

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

Open Meeting of the Board of Education

April 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

## Minutes

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

Present:	R. Zitko	Chair
	B. Bird	Vice Chair
	J. Massey	Trustee
	M. Danyluk	Trustee
	S. Hall	Trustee
	L. Van Marck	Trustee
	K. Jepsen	Trustee
	A. Lautard	Superintendent
	M. Burdock	Secretary-Treasurer

Absent: Nil

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

### Adoption of Agenda

MOVED Massey  
2ND Jepsen

[“That the Agenda for April 18, 2023, be adopted as amended.”](#)

CARRIED

### Adoption of Minutes

MOVED Massey  
2ND Danyluk

[“That the February 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated.”](#)

CARRIED

MOVED Massey  
2ND Bird

[“That the March 28, 2023, Special Regular Board Meeting minutes be adopted as amended.”](#)

CARRIED

### Correspondence

None

## Business Items

### 1. Strategic Plan Update

- Superintendent Lautard presented the Strategic Plan Update:
  - Student Trustee Taylor Ramsey presented from BCSS
  - Superintendent Lautard discusses listening experiences at BCSS
  - Superintendent Lautard shared the Foundational Skills Assessment results, including focus on Priority Students

### 2. Presentations/Discussion

- Angela Bragg – Oximeter self-regulation pilot project
  - Ms. Bragg presented her learnings on the Neurosequential Model for Education, and the pilot project staff at Greenwood Elementary have embarked on this year

### 3. Proposed Consultation: Greenwood Elementary School Name Change

- Vice Chair Bird presented her proposal for the Board to initiate a public consultation on a name change of Greenwood Elementary School

MOVED        Bird  
2ND            Van Marck

“That the Board proceed with a consultation process for the name change of Greenwood Elementary School”

CARRIED

### 4. Committee Reports

#### FINANCE

- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented the Expenditure Report
  - Amended budget was passed in February but is not yet reflected in this report; however, March GRE (Q3) reported a \$500K deficit which aligns with spending plan
  - Spending on library and learning resources is higher than normal
  - Utilities are slightly below expected, suspected to be partially result of rate reduction by City of Grand Forks
- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented the 2023/24 Preliminary Operation Grant
  - Changes to per student rates are approximately 9.4%
  - Preliminary grant increased from last year by \$1.4 million due to projected enrollment and rate increases
  - No supplement for declining enrolment
  - 2023/24 grant reflects reduction in unique geographic supplement due to closure of Midway Elementary (approximately \$230K)
  - Special purpose grants to be received include: School food program, classroom enhancement fund, CommunityLink, pay equity and student transportation fund
    - Details on the new Feeding Families fund provided

#### OPERATIONS

## **POLICY**

Policy Committee met on April 4/2023. Anne Cooper from AZ Cooper Consulting attended and presented “Policy Renovation Project” details and timeline. Next meeting is scheduled for May 30/2023.

### **5. Board Chair Report**

- Board Chair Zitko attended a trustee orientation/governance session by BCSTA
  - Recordings of the sessions are available on BCSTA Hub. Highly recommend watching.
- Attended Board Chair call on April 6 which included guidelines on public engagement, tips for board chairs and their meetings, discussion around SOGI, and inclusive education
- Shared details on the BCSTA AGM electronic voting training sessions

### **6. Senior Management Reports**

- Superintendent Lautard presented her report for March 2023
  - Letter from Christina Zacharuk
  - Meeting with Joe White
  - Myths and pushbacks regarding SOGI
  - BMCA Meeting
  - Food Forest Proposal
- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented her report for March 2023
  - Preparation for 2023/24 school year underway
    - Class configurations are completed and have been shared with PVP
    - Teacher postings and budget prep will start in the coming weeks
    - Finance Committee meeting scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> for Board to review staffing proposals
  - Attended a session on the changes to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at the OLRC AGM in March
    - Now developing the Privacy Management Program (PMP) for SD 51
  - New electric bus is fully certified and has been assigned to Route 1
    - Will run on each route for 4 weeks to assess, and then be assigned to the next route in numerical order to the end of June

### **7. Trustee Reports**

- Boundary Indigenous Education Advisory Committee – Trustee Van Marck reported out
- BCSTA Provincial Council – No update available
- Rec Commission – Vice Chair Bird reported out
- Boundary Integrated Services Model – Trustee Massey reported out
- BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch – Trustee Massey reported out
- BCPSEA – Trustee Jepsen reported out
- PAC Highlights – Trustees Hall, Van Marck, and Zitko reported out
- Okanagan Labour Relations Council – ST Burdock reported out
- Community Literacy – No update available
- MES Repurposing Committee – Trustee Danyluk reported out
- Big White Joint Committee – Board Chair Zitko reported out

### **8. Around the Boundary**

#### **Future Agenda Items**

- School Sound Systems

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



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Chairperson



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Secretary-Treasurer