

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

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

STAFF: P. Dubinsky, M. McLellan, A. Davidson, Tim VanBrummelen

GUESTS: K. Greenhalf (ALTA), Barb White (CUPE), JD Mah, Rachael Lesosky, Valley Voice

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

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

There are none.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved: 2023.09.19-1

THAT the agenda for this September 19, 2023 meeting is **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved: 2023.09.19-2

THAT the minutes from the meeting open to the public on June 20, 2023, are **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

THAT the minutes from the special meeting open to the public on June 30, 2023, are **ADOPTED**, as circulated.

5. Presentations

A. Good News Report

Board Chair Dixon presented the Good News Report.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. School Start-up & Enrolment Update

Superintendent Dubinsky reported that enrollment is slightly down from last year. The number of students in school buildings has stayed consistent, with new students in each school, but distance learning enrollment has decreased since distance learning schools can no longer enroll students who live outside of their district. The Superintendent expressed that overall, it had been a positive start-up at all schools, and there was anticipation for a productive school year.

B. Facilities Update

Superintendent Dubinsky described that while most district staff were enjoying their summer, Manager of Operations and Transportation Olson and the operations crew worked hard to ensure capital projects got finished and renovations and repairs were made. He expressed thanks.

Manager Olson provided details on the facility projects performed and completed throughout the summer.

Regarding transportation, Olson reported that all school buses were serviced and cleaned, and bus routes were reviewed.

C. Nakusp Early Learning Child Care Centre

Superintendent Dubinsky introduced Tim VanBrummelen, Vice-Principal District Lead for Childcare. Vice-Principal VanBrummelen conveyed a busy, successful summer at the NELCC centre, with near-capacity summer camps and fun activities for the kids. He thanked the district staff for their work for the centre since conception.

D. Strategic Plan

Superintendent Dubinsky gave an update on the district's 5-year strategic plan, which is near completion. The steering committee had a productive meeting on September 13, 2023. There will be revisions based on September's session, with a draft being presented to the community within the next month.

7. Trustee, Committee and Organization Reports

8. Financial Report

A. Affordability Fund

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan reported that of the \$250,000 Student & Family Affordability Fund grants received last year, approximately \$179,000 was spent, and \$86,000 was carried forward into 2023-2024. Each school has been allocated a share of these funds for 2023-2024 based on a per-pupil formula.

B. Feeding Futures Fund

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan reported that the district will receive \$350,000 from the Feeding Futures Fund in the 2023-2024 school year. The funding will be used for purchasing food and hiring dedicated staff to coordinate providing meals and snacks to students. Each school has a unique plan for delivering nutritious food.

C. Food Infrastructure Program

Referencing the letter from the Capital Branch of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, Secretary-Treasurer McLellan reported that the district has been granted Food Infrastructure Program funding for projects at EES, NSS and Lucerne. These funds go towards renovations and facility upgrades to support the school's food programs.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

A. 2023-2024 Five-Year Capital Plan

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan

- 2023/24-CPSD10-02 Capital Bylaw Draft
- Ministry of Education & Child Care Capital Response Letter

Secretary-Treasurer McLellan explained the need for the amended capital bylaw.

Upon motions duly made and seconded:

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-CPSD10-02, having read the bylaw a first time.

THAT the Board of Education for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) **APPROVE** Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD10-02, having read the bylaw a second time.

THAT Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD10-02 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-CPSD10-02, having read the bylaw a third time.

B. Policy 610 - Signing Officers

It was noted that the policy was proposed by a notice of motion at June's meeting.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved:

2023.09.19-4

THAT the Board of Education adopt amended Policy 610 – Signing Officers.

C. Transportation Routes and Transportation Assistance

Superintendent Dubinsky gave an update on the district's new bus registration process, bus routes and ridership and changes to the district's transportation assistance policy. The district will continue to modify and improve its transportation processes and ensure that any changes are communicated to families.

Dubinsky reports a continued increase in demand for School Bus Transportation on the Fauquier and Burton routes and recruitment challenges to fill a bus driver position on this run and to hire replacement drivers. He indicated that the district is examining creative means to address the situation that will alleviate the current capacity and recruitment challenges.

11. Next Meeting Dates

- A. Meeting of the Board in Public: September 26, 2023.
- B. Meeting of the Board in Public: October 17, 2023
- C. Meeting of the Board in Public: November 21, 2023

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.