School District No. 51 (Boundary)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) held Tuesday April 9, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at the Boundary Learning Centre

The Chairperson called the Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Mrs. T. Rezansoff Chairperson

Mrs. C. Riddle Vice-chair
Ms. V. Gee Trustee
Mr. K. Harshenin Trustee
Mr. D. Reid Trustee
Mrs. C. Strukoff Trustee
Mrs. R. Zitko Trustee

Mr. M. Strukoff
Mrs. J. Hanlon
Secretary-Treasurer
Ms. M. Ruzicka
Director of Instruction
Mr. Kevin Argue
Superintendent Designate
Mr. Doug Lacey
Director of Learning Designate

Presentations/Delegations

Marilyn Hanson shared the revised Aboriginal Education Support Plan currently being used. Sarah Bond joined her via a pre-taped video.

Jody Klein was present to voice parent concerns regarding the secretarial time at West Boundary Elementary School.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED C. Strukoff 2ND Riddle

"That the Agenda for April 9, 2013 be adopted as amended moving 7. Greenwood/Midway Bandwith Issues after 3. Director of Instruction Report."

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED Zitko 2ND Harshenin

"That the minutes of the March 12, 2013 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

Report on In-Camera Meeting from January 22, 2013

The Board discussed personnel issues, properties/facilities, business items as well as approving an administration plan. There was also discussion on the bandwidth issue in Midway and Greenwood.

Correspondence

Gallery 2 has requested that a link to their website be included on the District website. The Chair advised the Board that this has been done.

A response to the Boundary District Arts Council concern from the previous meeting was circulated and will be forwarded to the Council.

Business Items

1. Superintendent's Report

• The Superintendent's monthly report was presented. He highlighted the work that Ms. Ruzicka, Director of Instruction has done with the Arrow Lakes School District in helping with internal Special Education audit practices. The Board also gave final approval for the GFSS Band Field Trip.

MOVED Gee 2ND Reid

"That the Board approve the Edmonton Band Trip application and itinerary as presented."

CARRIED

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Operations/Transportation and enrolment reports for March 2013. The March expenditure report was also circulated.

3. Director of Instruction's Report

The Director of Instruction report for March 2013 was presented. She thanked Marilyn Hanson for her presentation and her work developing the Aboriginal Support Plan. The Director of Instruction also reported on the efforts being made to bring an Education Assistant and Child Care worker training program to the Grand Forks area through Selkirk College.

4. AFG - Trustee Advocacy

Chairperson Rezansoff reported that 15.6 million of the holdback money's held for increase in enrolments for the February, May and June counts has been allocated to the Annual Facilities Grant for 2013/14.

5. Value of Public Education - ME TOO

This item was discussed during the talking break.

6. Talking Break

The talking break focused on the value of public education, the bandwidth issues in Midway/Greenwood as well as the proposed administration model for Beaverdell, West Boundary, Midway and Greenwood Elementary Schools.

7. Greenwood/Midway Bandwidth

The Superintendent provided options for the Board to consider to facilitate an increase to the bandwith in the Greenwood/Midway area. The following motion was made:

MOVED Harshenin 2ND Riddle

"That the Superintendent initiate a follow up meeting with civic counterparts involving students, trustees and other community leaders to develop a plan to proceed with this initiative and to see if there is interest in arranging a meeting with Telus representatives."

CARRIED

8. Committee Reports

Trustee Reid reported on the Operations Committee.

MOVED Reid 2ND Harshenin

"That the Board approve the proposed AFG Plan for 2013/2014."

CARRIED

9. Trustee Reports

- All Candidates Forum Trustee Rezansoff will work with BDTA and CUPE to develop questions for the candidates. The media will be used to report the questions and candidate responses.
- BCSTA AGM 2013 Trustees attending will vote on the motions

• Columbia Institute – Trustee Gee reported.

10. Around the Boundary

April Around the Boundary was presented.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.