. Warcup (virtual)  
- S. Watson

Superintendent of Schools  
Secretary Treasurer  
Recording Secretary

- J. Meyer (virtual)  
- G. Fuller  
- C. Gagnon

**DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:**

Director of Human Resources  
Director of Facility Services  
Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education  
Director of Instruction, Graduation & Innovation  
Director of Instruction, Learner Support

- K. Bath (virtual)  
- T. Elwood (virtual)  
- A. Casgrain (virtual)  
- G. Lawlor (virtual)  
- J. Nieckarz (virtual)

Board Chair McCrory acknowledged the school district's business being conducted on the Traditional Territories of the Haisla, Nisga'a, Tsimshian and Gitksan People. We are honoured to work with their children and privileged to live on this land.

A warm welcome was extended on behalf of the Board of Education to the 2020-2021 school year. The school district's first priority at all times is to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and staff. Safety and Cohort Plans were developed that will see the school district maximize face-to-face instruction while at the same time ensuring safety and providing face-to-face educational programs balanced with an environment that recognizes the importance of student social emotional and well-being.

Families and communities can be further assured that our Principals, Vice Principals, and District Staff have designed unique Stage 2 plans for each of our schools in Coast Mountains School District. The school district's plans were shared on August 25, 2020 via the school district's website and school websites with updated plans uploaded which reflect the updated Public Health Guidance documents for K-12 School Settings. We are confident that we have offered educational options for parents/guardians during this unique time.

Meeting guests were welcomed both in-person and virtually to the first Regular Board Meeting of the 2020/2021 school year.

Board Chair McCrory shared that schools in Coast Mountains School District will be celebrating Orange Shirt Day on September 30. Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, B.C. in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. A video presentation by Phyllis sharing her story was viewed by meeting attendees.

Board Chair McCrory introduced the Trustees attending the meeting from the Northwest Trades & Employment Training Centre (NTETC) Meeting Room. She introduced Trustees Raj and Warcup, Superintendent Meyer and the Directors attending virtually via Zoom. The Directors were encouraged to attend virtually to allow for more room for the public attendance at the meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair McCrory called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. CONSIDER THE PARTICIPATION BY A TRUSTEE OR TRUSTEES AT THE MEETING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**

Not required.

**3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was declared present.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion #7933

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried  
All in Favour

**5. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions received. Board Chair McCrory encouraged meeting attendees to forward their questions pertaining to the agenda for response during the Regular Board Meeting or via email c/o Executive Assistant, Carole Gagnon at [carole.gagnon@cmsd.bc.ca](mailto:carole.gagnon@cmsd.bc.ca).

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

**6.1 Regular Meeting, June 17, 2020**

Motion #7934

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on June 17, 2020 be approved.

Carried  
All in Favour

**7. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING**

**7.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, June 17, 2020**

Motion #7935

**THAT** the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held June 17, 2020 be approved.

Carried  
All in Favour

**7.2 Summary of Special In Camera Meeting, August 31, 2020**

Motion #7936

**THAT** the Summary of the Special In Camera Meeting of the Board held August 31, 2020 be approved.

Carried  
All in Favour

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**8.1 June 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Question: Agenda Item #11.1.8, District Occupational Health & Safety Committee – Proposed Membership Changes**

The following question was received from Kim Meyer, Co-President for the Coast Mountain Teachers' Federation on June 16, 2020 relating to Agenda Item #11.1.8, District Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) Committee – Proposed Membership Changes presented at the June 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

*“Can you please explain the difference between the Joint Health & Safety Committees in Mandate #2 and the Occupational H&S Site Committees in Mandate #4. If they are the same entities, why wouldn't they carry the same title?”*

Board Chair McCrory thanked Ms. Meyer for her question noting revisions were made to the reflect the proper entities within the mandate of the District Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee as presented.

Motion #7937

**THAT** the Board approve the revised District Joint Occupational Health & Safety Committee mandate reflecting the revision to the wording as presented.

Carried  
All in Favour

**9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

There was no correspondence received.

**10. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2020**

Motion #7938

**THAT** the Superintendent of School's Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of September 30, 2020 be received as presented.

Carried  
All in Favour

**11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**11.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Raymond Raj)**

**11.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2020**

Motion #7939

**THAT** the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held on September 23, 2020 be received for information.

Carried  
All in Favour

**11.1.2 Draft 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements**

Motion #7940

**THAT** the Board approve the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements and Notes Version: 7795-7049-5067 as presented.

Carried  
All in Favour

**11.1.3 2019-2020 School Year Financial Statement Discussion & Analysis Report**

Motion #7941

**THAT** the Board receive the 2019-2020 School Year Financial Statement Discussion & Analysis Report for Coast Mountains School District 82 as presented.

Carried  
All in Favour

**11.1.4 2019-2020 Aboriginal Education Fund Carry Forward**

Motion #7942

**THAT** the Board approve the carry forward of \$268,504 surplus in Aboriginal Education targeted funds to the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Carried  
All in Favour

**11.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Margaret Warcup)**

**11.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2020**

Motion #7943

**THAT** the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on September 23, 2020 be received for information.

Carried  
All in Favour

### 11.2.2 2020-2021 School Growth Plans

Motion #7944

**THAT** the Board approve the 2020-2021 School Growth Plans.

Carried  
All in Favour

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

### 12.1 Letter of Support & Update – Hyder-Stewart Integrated Trans-Border Community Formal Recognition

The Board provided a letter of support on August 5, 2020 to the Hyder Stewart Action Committee in support of the Hyder, Alaska and Stewart, B.C. designation of “integrated trans-border community” to address the current dire circumstances that the border restrictions have imposed on these communities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Superintendent Meyer visited Stewart on September 18, where she met with Taylor Bachrach, Member of Parliament for Skeena-Bulkley Valley to discuss the steps required that would allow children from Hyder to attend school in Stewart. Superintendent Meyer, MP Bacharach and residents of Stewart and Hyder joined a local rally on September 18 in the hopes that Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness, Bill Blair will allow them exemptions to cross the border daily to attend school in Stewart. Since the start of the new school year, there has been no response from Minister Blair noting that local rallies continue at the Hyder-Stewart Border in support of this dire situation.

Motion #7945

**THAT** the Board receive their letter of support provided to the Hyder Stewart Action Committee.

Carried  
All in Favour

**13. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Warcup provided a brief comment. She was unable to speak with all her liaison schools since the school start. Trustee Warcup noted that Monique Gray Smith was the keynote speaker for the school district's In-Service Day held September 23. The Ripple Effect of Resiliency: Strategies for Fostering Resiliency With Indigenous Children written and shared by Ms. Gray Smith during the in-service day has been very helpful.

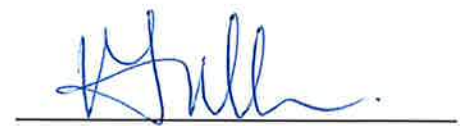
Trustee Erasmus noted there were good discussions between parents/guardians and schools relating to the education options available for their children.

Board Chair McCrory extended kudos to all school district staff for the great job to ensure our students are safe in their schools. A further Town Hall Meeting is being planned in coming weeks, stay tuned for details. She further noted that any questions parents/guardians may have regarding student concerns can be forwarded to the Board Office c/o covid@cmsd.bc.ca and they will be answered. Be safe out there.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at Majagaleehi Gali Aks Elementary School. The meeting will also be livestreamed via the CMSD82 YouTube Channel.

  
Board of Education Chair

  
Secretary Treasurer