



**PACIFIC RIM SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 12, 2024, 5:30 p.m.  
Eighth Avenue Learning Centre**

Pam Craig - Board Chair  
Cherilyn Bray – Vice Chair  
Cynthia Orr - Trustee  
Janis Joseph - Trustee  
Larry Ransom – Trustee  
Christine Washington - Trustee  
Helen Zanette - Trustee  
Peter Klaver – Assistant Superintendent  
Barbara Ross - Secretary Treasurer

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**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), ʕaʔuukʷiʔaʔ (Tla-o-qui-aht), Cišaaʔaʔ (Tseshaht) and the Yuuʕuʔiʔaʔ (Yuu-cluth-aht) Nations.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Trustee Bray  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Washington

**THAT** the Board of Education adopt the March 12, 2024 Public Meeting agenda as presented.

**Carried**

**3. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

Trustee Ransom declared that he has a conflict by way of an indirect pecuniary interest in regard to the BCPSEA elections. Trustee Craig declared that she is in conflict to BCPSEA matters as the representative for the Board.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved by:** Trustee Bray  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Joseph

**THAT** the February 27, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

5. **Announcements of the Chair**

The Chair thanked the school staff and administration for hosting the meeting and also for the beautiful presentation located at the entrance.

6. **Good News from the Schools**

6.1 **School Presentation**

Principal Seredick provided a presentation highlighting the stunning artwork on the walls, its deep meaning, and the contributions to the content/design by students. He noted the school's motto "Siyasusa - go the furthest you can go". He spoke about improving student success by tapping into student's passions, improving the social/emotional wellbeing of young parents, and the school's focus on environmental stewardship. Also highlighted was the recently formed Guy's Group, which focuses on helping young fathers to feel comfortable in their own skin, with bi-weekly visits with positive male role models and the emphasis on embracing positive masculinity rather than what's encouraged by gang/negative activity. Trustees were given seeds to plant in pots, which they'll come back to see in the future months.

7. **Trustee Statements**

Trustee Joseph spoke to the fabulous hip hop show put on at AES noting the language fluency between the entertainer and the students. Trustee Zanette spoke to The Big Crunch activity where students created Tik Toks in 30 minutes to promote Farm-to-School program awareness. Trustee Washington spoke about the City of Port Alberni's OCP meeting, noting that although there are great things coming, there was not much focus on schools. This was also brought up by Trustee Craig at the public consultation previously. Trustee Orr spoke to a meeting she had with Mayor Law of District of Tofino, who raved about the staff at SD70. Trustee Ransom spoke about the fabulous presentations given by students in Indigenous regalia at the recent VISTA conference. Trustee Craig spoke about the Spring Concert at AES and mentioned the students that attended the AV Bulldogs hockey game to perform "Oh Canada".

8. **Petitions/ Delegations/ Presentations**

9. **Unfinished Business/ New Business**

9.1 **Election of BCPSEA representative/alternative**

Fulsome discussion was had over how distant someone's personal/familial relationships can be and still be defined as being in "conflict" versus the perception of conflict being a reason to step away from an appointment. For clarity Trustee Craig chose to step away from her appointment due to having a daughter-in-law working as a teacher in a different school district, Trustee

Ransom chose to step away due to having a niece working as support staff in the same district, and Trustee Zanette chose not to step down as she feels having a nephew working in a different school district is not a conflict. It was also asked, as conflicts are self-declared, if anyone other than the two that have already declared conflicts, feel they may be in conflict. No other Trustees declared a conflict. Trustee Zanette expressed concern over Trustees employed by post-secondary institutions or government agencies, among a list of many organizations, possibly being in conflict.

Motion # 1 was passed without any objection. With Motion # 2 on the table (moved and seconded) a vote was made to amend it. This motion to approve an amendment was Motion # 3 and was carried. Motion #4 was a rewording of what the amendment would read but was defeated. Motion # 2 was then voted on as it was originally written, and was carried.

An election of a Trustee to the position of district representative to the British Columbia Public Schools Employers' Association on behalf of the Pacific Rim School District was then held. Trustee Orr nominated Trustee Zanette and Trustee Ransom seconded the nomination. Trustee Bray nominated Trustee Washington and Trustee Orr seconded the nomination. Trustees completed ballots which were collected by scrutineers Secretary Treasurer Ross and Assistant Superintendent Klaver. A recess was called from 6:45pm until 6:49pm. Scrutineer Secretary Treasurer Ross provided the results of the election to the Chair.

Trustee Washington was declared the new district representative to BCPSEA. Motion # 5 confirmed that Trustee Zanette will continue to serve as the Alternate district representative to BCPSEA.

**Moved by:** Trustee Orr

**Seconded by:** Trustee Bray

**1. THAT** the Board of Education, Pacific Rim School District 70, accept the immediate resignation of Board Chair Pam Craig from the position of district representative to the British Columbia Public Schools Employers' Association on behalf of the Pacific Rim School District.

**Carried**

**Moved by:** Trustee Washington

**Seconded by:** Trustee Bray

**2. THAT** the Board of Education, Pacific Rim School District 70, conduct an election in this Public Meeting amongst eligible Trustees to the position of district representative to the British Columbia Public Schools Employers' Association on behalf of the Pacific Rim School District to avoid a gap in time with no representative. (4 in favour / 1 opposed)

**Carried**

**Moved by:** Trustee Zanette  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Washington

**3. THAT** the Board of Education vote to amend the motion regarding conducting an election at this time. (4 in favour / 3 opposed)

**Carried**

**Moved by:** Trustee Bray  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Joseph

**4. THAT** the Board of Education direct staff through the Superintendent to get a legal opinion in writing from BCPSEA at no cost to the Board, to determine if each member of the Board is in conflict before holding an election of an eligible Trustees to the position of district representative to the British Columbia Public Schools Employers' Association on behalf of the Pacific Rim School District. (3 in favour / 4 opposed)

**Defeated**

**Moved by:** Trustee Ransom  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Joseph

**5. THAT** the Board of Education agree that Trustee Zanette continue to serve as Alternate district representative to BCPSEA.

**Carried**

**Moved by:** Trustee Bray  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Washington

**6. THAT** the Board of Education direct staff through the Superintendent to destroy the election ballots.

**Carried**

**10. Emergent Issues**

**11. Staff Reports**

**11.1 Local School Calendar (verbal)**

Assistant Superintendent Klaver provided an overview of the School Calendar and noted that it has been displayed on the District website. The 3-year calendar was approved by the Ministry last year.

**11.2 Budget Input/Process**

Secretary Treasurer Ross provided an overview of her budget process, highlighting the 5 year enrolment projections and resulting funding announcement pending, which will be reported at the Finance & Operation Committee table. She also spoke about the new myBudget File electronic budget software that is being implemented, with individual permissions provided for staff to view. This provides more transparency.

**11.3 Expense Claim Rates**

**Moved by:** Trustee Bray  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Washington

**THAT** the Board of Education approve an increase to the SD70 per diem rates from \$55.00 per day to \$67.00 per day, effective March 1, 2024.

**Carried**

**Moved by:** Trustee Ransom  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Washington

**THAT** the Board of Education amend the motion to include the cost per meal.

**Carried**

**12. Policy Development**

**12.1 Policies to be sent for Public Consultation**

12.1.a Policy 115: Appeal of a Decision by an Employee

**Moved by:** Trustee Bray  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Zanette

**THAT** the Board of Education direct staff through the Superintendent to publish the draft Policy 115: Appeal of a Decision of an Employee for a period of 30-days for public consultation.

**Carried**

12.1.b XXX: Off-site Experience / Field Trip (P)

**Moved by:** Trustee Bray  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Orr

**THAT** the Board of Education direct staff through the Superintendent to publish the draft XXX: Off-site Experience / Field Trip Policy for a period of 30-days for public consultation.

**Carried**

## **12.2 Policies for Adoption**

### 12.2.a XXX: Jordan's Principle

**Moved by:** Trustee Joseph  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Orr

**THAT** the Board of Education adopt the XXX: Jordan's Principle Policy as presented.

**Carried**

### 12.2.b Environmental Stewardship

**Moved by:** Trustee Orr  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Bray

**THAT** the Board of Education adopt the XXX: Environmental Stewardship Policy as presented.

**Carried**

## **13. Notice of Motion**

## **14. Correspondence- Action Required**

### **14.1 Bylaw P1475, P1476 & P1483 - RF22013 Referral Package**

### **14.2 2024-03-06 Request from Cišaaʔatḥ First Nation**

Trustees discussed the benefit of adding another forum for communication between the Nation and the District. (6 in favour / 1 abstained)

**Moved by:** Trustee Bray  
**Seconded by:** Trustee Ransom

**THAT** the Board of Education direct staff through the Superintendent, to put in place quarterly meetings of Trustees/Staff of SD70 to meet with Chief and Council/Staff of Cišaaʔatḥ First Nation, to further the relationship and engage in other SD70/Cišaaʔatḥ matters.

**15. Correspondence- For Information**

**15.1 BCSTA PC Synopsis**

Trustee Ransom thanked Trustee Orr for being on the call and noted that she had done an excellent job.

**15.2 2024-03-04 Fraser, Michele (letter to Trustees)**

**16. External Board Committees**

**16.1 2024-03-06 Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes**

**16.2 2023-11-23 ACRD Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**16.3 2024-02-09 ACRD Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**16.4 2024-02-23 ACRD Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**17. Internal District Committees**

**17.1 2024-03-05 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

**17.2 2024-03-05 Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

**18. Audience Question Period**

ADTU President Ryan Dvorak expressed "Kudos" to the staff of Eighth Avenue Learning Centre while working with our most vulnerable students in such a dedicated way. He noted they have the full support of the ADTU going forward.

**19. Next Meeting**

**20. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

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Board Chair

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Secretary Treasurer