

School District No. 51 (Boundary)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary)
held Tuesday March 12, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at School Board Office

The Chairperson called the Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present:	Mrs. T. Rezansoff	Chairperson
	Ms. V. Gee	Trustee
	Mr. K. Harshenin	Trustee
	Mr. D. Reid	Trustee
	Mrs. C. Riddle	Trustee
	Mrs. C. Strukoff	Trustee
	Mrs. R. Zitko	Trustee
	Mr. M. Strukoff	Superintendent
	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

Arts Council Delegation – Michele Garrison, Ted Invictus, and Anya Soroka were present to talk to the Board. Michele Garrison read a letter to the Board requesting review of the policy regarding perceived censorship practices of the District.

Shawn Lockhart presented information regarding the usage of the Fitness Centre at Grand Forks Secondary School as well as the use of electronic books starting to be utilized at the DLC/Library at GFSS.

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED Zitko
2ND Riddle

*“That the Agenda for March 12, 2013 be adopted with the addition of *Me Too Value of Public Education* as item #5.”*

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED C. Strukoff
2ND Reid

“That the minutes of the January 8, 2013 and the February 12, 2013 Regular Board Meetings be adopted as circulated.”

CARRIED

Report on In-Camera Meeting from January 22, 2013

The Board discussed personnel issues, properties/facilities, business items and that the Board will be initiating a self-review process.

Business Items

1. Superintendent’s Report

- The Superintendent’s monthly report was presented. He highlighted the Freedom of Information forms schools will be required to have signed if they and/or the District want to use student images in their newsletters and other public documents.
- School Calendars for 2013-2014 were presented.

MOVED Zitko
2ND C. Strukoff

“That the Board approve the School Calendars for 2013-2014, as presented.”

CARRIED

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

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

3. Director of Instruction's Report

The Director of Instruction report for February 2013 was presented highlighting the work being done to compile the annual report.

4. Notice of Motion

Trustee Reid presented the following notice of motion at the February 12, 2013 Board meeting:

MOVED Reid
2ND Gee

"That the Board look into making John A. Hutton Elementary a K to 3 school and Dr. D. A. Perley Elementary a grade 4 to 7 school for the 2013/2014 school year."

DEFEATED

5. Me Too- Value of Public Education

The BCSTA intends to use this program to raise the profile of public education.

MOVED Riddle
2ND Harshenin

"That the Board Chair investigate if a portion of the All Candidates meeting for the upcoming Provincial Election on April 23 and 24 could be dedicated to questions on education and that the Board approach CUPE and the BDTA to see if they are willing to partner with the Board on this initiative to develop questions and to make sure that the local candidates are aware of the value of public education."

CARRIED

6. Talking Break

The talking break focused on the e- readers and the value of public education.

7. Community Engagement

The topic for the Community Engagement will be Erase Bullying. The committee is considering a movie night and discussion on this topic. The dates will be April 29th in the west and April 30th in the east. Times will be announced.

8. Request for Letter of Recognition

The Board Chair will write a letter for all trustees to sign thanking Michael McEvoy for his service as President of the BCSTA.

9. Vice Chair Briefing Note

The Board discussed whether to have a Vice Chair and made the following motions:

MOVED Gee
2ND Zitko

"That a Vice Chair position be elected immediately and the election for this position take place annually at the same time as the Board Chair Election"

CARRIED

MOVED Gee
2ND Reid

"That the Vice Chair indemnity be at 90% of the Board Chair indemnity."

CARRIED

MOVED Zitko
2ND C. Strukoff

“That the five remaining trustees be assigned two month intervals and act as alternates during months the Chair or Vice Chair are absent.”

CARRIED

The Secretary-Treasurer conducted an election by ballot and Trustee Riddle was declared the Vice Chair.

10. Policy 1342 - Held in Abeyance

MOVED Gee
2ND Riddle

“That the Board hold policy No. 1342 (Distributing Union/Political Information) in abeyance pending the award of Arbitrator McPhillips, at which time this policy will be reviewed.”

CARRIED

11. Committee Reports

Trustee Gee reported on the policy committee.

MOVED Gee
2ND Riddle

“That the Board approve for circulation the following policy: Fundraising No. 1320.”

CARRIED

Changes to Committee Meeting dates were presented. The Board approved the dates, with the times to be confirmed.

12. Trustee Reports

- BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting- Trustees Riddle and Reid reported.
- Rossland Visit – Trustee Gee reported.

13. Around the Boundary

February and March Around the Boundaries were presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.