
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023**

TRUSTEES: A. Murphy, C. Dixon, D. Simon, S. Gascon, R. Farrell

STAFF: P. Dubinsky, M. McLellan, A. Davidson, B. Cook, J. Sling

GUESTS: R. Bardati (ALTA), M. Page (Valley Voice)

1. Call to Order

At 6:00PM 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

Nil

3. Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.03.28-1

THAT the agenda for this March 28, 2023 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.03.28-2

THAT the minutes from the meeting open to the public on February 21, 2023 **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. Presentations

A. Good News Report

The Good News in SD10 was reported by Trustee Gascon.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Learning Support Services Presentation

Ms. Jaime Sing gave an overview of the districts Learning Support Services Program. 94 out of 518 students in the district have Ministry Designations. The district has a dedicated Learning Support Team that works with students towards specific goals, which are not always academic. Learning Support Services are for students needing extra support as well as for students that require more challenge. Sing explained that while Learning Support is different than counselling, teachers develop a close bond with the students and do a lot of listening. In response to a question from the board Superintendent Dubinsky informed the Board that the average number of students with ministry designations is approx. 12-20% of students per school. The district psychologist meets with all SD10 students that qualify for ministry designation.

In response to further questions from the Board Ms. Sing remarked that the most common designation is classified as "learning disability" and the most growing designation is autism.

7. Trustee, Committee and Organizations Report

Nil

8. Financial Report

A. Monthly Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan gave a detailed monthly financial report. In comparing results to the budget, he reported that revenue results have increased this year.

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan briefed the board on the districts new agreement with Kootenay Savings Credit Union.

9. Unfinished Business

Nil

10. New Business

A. 2023-2024 Calendars

- 5-day week calendar
- 4-day week calendar

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved:

2023.03.28-3

THAT the Board of Education adopt the proposed 2023-2024 school calendars.

B. Southern Zone Facilities & Transportation – Superintendent Dubinsky

Superintendent Dubinsky reported challenges regarding cross-district enrolment, class size limits and bus ridership capacity due to growth in district communities. Low enrollment at Edgewood and the number of students who are transported out of that community to attend both Burton Elementary and Nakusp Elementary are also a concern. Considered the longest school bus ride in the province, Dubinsky discussed travel time for southern zone students. He reiterated to the board that NSS is the only secondary school in the area, therefore many students can not avoid that long travel time and need to be given priority on busses that are near capacity.

A discussion ensued. The board feels it is important for children to be in their community and it is important for the community to have the children close as well. They discussed the value of children's time in relation to the long bus ride.

Dubinsky reports the district is looking at operations and class size. Maintaining the districts high quality of education, without disparity in the sizes of classrooms is a priority.

C. Board Policies

- Policy 300 – Student Registration & Catchments
- Policy 680 – Student Transportation
- [Existing Policy 680 – Transportation Assistance](#)

Although a catchment policy and a cross district policy is required by the ministry, the district did not have these policies previously, reports Superintendent Dubinsky. The proposed policies are new and potentially challenging for families and it is important that procedures are fair and follow suite. Dubinsky discussed the fairness process which involves catchment vs out of catchment registration. The hope is that this provides support to keep kids in their community and provide solid k-7 in those schools. Communicating to parents that students currently attending a school will not be forced to leave is important. The transportation assistance policy was also brought forward for adoption.

Notice of Motion:

THAT the Board of Education adopt new Policy 300 – Student Registration & Catchments.

THAT the Board of Education adopt amended Policy 680 – Student Transportation

D. 2023-2024 Capital Bylaw –

- 2023/24-CPSD10-01 Capital Bylaw Draft

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan gave a high-level update on the district's capital funding projection for 2023-2024.

- Ministry of Education & Child Care Capital Response Letter

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan reported on the Ministries response to the district's annual five-year capital plan submission for 2023-2024.

Proposed Resolutions:

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 142 of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) has submitted a capital plan to the Minister of Education and Child Care, and the Minister has approved the capital plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Education for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) **APPROVE** Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD10-01, having read the bylaw a first time.

THAT the Board of Education for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) **APPROVE** Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD10-01, having read the bylaw a second time.

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD10-01 may be read three times and adopted at this regular meeting of the Board held on March 28, 2023.

THAT the Board of Education for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) **APPROVE, PASS and ADOPT** Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD10-01, having read the bylaw a third time.

Resolved

E. 2023-2024 Budget Process

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan gave a high-level update of the 2023-2024 budget process and shared the schedule of meetings and community consults. The district is using the update of the budget process to additionally encompass the facilities review process.

The board had no additions to the schedule.

11. Questions from the Public

In response to a question from the public the board stated that the financial report for this school year is public.

In response to a question from the public the board shared that budget process feedback can be sent to the School Board email address which can be found on the website.

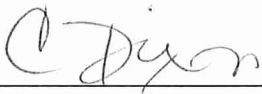
In response to a question from the public the board expressed no concern that Nakusp Secondary School would be over capacity.

12. Next Meeting Dates

- A. Meeting of the Board Open to the Public: April 18, 2023
- B. BC School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting: April 27 to 30, 2023
- C. Meeting of the Board Open to the Public: May 16, 2023

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14PM



C. Dixon
Chairperson



M. McLellan
Secretary-Treasurer

