

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE – HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)**

PRESENT WERE:

Chair - M. Warcup
(virtual) - S. Duncan-Green
- E. Harrison
(virtual) - W. Jones
Vice Chair - K. Jonkman
(virtual) - M. Maxim
(virtual) - J. Sundell

Superintendent of Schools
Secretary Treasurer
Recording Secretary

- A. Callaghan
- G. Fuller
- C. Gagnon

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

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

- K. Bath
- R. Clifton
- G. Lawlor
- R. Schibli

Board Chair Warcup acknowledged with respect the school district's business being conducted on the unceded traditional territories of the Gitksan, 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 Chair Warcup shared that Trustees Jones, Maxim and Sundell were attending the meeting virtually from Kitimat, Terrace and Prince George respectively.

Board Chair Warcup welcomed guests who joined the last meeting of the 2023 year, 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 Chair Warcup on behalf of the Board extended best wishes to all for a safe, restful and peaceful Holiday Season. May everyone have a joyous Festive Season with loved ones and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year in 2024.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Warcup called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8554

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried
All in Favour

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Meeting, November 21, 2023

Motion #8555

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on November 21, 2023 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, November 21, 2023

Motion #8556

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held November 21, 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

7.1 Letter from Kitsumkalum Band Manager and Board's Response Letter

Motion #8557

THAT the Board receive for information the letter received November 24, 2023 from the Kitsumkalum Band Manager and the Board's response letter dated December 1, 2023.

Carried
All in Favour

7.2 Letter of Condolence from the Board to Kitselas First Nation Chief Councillor

Motion #8558

THAT the the Board receive the Board's letter of December 1, 2023 addressed to Kitselas First Nation Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett expressing sincere condolences for the recent loss experienced by their community.

Carried
All in Favour

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

Motion #8559

THAT the Superintendent of School's Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of December 13, 2023 be received as presented.

Carried
All in Favour

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

Director Clifton provided a verbal update to the Board that reiterated a commitment to transforming Indigenous Education through a strengths-based lens, while acknowledging the lived experiences and challenges faced by Indigenous learners, staff and communities. He noted that oversight of programs, services and approaches implemented for Indigenous learners by the Indigenous Education Department is the responsibility of Indigenous Education leadership, and the evaluation of the impact of such initiatives will happen over time through an iterative process that seeks improvement over time, but not overnight.

Director Clifton emphasized the district's dedication to culturally responsive pedagogy, acknowledged the need for system learning and unlearning, and identified the importance of challenging existing systems and practices in support of ReconciliACTION and for a more equitable future for learners. Director Clifton noted that the overarching goal around the district is to create nurturing environments that foster growth and success aligned with each learner's unique cultural, personal, and academic trajectories, and this is the collective responsibility of all partners throughout the school district.

Motion #8560

THAT the Board receive for information the verbal Indigenous Education Report for December 2023.

Carried
All in Favour

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Ed Harrison)

10.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2023

Motion #8561

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held on December 6, 2023 be received for information.

Carried
All in Favour

10.1.2 2022-2023 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report

Motion #8562

THAT the Board approve the school district's Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Carried
All in Favour

10.1.3 Revised Policy 5010: Trustee Code of Ethics (Second & Final Reading)

Motion #8563

THAT the revised Policy 5010: Trustee Code of Ethics be presented for second and final reading at the December 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried
In Favour 6 / Against 1

10.1.4 Revised Policy 5015: Communications & Consultation with the Public (Second & Final Reading)

Motion #8564

THAT the revised Policy 5015: Communications & Consultation with the Public be presented for second and final reading at the December 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried
In Favour 6 / Against 1

10.1.5 New Policy 5035: Trustee Conflict of Interest (Second & Final Reading)

Motion #8565

THAT the new Policy 5035: Trustee Conflict of Interest be presented for second and final reading at the December 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried
In Favour 6 / Against 1

10.1.6 Revised Policy 2040: Public Interest Disclosure Act (Housekeeping Revisions)

Motion #8566

THAT the revised Policy 2040: Public Interest Disclosure Act be presented for information at the December 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried
In Favour 6 / Against 1

10.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

10.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, December 6, 2023

Motion #8567

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on December 6, 2023 be received for information.

Carried
All in Favour

10.2.2 K-3 Literacy Initiative Update Presentation

Efforts to improve academic outcomes across the district are taking root this year with a targeted investment in K-3 programming. Teachers and administrators at these lower elementary grades are participating in common professional learning focused on foundational literacy instruction and assessment. With the support of district literacy lead Tina McDonald, District Principal and Literacy Coach Laura Gray, school-based literacy leads are beginning to use Acadience Reading Diagnostic to identify students' skills across a number of key measures including phonological awareness, word reading and fluency among others, so they are better informed and able to target instruction in relation to these foundational skills.

At the same time, through professional learning opportunities, K-3 classroom teachers around the district are becoming more familiar with evidence-based tools and approaches to instruction, including the use of the University of Florida's Literacy Institute (UFLI) Foundations program. UFLI lessons are developed by teachers and combine a great mix of explicit instruction and practice for students to become proficient readers.

Much of the literacy work this year in School District 82 has resulted from the targeted financial supports of LNG Canada and Rio Tinto, and an in-kind donation from Canadian Tire. Thanks to these sponsorship agreements, the district has benefitted from both teacher professional learning and classroom resources that align with structured literacy approaches and foundational skill development.

A presentation titled *K-3 Literacy Update* was shared by District Principal McDonald and Literacy Coach Gray for Trustees' information.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12.1 Board Chair Report – December 2023

Motion #8568

THAT the Board receive for information the Board Chair Report for December 2023.

Carried
All in Favour

12.2 Trustee Reports

The following Trustees provided highlights of the activities they were involved in:

- Trustee Jonkman noted she was happy to attend the Kildala Elementary School Christmas Concert today which was wonderful. She plans to attend Mount Elizabeth Middle/Secondary School's Band Concert tomorrow night.
- Trustee Maxim shared highlights of his attendance at the BCSTA Trustee Academy held November 23 to 25, 2023 in Vancouver along with fellow Trustees and District Leadership Staff.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions presented.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next hybrid Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 in Terrace. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.


Board of Education Chair


Secretary Treasurer