

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.
BEAR VALLEY SCHOOL, STEWART – HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)**

PRESENT WERE:

Chair - M. Warcup
(virtual) - E. Harrison
Vice Chair - K. Jonkman
(virtual) - M. Maxim
(virtual) - J. Sundell

REGRETS:

- S. Duncan-Green
- W. Jones

Superintendent of Schools
Acting Secretary Treasurer
Recording Secretary

- A. Callaghan
- R. Schibli
- C. Gagnon

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education
Director of Instruction, Graduation & Innovation
District Principal, Mentoring & Learner Engagement
District Principal, Early Learning & French Immersion
District Vice Principal, Indigenous Education

(virtual) - R. Clifton
(virtual) - G. Lawlor
(virtual) - P. Barron
(virtual) - T. McDonald
(virtual) - B. Azak

Board Chair Warcup acknowledged with respect the school district's business being conducted on the traditional and unceded territories of the Gitxan, Haisla, Nisga'a, Ts'msyen and Lheidli T'enneth Peoples noting Trustee Sundell was participating in the meeting from Prince George. We are honoured to work with their children and privileged to live on these lands.

A warm welcome was shared with meeting guests who joined in person and virtually noting the Board was pleased to be in Stewart to conduct its Regular Board Meeting. Special thanks were extended to the staff and students at Bear Valley School for hosting the Board's visit and for their welcoming hospitality. Introductions followed by Trustees and District staff attending the meeting. The meeting was also livestreamed via the school district's YouTube Channel.

Board Chair Warcup acknowledged and recognized the following events held during the month of May:

- National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Two-Spirit People held on Sunday, May 5 noting Coast Mountains School District recognized both Red Dress Day and the National Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Two-Spirit People. This day serves as a reminder to honour the lives of those who have been lost and support those who are still searching for their loved ones.

- Mental Health Week was celebrated during the week of May 6-12 in Canada, and this year's theme is "healing with compassion". We joined the Canadian Mental Health Association during this Mental Health Week to show compassion to ourselves, others and our community.
- Moose Hide Campaign 2024 was held on May 16, school districts across the province and Canada were invited to participate in Moose Hide Campaign Day as a commitment to reconciliation and ending gender-based violence in Canada. Schools could register their participation and access free resources and lesson plans through the Moose Hide Campaign website.

Board Chair Warcup welcomed Terri Scott, Bear Valley School Teacher and her Kindergarten-Grade 5 Music Class who performed an amazing ukulele presentation for everyone's enjoyment.

Board Chair Warcup shared a reminder regarding the 10-minute question period held at the end of the Regular Board Meeting. Questions must pertain to the agenda and can be presented in person at the Regular Board Meeting or emailed no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the Regular Board Meeting to the attention of Executive Assistant Gagnon. Questions or comments about personnel issues, individuals or property acquisitions are not appropriate for public meetings. A written response to questions to the Board will be provided as soon as practicable. Questions asked at the Regular Board Meeting are recorded for follow up by the Board in the event an answer is not provided during the Question Period.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Warcup called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

2.1 Appointment of Acting Secretary Treasurer

Motion #8636

THAT Robert Schibli, Director of Facility Services, be appointed as Acting Secretary Treasurer for the May 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, in the absence of the Secretary Treasurer, Ginger Fuller.

Carried
All in Favour

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8637

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried
All in Favour

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Board Meeting, April 24, 2024

Motion #8638

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held April 24, 2024 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, April 24, 2024

Motion #8639

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held April 24, 2024 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 SCHOOLS' MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2024

Motion #8640

THAT the Superintendent of Schools' Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of May 22, 2024 be received as presented.

Carried
All in Favour

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – MAY 2024

Motion #8641

THAT the Board receive for information the Indigenous Education Report for May 2024.

Carried
All in Favour

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Ed Harrison)

10.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, May 7, 2024

Motion #8642

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held May 7, 2024 be received for information.

Carried
All in Favour

10.1.2 Quarterly Financial Statements, March 31, 2024

Motion #8643

THAT the Board receive for information the Quarterly Financial Statements as at March 31, 2024.

Carried
All in Favour

10.1.3 Ministry Adjusted Funding Allocations, February 2024

Motion #8644

THAT the Board receive for information the Ministry of Education and Child Care Adjusted Funding Allocations for February 2024.

Carried
All in Favour

10.1.4 Revised Policy 1090: Bring Your Own Technology (First Reading)

Motion #8645

THAT the revised Policy 1090: Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) be presented for first reading at the May 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried
All in Favour

10.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

10.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2024

Motion #8646

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held May 8, 2024 be received for information with the correction to page 4 of the minutes reflecting Director Lawlor speaking to the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses.

Carried
All in Favour

10.2.2 Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses (2 Requests)

Motion #8647

THAT the Board approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course, Emergency Medical Responder - Grades 10-12, commencing the 2024-2025 school year as submitted by Hazelton Secondary School.

Carried
All in Favour

Motion #8648

THAT the Board approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course, Elite Sports Performance/Basketball - Grades 10-12, commencing the 2024-2025 school year as submitted by Hazelton Secondary School.

Carried
All in Favour

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

12. TRUSTEE REPORTS

12.1 Board Chair Report – May 2024

Motion #8649

THAT the Board receive for information the Board Chair Report for May 2024.

Carried
All in Favour

12.2 Trustee Reports

There were no reports shared by Trustees.

12.3 BCSTA Leadership Series North West Session, May 11, 2024 Report

Trustee Harrison and North West Branch President reported on the BCSTA Leadership Series North West Session held on Saturday, May 11. Trustees from all the northwest school districts (Haida Gwaii, Prince Rupert, Coast Mountains, Bulkley Valley, Nass, and Stikine) met in Terrace for the Leadership Series presented by the BC School Trustees Association. The theme was Leadership for Continuous Improvement. After an opening by Kitselas First Nation Chief Councillor Glenn Bennett, Trustees met and discussed several important issues related to their work: What questions should they be asking in terms of the data that is collected. During this time Trustees were able to raise issues and questions that they felt were important to their ongoing work. Central to that is the question: Is the collected data telling us enough?

The questions from Trustees at this session were to be taken back to a Board work session that would conclude the day. Here Trustees considered actions that they could take related to their questions.

In addition to the working sessions there were three information sessions which were used to illustrate how data collected in school districts could be used to improve students learning. The theme for these presentations was: How are we doing? The first item was Children and Youth in Care. Connor Morris from the First Nations Education Steering Committee considered the data from an Indigenous education point of view. This session was followed by Denise Augustine, Superintendent of Indigenous Education with the Ministry of Education and Child Care, who used data to illustrate how the data can influence local educational decisions. The final session was presented by Dr. Jennifer Charlesworth who is hired by the BC Legislature to act on behalf of Children in Care. She showed how the data can be used to influence legislation related to Children in Care and their needs.

Underlying these three presentations is the importance of understanding and making use of the data the Ministry of Education and Child Care collects for districts to use in terms of leading their districts.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Mike Wen, Executive member with the Coast Mountain Teachers' Federation (CMTF) asked the following two questions regarding the revised Policy 1090: Bring Your Own Technology:

Question #1: Thought I was familiar with how partner group policy revisions are forwarded to the school district - I want to check a couple of things. Superintendent Callaghan mentioned in his report that folks were contacted in advance for feedback on the cell phone policy. Was this sent out to CMTF or to individuals?

Superintendent Callaghan answered Mr. Wen's question indicating a survey was shared by email to elementary, middle and high school teachers, support staff, principals and vice principals, exempt staff, parents, caregivers, community members and partners, to share their thoughts and inform potential revisions to the policy or its guidelines.

Question #2: How do we deal with the revised policy – normally CMTF has feedback to a revised policy?

Superintendent Callaghan referenced in the fall an email was sent to the CMTF Co-Presidents and posted to the website for feedback. He noted an email regarding feedback to the revised Policy 1090: Bring Your Own Technology will be shared tomorrow with the school district's partners which includes CMTF.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The next hybrid Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in Terrace at the Board of Education Office. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.


Board of Education Chair


Acting Secretary Treasurer