

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

**TRUSTEES:** L. Brekke, C. Dixon, D. Simon, S. Gascon, R. Farrell  
**STAFF:** P. Dubinsky, M. Grenier, M. McLellan, C. Volansky, A. Davidson  
**OTHERS:** JD Mah, Ric Bardatti, John Bovin, Dave Bond

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**1. Call to Order:**

*At 6:03PM Board Chair Chris Dixon called the meeting to order.*

We gratefully acknowledge that we live, work and learn on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Sinixt Peoples, and we honour their ongoing presence on the Land.

**2. Additions and/or Deletions to the Agenda:**

Item 10E – Affordability Fund was added.

**3. Adoption of Agenda:**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved:

2022.09.20-1

**THAT** the agenda for this September 20, 2022 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.

**4. Adoption of Minutes:**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved:

2022.09.20-2

**THAT** the minutes from the meeting held in public on June 21, 2022 **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**5. Presentations:**

A. Good News in SD10 was reported by Board Chair Chris Dixon.

**6. Superintendent's Report:**

A. School Start-up

Superintendent Dubinsky reported a successful opening to the school year, that there was increased enrolment as well as new teaching and support staff.

B. Facilities Update

Manager of Operations and Transportation Olsen reported on facility and maintenance projects that took place over the summer, including.

- NES – Rebuilding office back to a classroom
- NSS – Front irrigation upgrade
- NES – Solar hookup
- BES & EES – Duct cleaning
- All District – Door locks maintenance
- NES – Exterior painting
- EES – Flooring
- BES – Flooring
- BES – Strip and paint bus garage
- NSS – Interior doors
- NES – Interior doors
- BES – Blinds
- BES – Library upgrade
- EES – Fall zone for playground
- Board office - painting

He also reported on the NES Childcare Centre, which is largely completed, but some work to do to complete licensing, including digital controls for the office and other items.

C. Electric Buses Update

Manager of Operations and Transportation Olsen reported that three electric busses were delivered in August and two have been operational on current runs. He responded to questions from the Board.

**7. Trustee Committee and Organizations Report:**

*Posted on District website*

**8. Financial Report:**

A. Monthly Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan presented the August 31, 2022 financial report in detail, reporting that spending did not include any instruction costs as before school start-up, and that expense to date are within the range of expenses in the prior year and in line with the budget.

**9. Unfinished Business:**

A. Nakusp Childcare Centre Update

Superintendent Dubinsky gave a comprehensive update on the Nakusp Childcare Center and remaining items towards licensing and that the centre is expected to open in January, 2023.

B. 4-Day School Week

Superintendent Dubinsky mentioned that, regarding the resolution of the Board in June, 2020 to research the concept of a 4-day school week for the district, staff had consulted with two district's currently operating a 4-Day School Week. He also mentioned that the Ministry would require that the school calendars be completed by March, 2022, but that a 4-Day Week is a Board decision, for which a consultation process would be expected. He stated that further information was being compiled, including historical context regarding the District's 4-Day Week programs in the Southern Zone, and that staff would report further to the Board at the October meeting.

**10. New Business:**

A. September 19 – National Day of Mourning

Superintendent Dubinsky reported that the Ministry of Education and Childcare followed the federal governments lead and recognized September 19, 2022, The National Day of Mourning, as a paid holiday. There is uncertainty as to if the missed instructional hours need to be made up.

B. 2023-2024 Five-Year Capital Plan

The Board discussed the rationale of adding two diesel busses to the fleet as presented in the Five-Year Capital Plan.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved:

2022.09.20-3

**THAT**, in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education hereby **APPROVES** the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan (Minor Capital Programs) for 2023-2024 as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2023-2024 submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

C. 2021-2022 Annual Financial Reports

- Secretary-Treasurer McLellan presented the 2021-2022 Financial Statements (Audited) and reported that the district was in a healthy spot financially.
- Secretary-Treasurer McLellan presented the 2021-2022 Financial Statements Discussion and Analysis, which provides a narrative and more details regarding the financial statements. This is a new requirement for all districts, which must include a report on the status and planned use of surplus under the Board’s new surplus policy.
- Secretary-Treasurer McLellan presented the 2021-2022 Surplus Restrictions and Carry-Forwards
- KPMG Auditor, Dave Bond presented the 2021-2022 Audit Findings Report in detail.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved:

2022.09.20-4

**THAT** the 2022-2023 Surplus Restrictions **BE APPROVED** as proposed; and

2022.09.20-5

**THAT** the Audited Financial Statements and Financial Discussion & Analysis for the year ended June 30, 2022 **BE APPROVED**.

D. Transportation Policy

**Notice of Motion:**

**THAT** new a new Policy – Transportation of Students **BE APPROVED**.

The motion will be presented to the board in October and shared in accordance with policy 140.

E. Affordability Fund

Superintendent Dubinsky reported The Ministry of Education announced the Student Affordability Fund in the last week in August. The funds received by SD10 have been coordinated to supplement students school supplies, food programs, school fees and field trip costs and must be spent this school year. A budget amendment will be presented to The Board in October.

**11. Questions from the Public:**

*There were no questions from the public*

**12. Next Meeting Dates:**

- Meeting of the Board in Public: October 18, 2022
- Meeting of the Board in Public: November 15, 2022

**13. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37PM.

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