

**School District #75 (Mission)  
Public Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes**

**October 20, 2020, 6:30 pm  
Heritage Park Middle School  
33700 Prentis Avenue, Mission, BC**

**Members Present:** Board Chair, Tracy Loffler  
Vice Chair, Shelley Carter  
Trustee, Randy Cairns  
Trustee, Rick McKamey  
Trustee, Julia Renkema

**Staff Present:** Secretary-Treasurer, Corien Becker  
Superintendent of Schools, Angus Wilson  
Executive Assistant, Aleksandra Crescenzo (Recorder)  
Assistant Superintendent, Karen Alvarez

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Chairperson. The Chair acknowledged that Mission Public Schools is held on Stó:lō Territory. There are four First Nation Bands within the boundaries of the Mission School District: Leq:a'mel, Sq'èwlets, Kwantlen, and Matsqui First Nations.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

One addition: Item 6.3 Motion to amend Policy 1.4

MOVED and Seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**4.1 Executive Compensation Disclosure Report 2019-2020 -Revised**

The revised Executive Compensation Disclosure report for 2019-2020 has been updated to include the salary for Mr. Jepsen.

**4.2 Anti-Racism Policy - DRAFT**

MOVED and Seconded the draft anti-racism policy be referred to the Committee of the Whole, staff, and partner groups for review and input, and be returned to the November Board meeting with the feedback.

## **CARRIED**

The Board approved a resolution that supported the creation of an anti-racism policy to supplement the Anti-Bullying, Harassment and Discrimination Policy. The draft anti-racism policy is presented for the initial review by the Board and will be forwarded back to the November Committee of the Whole followed by the November Board meeting.

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

### **5.1 Reporting out from Closed Meeting**

The Board recessed the Closed meeting and will report out at the next Public Board meeting.

### **5.2 COVID-19 Update - October 2020**

The Superintendent advised that on October 5, 2020, the School District experienced a COVID exposure at Hatzic Middle School. An overview was provided on the process for the event notification, further steps, and considerations for any future exposures.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Trustee Appointments for Committees and Community Liaison Groups**

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education review and approve the Trustee Appointments for Committee and Community Liaison Groups for 2020-21.

## **CARRIED**

In the past, the Liaison Appointments were appointed by the Board Chair and the revised list was presented as an information item. This year the item was presented as an action item. Policy 1.6 covers guidelines that representation is established by the Board. The Board decided that it makes sense to present this item as an action item and approved the resolution.

The Board agreed to eliminate the UFV Community Council as there has been no activity with this committee for over six years.

### **6.2 Joint Transportation Letters with First Nations Bands**

Each year, Mission Public Schools and the local First Nations Bands engage in shared planning and decision making for a Joint Transportation Plan. In consultation with the First Nations Bands, it was determined that no additional funds are required for this year. As such, the Bands have

agreed that no revisions are required for the services and funding for the 2020-21 school year.

6.3 Motion to Amend Policy 1.4

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education amends section 2.2.9 of Policy 1.4 Board Meeting Procedures to include the following guidelines:

In the event of a prolonged Trustee vacancy or absence of three months or more, if no person receives a clear majority, further ballots will be taken until a clear majority is achieved or if after at least four ballots a tie continues to occur the election will be decided by a lot draw. In the event of a Trustee short term absence, the election will be deferred until said Trustees return, at which time the full Board compliment votes on the election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

**AMENDMENT**

Add that the Board of Education approve the motion in principle and refer it to staff for confirmation to ensure it complies with appropriate legislation.

**AMENDED MOTION**

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education approve the following motion in principle and refer it to staff for confirmation to ensure it complies with appropriate legislation:

In the event of a prolonged Trustee vacancy or absence of three months or more, if no person receives a clear majority, further ballots will be taken until a clear majority is achieved or if after at least four ballots a tie continues to occur the election will be decided by a lot draw. In the event of a Trustee short term absence, the election will be deferred until said Trustees return, at which time the full Board compliment votes on the election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

**CARRIED**

The Board discussed amending section 2 - Election of Chair and Vice-Chair to include guidelines for a prolonged vacancy or absence of a Trustee. The Board approved the motion in principle and referred it to staff to ensure the revisions comply with appropriate legislation. The revised policy will be included on the November Public agenda. It was noted that the footer of the policy requires updating.

**7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

7.1 Board of Education Public Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2020

MOVED and Seconded that the Board of Education Public meeting minutes dated September 22, 2020, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. COMMITTEE MINUTES/LIAISON REPORTS**

Trustees reported on attending the inclusive playground opening at West Heights Elementary, the Siwal Si'wes Council meeting, BCSTA Board Chairs meeting, upcoming Equity Scan meeting, and an announcement of an upcoming Fraser Valley Branch meeting.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11.1 Special Committee of the Whole, October 27, 2020 re: Boundary Review

11.2 Trades & Training Advisory Committee Meeting, October 29, 2020

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

Will the anti-racism include procedures? Yes, it will be supported by procedures.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED and Seconded that the Board adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Original signed by T. Loffler

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Chair, Board of Education

Original signed by C. Becker

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Secretary-Treasurer

The minutes were approved on  
November 17, 2020 at the Public  
Board meeting.