

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

May 12, 2021

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| Trustees | G. Keller, Vice-Chair C. O'Neill, Chair L.M. Barron T. Brzovic S. Higginson | C. McKay B. Robinson J. Stanley E. Wilkinson |
| Staff | S. Saywell, Superintendent/CEO M. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer T. Davie, Deputy Superintendent | D. Burgos, Ex. Dir. of Communications K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services |
| Representatives | CUPE Representative: Rob Zver DPAC Representative: Leanne Lee NDTA Representative: Denise Wood NSAA Representative: Diane McGonigle | |

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions.

3. **DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no deletions.

4. **CHANGE IN ORDER**

Item 10.1 be moved to a Special Business Meeting on May 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Items 8.3 and 8.4 be brought forward on the Agenda making them 8.1 and 8.2.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

B21/05/12-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

B21/05/12-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Barron

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Wilkinson

That the minutes of the Business Committee meeting held on April 14, 2021, and the Special Business Committee meeting held on May 3, 2021, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Kristin Singbeil, NDTA Pro D Chair

Re: Professional Development Report

Kristin Singbeil and Joanna Cornthwaite provided a report from the NDTA Professional Development Committee. The report and presentation is attached to the Agenda.

8. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh

Re: 2020/21 Third Quarter Report

Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh and Director of Finance Taunia Sutton provided the 2021/21 Third Quarter Financial Report. The Report is attached to the Agenda.

8.2 Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh

Re: 2021-22 Budget Discussion

Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh provided further information on the 2021-2022 Ministry budget document. The 2021-2022 preliminary budget documents are attached to the Agenda.

B21/05/12-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Stanley

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to prepare a proposal to establish a Covid-19 Pandemic contingency fund from surplus monies that are identified in the

fiscal year-end financial report for consideration by the Board that would include the following:

- a. an amount of up to approximately \$1,500,000 to address continuity of cleaning service levels;
- b. a temporary increase to mental health supports for students and staff to ease the transition of students back to bricks and mortar schools; and,
- c. any other supports or services identified that would be of benefit to students and staff for the 2021/2022 school year.

Trustee McKay called the question.

OPPOSED: Trustees Stanley, Barron and Brzovic

CARRIED

On the motion: OPPOSED: Trustees Wilkinson, Higginson, O'Neill, McKay, Robinson

DEFEATED

B21/05/12-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

The Business Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to provide budget options for maintaining current community school coordinator staffing levels for the 2021/2022 school year to allow time for the Board to evaluate the program and create a community schools policy.

OPPOSED: Trustees McKay, Higginson, Wilkinson, Robinson, O'Neill

DEFEATED

B21/05/12-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Barron

The Business Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to amend the draft 2021/2022 budget to reflect reduction of the Foods Program Planner by 1.0 FTE through attrition.

OPPOSED: Trustees Brzovic, Wilkinson, McKay, Robinson, Barron, Higginson

DEFEATED

B21/05/12-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

The Business Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to consult with Indigenous Rights Holders and Partners with the purpose of reviewing staffing levels in the Aboriginal Education program to determine if additional FTE is required to increase service levels and indigenous staff in our system.

OPPOSED: Trustees McKay, Higginson, O'Neill, Robinson, Wilkinson, Brzovic

DEFEATED

B21/05/12-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Stanley

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

That the meeting be extended to 9:15 pm.

OPPOSED: Trustee Higginson

CARRIED

B21/05/12-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Stanley

The Business Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to review the budget allocation for primary classroom teaching supplies and resources and provide the Board with recommendations to be considered in the 2021/2022 budget deliberations.

OPPOSED: Trustees Higginson, McKay

CARRIED

8.3 Superintendent Scott Saywell

Re: AP - Communications with Public by Staff

This item was not discussed due to time restraints.

8.4 Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh

Re: Enrolment Growth and Space Requirements

This item was not discussed due to time restraints.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

There was none.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished Business.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new Business.

12. **FOR INFORMATION**

N/A

13. **QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions this evening.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

B21/05/12-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Stanley

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Barron

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY