



**SD70 PACIFIC RIM BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2023, 5:15 p.m.
Maquinna Elementary School, Port Alberni**

Pam Craig - Board Chair
Cherilyn Bray – Vice Chair
Cynthia Orr - Trustee (via Teams)
Janis Joseph - Trustee
Larry Ransom – Trustee (via Teams)
Christine Washington - Trustee
Helen Zanette - Trustee
Tim Davie – Superintendent
Peter Klaver – Assistant Superintendent
Barbara Ross, Secretary Treasurer
Carla Neville – Controller (via Teams)
Paula Mason - Manager of Corporate Services
Sean Peterson – Principal
Ms. Elder – Music Teacher
Students - performers
Ryan Dvorak – ADTU President
Andrew Schneider – CUPE Vice President
Nadine White – CUPE President (via Teams)

Audience Members:

Maquinna Elementary School staff
Joseph Walter Leskosek

1. Call to Order

The Chair acknowledged that we work and learn on the ha-houlthee of the Hupačasath (Hupacasath), Huu-ay-aht (Huu-ay-aht), ʔaʔuukʷiʔath (Tla-o-qui-aht), Cišaaʔath (Tseshaht) and the Yuuʔuʔiʔath (Yuu-cluth-aht) Nations.

2. Approval of Agenda

Although an in-person quorum was established, votes were not recorded for trustees attending the meeting virtually with their cameras off.

Moved by: Trustee Washington

Seconded by: Trustee Bray

THAT the Board of Education adopt the December 19, 2023 Public Meeting agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Conflict of Interest Declaration

4. Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Ransom asked that the title of the policy listed in Item 11.2.b be corrected.

Moved by: Trustee Joseph

Seconded by: Trustee Bray

THAT the Board of Education adopt the November 28, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes as amended.

Carried

5. Announcements of the Chair

The Chair thanked the staff, administration and students of Maquinna Elementary School for hosting us tonight.

6. Good News from the Schools

6.1 School Update (10 minutes)

Students opened the meeting wonderfully with drumming, singing and a xylophone performance.

7. Trustee Statements

The Chair thanked Director Messenger and staff for providing a fabulous staff lunch and trustees for serving it. She noted that she heard lots of positive feedback from staff and that Margaret, a trustee from Coast Mountain School District, also enjoyed attending the event. Trustee Craig also made mention of a SNIRTS (snow mixed with dirt) event that she enjoyed at John Howitt Elementary School.

8. Petitions/ Delegations/ Presentations

9. Staff Reports

9.1 Retirements/Resignations

Moved by: Trustee Bray

Seconded by: Trustee Washington

THAT the Board of Education accept the retirement of Brad Cook effective January 5, 2024, Amarjit Pohar effective February 1, 2024, and the resignations

of Erin Venn effective January 19, 2024 and Carrie Nahorney effective January 11, 2024.

Carried

9.2 2023/24 Funding Announcements (verbal update)

Secretary Treasurer Ross noted that unfortunately there had been no updates/announcements provided by the time of the meeting.

9.3 Announcement of Education Agreements

Chair Craig recognized Director Hansen for all her work on the recent Education Agreements and noted that both the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and the Alberni-Clayoquot Metis Society have signed agreements for 2023-28.

10. Unfinished Business/ New Business

11. Policy Development

11.1 Policies to go out for Public Consultation

11.1.a Public Interest Disclosure Policy

It was noted that the document states Adopted 12.12.2023, but should read Draft Revision 12.12.2023 until it's been adopted.

11.1.b SD70 Retention Policy

It was noted that the document title should read Records Retention Policy, not SD70 Retention Policy.

Moved by: Trustee Zanette

Seconded by: Trustee Washington

THAT the Board of Education approve the Public Interest Disclosure Policy and the Records Retention Policy to be published for a 30-day public consultation period.

Carried

11.2 Policies for Adoption

12. Notice of Motion

13. Correspondence- Action Required

14. Correspondence- For Information

14.1 2023-11-27 City of Port Alberni Council Summary

15. External Board Committees

15.1 Heritage Commission Meeting minutes

Heritage Week is in February 2024.

Nadine White joined the meeting via Teams.

16. Internal District Committees

16.1 2023-11-21 Finance, Assets & Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

16.2 2023-12-05 Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Trustee Zanette

Seconded by: Trustee Bray

THAT the Board of Education adopt the 2023-12-21 Finance, Assets and Operations and the 2023-12-05 Education Committee Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

17. Audience Question Period

Audience member Joseph Walter Leskosek asked what avenue parents have to choose whether their children are taught what he referred to as "spiritual teachings" such as the performance that opened today's meeting. Superintendent Davie explained that a similar issue was challenged as a Human Rights issue previously, and the court deemed such teachings as a presenting of spirituality (not to be censored) versus the teaching of religion.

President Dvorak wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

18. Next Meeting

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49pm.

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer