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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES **February 27, 2025 at 3:30 pm PST** **Klappan School, Iskut, BC**

PRESENT:

TASHOOTS, Yvonne	Chairperson
STRANGE, Michael	Vice Chairperson
LEACH, Marty	Superintendent

VIA ZOOM:

NOLE, Teneal	Trustee
CAMERON, Alanna	Secretary Treasurer

ABSENT:

HAWKINS, Jolene	Trustee
LOOTS, Fred	Trustee

Land Acknowledgement:

We would like to acknowledge that the lands on which we work and learn are the unceded traditional territories of the Tāltān, Kaska and Taku River Tlingit First Nations.

- 1. Called to order by Chairperson Tashoots at 3:39 pm.**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**

STRANGE/NOLE

R24.22 THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

- 3. Adoption of Public Meeting Minutes**

- a. September 24, 2024 via Zoom**

NOLE/STRANGE

R24.23 THAT the Public Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of In-Camera Meeting Summary

- a. September 24, 2024 via Zoom

STRANGE/NOLE

R24.24 THAT the In-Camera Meeting Summary of September 24, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- b. November 22, 2024 Vancouver

NOLE/STRANGE

R24.25 THAT the In-Camera Meeting Summary of November 22, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- c. November 23, 2024 Vancouver

NOLE/STRANGE

R24.26 THAT the In-Camera Meeting Summary of November 23, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Superintendent Report

- a. Superintendent's Report to the Board of Education

Superintendent Leach provided written and verbal updates on the following items:

- i. School and Staff Visits
- ii. Staffing (current and next year)
- iii. Calendar Feedback for 2025-2026

A correction was noted that Leach had met with the Deputy Chief (not the Chief) of the Daylu Dena Council to tour the new Band Office in Lower Post.

NOLE/STRANGE

R24.27 THAT the Superintendent's Report be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

- b. Dease Lake School Grad Trip to Costa Rica and Panama

As per District Administrative Procedure 235, granting final approval for extraordinary school field trips (ie: to a destination beyond, BC, AB YK or Alaska) shall be the responsibility of the Board of Education. Information regarding such request must be forwarded to the Superintendent at least two (2) months prior to the date of the anticipated trip.

It was noted that should travel advisories warrant a last-minute change to the proposed destination, the revised request would be required to be resubmitted for Board approval.

NOLE/STRANGE

R24.28 THAT the Dease Lake School Grad Field Trip to Costa Rica and Panama be approved.

CARRIED

c. Literacy Professional Learning Grant

Superintendent Leach shared that on February 5, 2025, the District was informed that they had been awarded a professional learning grant in the amount of \$247,533 to provide:

- i. Professional learning for teachers and support staff in the area of evidence-based approaches to literacy development; and
- ii. Literacy information/resources for parents and caregivers.

The District was required to develop and submit a proposed learning plan to the Ministry for review by July 15, 2025.

6. Finance

a. 2024/2025 Amended Annual Budget

Secretary Treasurer Cameron presented a detailed report on the changes expected/proposed to revenues and expenses for the 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget.

NOLE/STRANGE

R24.29 THAT the 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw Version 5583-4837-2855 in the amount of \$11,505,609 pursuant to Section 113 of the School Act, R.C.B.C., 1996, c. 412 be approved as read for the first time.

CARRIED

STRANGE/NOLE

R24.30 THAT the 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw Version 5583-4837-2855 in the amount of \$11,505,609 pursuant to Section 113 of the School Act, R.C.B.C., 1996, c. 412 be approved as read for the second time.

CARRIED

(Unanimous consent was granted to proceed to 3rd and final reading)

STRANGE/NOLE

R24.31 THAT the 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw Version 5583-4837-2855 in the amount of \$11,505,609 pursuant to Section 113 of the School Act, R.C.B.C., 1996, c. 412 be approved as read for the third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

b. Response to 2025/26 Five Year Major/Minor Capital Plan

Secretary Treasurer Cameron shared news that the District's 2025/26 Minor Capital Plan Submission that included a roof replacement at Tahltan School and a Building Envelope Project to update six staff housing units in Telegraph Creek would be fully funded by the Ministry. Work on preparing tenders for the two proposed projects was already underway.

7. Buildings and Grounds

NIL

8. Other

a. Policy Committee

The Policy Committee, consisting of Trustee Nole, Superintendent Leach and Secretary Treasurer Cameron presented three policy/bylaw changes for Board consideration.

It was agreed that in future, both 1st and 2nd reading changes to revised policies would be clearly identified.

STRANGE/NOLE

R24.32 THAT revised Policy 201 – Code of Student Conduct be approved for 2nd and final reading as presented.

CARRIED

NOLE/STRANGE

R24.33 THAT revised Policy 307 – Conflict of Interest be approved for 1st reading as presented.

CARRIED

STRANGE/NOLE

R24.34 THAT revised Bylaw 101 – Organization and Operation of the Board be approved for 1st reading as amended.

CARRIED

It was agreed that all policies approved for 1st reading would be circulated for public feedback via the District website prior to consideration of 2nd and final reading.

b. 2025 Trustee Remuneration

As per Policy 4 – Trustee Remuneration, any increase in trustee remuneration must be passed by Board motion. Secretary Treasurer Cameron advised that the July 1, 2024 increase for unionized employees across the education sector in BC was 3%.

STRANGE/NOLE

R24.35 THAT the Board approve a retroactive 3% increase to trustee remuneration effective January 1, 2025.

CARRIED

9. Trustee Reports

Detailed school reports were included in the agenda package for information.

10. Public Question Period

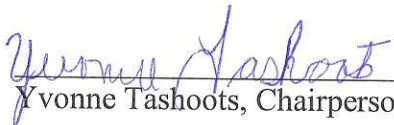
No questions were asked from the public.

11. Adjourn Meeting

NOLE/STRANGE

R24.36 THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:14 pm.

CARRIED



Yvonne Tashoots, Chairperson



Alanna Cameron, Secretary Treasurer