REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 – 5:00 P.M. BOARD OF EDUCATON OFFICE – HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)

PRESENT WERE: Chairperson - M. Warcup

(virtual) - S. Duncan-Green

(virtual) - E. Harrison

- W. Jones

Vice Chairperson - K. Jonkman

(virtual) - M. Maxim (virtual) - J. Sundell

Superintendent of Schools - A. Callaghan
Secretary Treasurer - G. Fuller

Recording Secretary - C. Gagnon

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Human Resources - K. Bath
Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education - R. Clifton
Director of Instruction, Graduation & Innovation - G. Lawlor
Director of Instruction, Learner Support - J. Nieckarz
Director of Facility Services (virtual) - R. Schibli

Board Chairperson Warcup acknowledged with respect the school district's business being conducted on the unceded traditional territories of the Gitxsan, Haisla, Nisga'a, Ts'msyen and Lheidli T'enneh Peoples. We are honoured to work with their children and privileged to live on these lands. Board Chairperson Warcup shared that Trustees Duncan-Green, Harrison, Maxim and Sundell were attending the meeting virtually from Kitimat, Terrace and Prince George respectively.

Board Chairperson Warcup welcomed guests who joined the meeting both in person and virtually. The meeting was also livestreamed via CMSD82's YouTube Channel. Introductions followed by Trustees and District staff in attendance at the meeting.

Board Chairperson Warcup noted as part of the World Teachers' Day celebration held on October 5, 2023 spanning the globe, touching over 100 countries on its course, Coast Mountains School District recognized the important impact teachers have on our society. The Board of Education and School District 82 are proud partners of our dedicated teachers, and we support their outstanding efforts.

Teachers are on the front lines of building a better tomorrow, imparting the values, education and understanding needed to allow our young people to reach their dreams and goals.

Teachers carry an important responsibility that extends past academia. Fostering a positive, enriching environment for their students goes hand-in-hand with instilling knowledge. The support, guidance and example teachers provide for our young people is far-reaching and exceptionally vital as our youth develop into future leaders in our communities. The influence this profession has on the future solidifies its importance to all, and Coast Mountains School District recognizes the contributions all teachers make towards the overall well-being of our students, families and communities.

A video presentation was shared that speaks to the history and celebration of World Teachers Day established in 1994 by UNESCO a global event to be recognized and celebrated annually on October 5.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chairperson Warcup called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8515

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried
All in Favour

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Meeting, September 27, 2023

Motion #8516

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on September 27, 2023 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, September 27, 2023

Motion #8517

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held September 27, 2023 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes to report.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL'S MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

Motion #8518

THAT the Superintendent of School's Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of October 25, 2023 be received as presented.

Carried
All in Favour

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

Motion #8519

THAT the Board receive for information the Indigenous Education Report for October 2023.

Carried All in Favour

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Ed Harrison)

10.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2023

Motion #8520

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2023 be received for information.

Carried All in Favour

10.1.2 Ministry of Education Data Management 1701 Preliminary Report

Motion #8521

THAT the Board receive for information the Ministry of Education and Child Care Data Management 1701 Preliminary Report reflecting students eligible for funding as at September 29, 2023.

Carried All in Favour

10.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

10.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, October 11, 2023

Motion #8522

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on October 11, 2023 be received for information.

Carried All in Favour

10.2.2 Board Approval in Principle – Level Five Field Trips:

- Out-of-Province Field Trip, Caledonia Music Group, April 2024
- Out-of-Country Field Trip, Caledonia Travel Club, Spring Break 2025

Motion #8523

THAT the Board approve in principle the Caledonia Secondary School Music Group's Out-of-Province Field Trip to the Cantando Festival, Edmonton, Alberta, April 12 to 17, 2024

Carried All in Favour

Motion #8524

THAT the Board approve in principle the Caledonia Secondary School Travel Club's Out-of-Country Field Trip to Italy, Spring Break 2025.

Carried All in Favour

10.2.3 2023-2024 Draft School Improvement Plans

Motion #8525

THAT the Board approve the 2023-2024 School Improvement Plans.

All in Favour Carried

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Letter of Support – UNBC Northern Cohort Bachelor of Education Degree Program

Motion #8526

THAT the Board receive their letter of support for the University of Northern British Columbia's (UNBC's) proposed Northern Cohort Bachelor of Education Degree program.

All in Favour Carried

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12.1 Board Chairperson Report – October 2023

Motion #8527

THAT the Board receive for information the Board Chairperson Report for October 2023.

Carried
All in Favour

12.2 BCSTA Provincial Council Report

Motion #8528

THAT the Board receive for information the BCSTA Provincial Council Report as presented at the October 25, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried All in Favour

12.3 Trustee Reports

Trustee Maxim shared he participated in the BCSTA Virtual Orientation Session entitled, Values Based, Evidence-Informed Decision Making held on October 3.

Trustee Harrison noted the Caledonia Secondary School Band is hosting a concert tonight – if you are out and about it would be worth attending.

Trustee Jonkman had the pleasure to visit Kitimat schools last week with Trustee Duncan-Green and Superintendent Callaghan. It was great to see the kids who were happy, friendly and chatty. During our Kitimat school visit, we participated in a music class and made cottonwood balm at Kitimat City High School and received a sample too. Very enjoyable school visits.

Trustee Warcup shared she visited Cassie Hall Elementary School and Caledonia Secondary School with Superintendent Callaghan and met amazing students and saw the many unique things happening in classrooms.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

A brief question period was held. Troy Peters, District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) representative for Terrace shared a statement noting he hadn't contacted all DPAC representatives, however, he wanted to reaffirm that the bussing issue is front and centre with the school PACs. He noted the best way to educate students is to get them to schools.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next hybrid Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 in Terrace.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Board of Education Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer