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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,  
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020  
AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, GOLD RIVER, BC**

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**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Arlaine Fehr, Chairperson (Gold River)  
Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot)  
Debbie Mann (Gold River)  
Allison Stiglitz (Tahsis)  
Andrew Smith (Zeballos) (telephone)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer  
Annie McDowell, Associate Director of Human Resources

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Mowachaht/Muchalat First Nations Territory.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**2020:R-005** MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO approve the agenda."*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**2020:R-006** MOVED: Trustee Hanson, SECONDED: Trustee Mann  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 2020."*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Nil.

**PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Nil.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- BC Teachers' Federation
  - Minister of Education
  - BC School Trustees Association
  - Chair, SD19 (Revelstoke)
  - BCSTA
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- Copy of Letter to Minister of Education re the Importance of Transparency and Accountability in School District Budgets
  - Copy of Letter to President, BC School Trustees Association, re 2020 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education – Deadline to Submit is April 30, 2020
  - BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
  - Copy of Letter to Ministry of Health re BC Ministry of Health – Vapour Product Intention Paper Feedback
  - BCSTA Weekly: Provincial Council Motion Deadline; AGM Motion Deadlines; Leadership Series Registration Open; Communications Survey; Contact Updates; Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education; BC Achievement's Community Awards; Letters
  - BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
  - BCSTA Weekly: Reminder – Late Motions to Provincial Council; AGM Resource – Motion Database; BCSTA Branch Constitution Bylaws; Court Decision - Servatius v. Alberni SD70; Leadership Series Registration Open; Changes to the BC Emergency Program Act; Skills Canada National Competition; Chemical Institute of Canada Scholarship; Resource – Vaping Prevention Toolkit; Opinion – Are Global Competencies a Fad?; Sad News; Letters

- BCSTA                   · The Education Leader: Sustaining Indigenous Learning in SD47; BCSTA 2020 Scholarships; *Our Sacred Children* Mini-Documentary; Pilot Girls in Trades Program a Success
- BCSTA                   · BCSTA Weekly: Motions for AGM 2020; AGM Speaker – Michael Fullan; Coronavirus Risk Low; Leadership Series Registration Open; Moose Hide Campaign; Questions on SOGI; New Indigenous Education Resources; Premier’s Awards for Excellence in Education; Opinion – Do Low Expectations Hurt Indigenous Learners; Letters
- BCSTA Northern Interior Branch                   · Copy of Letter to BCSTA Board of Directors and CEO Mike Roberts to Express Appreciation for Support at Northern Interior Branch AGM
- Ray Watkins Elementary School                   · February 2020 Newsletter
- BCSTA                   · BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA                   · BCSTA Weekly: AGM Motion Update; AGM Nominations; Leadership Series; Celebrate French Immersion; Black History Month; Pink Shirt Day; BCSTA Scholarships; Letters

**2020:R-007**      MOVED: Trustee Smith, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz  
                  AND RESOLVED:  
                  “TO receive and file the correspondence.”

**REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:**

Chairperson Fehr reported on the discussion of two labour items.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**a.     School Reports**

Trustee Smith reported that the Zeballos high school students enjoyed the NSOP trip to Mt. Cain on January 13<sup>th</sup> with Ms. Jones and Ms. Rodgers. The intermediate class also enjoyed a day at Mt. Cain on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, accompanied by Mr. Stupich, Mr. Gledhill and Mr. Broderick. Thirteen junior and senior students are currently on a week-long ‘Experiences Canada’ trip to Berthierville, Quebec (near Quebec City) and highlights will include the Quebec City Winter Carnival and a day-trip to Montreal. In May, Zeballos School will host the students from Quebec and this exchange trip has been planned and lead by Mr. Rolle, Ms. Rodgers, Nuuchahnulth Education Worker Celina Charleson, and Parent/Chaperone Annie John. Zeballos School will also celebrate Pink Shirt Day on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to the funding which was applied for and received by the Ehatesaht First Nation, resident elder Vince Smith has been working in Zeballos School each day with staff and students and will continue to the end of February. Ms. Julie Colborne is organizing a Nuuchahnulth Health Fair for the end of March, and the Zeballos Literacy Group will be hosting a Nuuchahnulth Literacy Fair on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Hanson reported that the Kyuquot Parents’ Club recently started up, welcoming all parents of preschool-aged children right up to Grade 12. The Club held a successful first hot dog sale fundraiser and looks forward to the next event which will be a Valentine’s Dinner on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Hanson was pleased to report that one of the adult students will be graduating this year.

Trustee Stiglitz reported that Captain Meares looks forward to another visit from Missoula Theatre during the last week of February, and the community consultation meeting will take place on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Mann reported that the community lunch is scheduled for February 18<sup>th</sup>, and her last report highlighted activities up to and including April.

Gold River Secondary has 100 students registered and they continue to welcome International students. Report cards were issued February 7<sup>th</sup> and Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup>. Grades 10 and 12 students participated in the Ministry of Education Numeracy Assessment. All parents/guardians received an email with a description of these assessments. Any students who missed the January writing session can take it in April. The Student Council hosted a Mental Health Awareness afternoon and a semi-formal dance. Boys’ basketball and wrestling are gearing up for finals.

The Girls' Basketball Team attended the RCMP Boot Camp. Students traveling to France will leave in early March. NSOP will have two trips in February. Vaping continues to be an issue, and a Vancouver Island Health Authority presentation is planned to provide extended information on the effects of vaping.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **a. Spring Community Consultation Meetings**

The upcoming community consultation meetings will include a quick overview of the Board's Strategic Plan, the draft Mission, Vision and Values, and a reminder of the education focus areas and how they will go together with plans for the 2020-2021 preliminary budget. Questionnaires will be distributed to parents, students and staff to provide input to the Board on the following four questions:

1. What are your thoughts on the draft Mission, Vision and Values? Any suggestions for the Board?
2. What are your thoughts on the District Education Plan goals? Do you see your child's/community's education needs reflected in the goals? Any suggestions?
3. What do you see as the three major budget priorities for the Board over the next three years? Next year?
4. What else would you like the Board to know?

The dates for community consultation meetings are as follows:

- Gold River – Monday, February 24 – School Board Office – 7:00-8:30 pm;
- Nanaimo – Tuesday, February 18 – Nisaika Kum'tuks Learning Centre – 4:00-5:30 pm;
- Tahsis – Monday, February 24 – Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School – 4:00-5:30 pm;
- Zeballos – Tuesday, February 25 – Zeballos Elementary Secondary School – 4:00-5:30 pm;
- Kyuquot – Wednesday, March 11 – Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School – 7:00-8:30 pm.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **a. Amended Annual Budget Bylaw**

**2020:R-008** MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Smith  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO give the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw three readings in one."*

Trustee Mann read aloud the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

**2020:R-009** MOVED: Trustee Smith, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2019-2020 pursuant to Section 113 of the School Act, showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$13,288,946 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year."*

#### **b. Enrollment Projections for 2020-2021**

The projected enrollment for September 2020, including the Nootka Sound Outdoor Program and the Nanaimo Learning Centres, is 443 FTE. This represents a decrease of approximately 20 FTE which will have an impact on next year's programs and services.

#### **c. Preliminary Budget 2020-2021**

With the decline in enrollment, there will be changes to the budget and all areas will be considered very carefully. The community consultation meetings will provide input on the priority areas, to be presented to the Board in March. A draft budget will be presented in April, followed by the final budget in May.

d. **School Calendar 2020-2021**

Next school year is shorter than most due to the first day of school being September 8<sup>th</sup> and the last day being Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. If keeping with the 'Nine Day Fortnight/Two Week Spring Break' model, it would require each school day to be 10 minutes longer, which was considered by the Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer to be excessive. In consultation with the Vancouver Island West Teachers' Union, it was agreed to extend the school year to June 30<sup>th</sup> and eliminate the 'NIS Day' on September 11<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup> which results in five additional days of instruction - 329 minutes including recess for elementary, and 340 minutes for secondary. The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer recommended that the proposed calendar be circulated for input.

**2020:R-010** MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO circulate the proposed calendar for 2020-2021."*

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer will include a cover letter inviting input on the proposed calendar, which will be presented to the Board in March.

**SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

a. **District Update**

There are a number of individual students and teams taking part in activities. The GRSS girls' basketball team travelled to the mainland to attend basketball training and to visit the UBC Aboriginal Museum. The District's wrestling team will be going to the Provincials, and the GRSS boys' basketball team is attending the North Island Finals and will hopefully qualify for the Provincials once again. The District Basketball Jamboree is being organized, to take place in Gold River.

There are a number of International students visiting the District this year, with a group of Korean students currently in Gold River and staying in the dorms at Ray Watkins Elementary School.

b. **Enrollment Report**

The District enrollment is holding steady at 460 FTE.

**TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:**

Trustee Smith noted that there was a suggestion last month that the March Board meeting in Zeballos would be moved to April. The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer clarified that the change was suggested because of the likelihood of poor driving conditions in March, and will not take effect until the 2020-2021 school year.

**PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:**

Nil.

**NOTICE OF MEETING:**

The next public meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 4 pm, at Zeballos Elementary Secondary School. The public is invited to attend. Any requests for additions to the agenda should be forwarded to the School Board Office two weeks prior to the meeting. Board meeting minutes are posted on the District's website at <http://www.sd84.bc.ca/board-meetings-school-district-84>.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 4:26 pm:

**2020:R-011** MOVED: Trustee Mann, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz  
AND RESOLVED:  
*"TO adjourn."*