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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

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

**STAFF:** P. Dubinsky, M. McLellan, A. Davidson

**GUESTS:** R. Bardatti, JD Mah, M. Page (Valley Voice)

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM

*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**

Add Item 10A - Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning School.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved:

2023.04.18-1

**THAT** the agenda for this April 18, 2023 meeting is **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved:

2023.04.18-2

**THAT** the minutes from the meeting open to the public on March 28, 2023 is **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**5. Presentations**

A. Good News Report

The Good News Report was presented by Trustee Simon.

## **6. Superintendent's Report**

### A. 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent Dubinsky gave an update on the progress made towards a 2023-2028 Strategic Plan. He reported positive experiences for students, families, parents, and caregivers. The consultation meetings was an opportunity to hear feedback around proposed scenarios and possibilities for the future. There is an online survey live until May 4<sup>th</sup> to solicit feedback. People can also email feedback to the board through the email address on the website. There will be working sessions of the Board throughout the summer to develop draft plans.

### B. Lead Water Testing Results & Mitigation

Superintendent Dubinsky advised that the District conducts lead water testing on a regular basis and responds as needed.

### C. Radon Testing & Mitigation

Superintendent Dubinsky shared that Interior Health has partnered with the District to perform radon testing and mitigation work. The first phase, which included collecting and sending radon samples from each space in the District, was recently completed. District staff will provide a report to the board once the data is analyzed.

## **7. Trustee, Committee and Organizations Report**

## **8. Financial Report**

### A. Monthly Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan presented the monthly financial report, which reflects 3 months left in the fiscal year.

## **9. Unfinished Business**

### A. 2023-2024 Budget Survey Results

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan reported the 2023-2024 Budget Survey was open till May 3<sup>rd</sup> and presently had 30 respondents. The District will continue to collect, collate and extract information from the survey for the Board's consideration.

B. Board Policies

Superintendent Dubinsky described the rationale for adopting new policies concerning student registration for schools and student transportation.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.04.18-3

**THAT** Policy 300 – Student Registration and Catchments **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.04.18-4

**THAT** Policy 600 – Student Transportation **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

**10. New Business**

A. School Grade Configurations

Superintendent Dubinsky referenced the memo regarding 2023-2024 School Grade Configurations. He noted that the District must make space and a good education opportunity available to each student at their catchment school. He also noted the impacts of the grade configuration on schools in the Southern Zone. District staff is recommending that the board resolve to accept the proposed grade configurations.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was resolved: 2023.04.18-5

**THAT** the grade configurations for each school in the District for the 2023-2024 school year onwards are as follows:

- Burton Elementary School – Kindergarten to Grade 7
- Edgewood Elementary School – Kindergarten to Grade 7
- Lucerne Elementary Secondary School – Kindergarten to Grade 12
- Nakusp Elementary School – Kindergarten to Grade 7
- Nakusp Secondary School – Grade 8 to Grade 12
- Arrow Lakes Distributed Learning (Grades K to 12)

A discussion ensued regarding public announcements and the release of this information.

**11. Questions from the Public**

**12. Next Meeting Dates**