



**SD70 (ALBERNI) BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
5:00 pm – February 11, 2020  
Administration Office, Port Alberni, B.C.**

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**Trustees** P. Craig, C. Washington, S. Leslie, J. Bennie, L. Ransom, C. Watts, R. Buchanan  
**Administration:** G. Smyth, B. Witte, J. Sexton  
**P&VP:** S. Brown

**Call to Order** – 5:00pm Trustee Craig in the Chair.

Trustee Craig acknowledged the Tseshaht and Hupacasath people on whose territory we live, work and learn.

**Questions/Approval of Agenda**

*Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Leslie that the Agenda of February 11, 2020 be approved with the addition of the following:*

5.2 National Association of Japanese Canadians – *Eiko Eby*

CARRIED

**Conflict of Interest Declaration – Nil**

**1.0 Adoption of Minutes**

*Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Ransom that the minutes of January 14, 2020 be approved.*

CARRIED

**2.0 Announcements of the Chair**

**3.0 Good News from the Schools**

**4.0 Trustee Statements**

- Trustee Washington attended her first meeting of the Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network, Advisory planning commission meeting and numerous school visits
- Trustee Craig attended the ADSS production of Bye Bye Birdie, the ADSS Wrestling Invitational and Family Day

**5.0 Petitions/Delegations/Presentations**

5.1 ADSS Social Justice (Self-Regulation Rooms) – *Angela Spence*

5.2 National Association of Japanese Canadians – *Eiko Eby*

**6.0 Staff Reports**

**6.1 Superintendent’s Report**

The Superintendent provide his monthly report – *attached*.

**6.2 Name Change**

The Superintendent reported on the results of the name change consultation and discussed next steps in the process.

Mr. Smyth provided background, public feedback on the consultation process, considerations for the board as well as his recommendations. Discussion took place at the table regarding the Superintendents’ recommendations.

*Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Washington that the Board remove the AW Neill name from the school and that the district develop a process to choose a new name according to AP3290: Naming of Schools with representation from local First Nations and the Association of Japanese Canadians.*

CARRIED

*Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Leslie that the Board retain the Ucluelet Secondary School name based on feedback from the community.*

CARRIED

*Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Buchanan that the Board change the district name from School District 70 (Alberni) to School District 70 Alberni-Pacific Rim.*

*After discussion, Trustee Bennie moved to table this motion.*

**6.3 Expenditures for January 2020**

*Moved by Trustee Watts and seconded by Trustee Washington that the expenditures for the month of January 2020 be approved as follows:*

<b>Description</b>	<b>January</b>
Supplies and Services	\$610,302.00
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,676,344.88
	<b>\$4,286,646.88</b>

CARRIED

## 6.4 2019/2020 Amended Budget

**AMENDED ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW**

A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70 (Alberni) (called the "Board") to adopt the amended annual budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2019/2020 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the *Act* respecting the Amended Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
1. This bylaw may be cited as School District NO 70 (Alberni) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/2020.
3. The attached "Statement 2" showing the estimated revenues and the estimated expenditures for the 2019/2020 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$49,731,868 for the 2019/2020 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the *Act*.
4. Statement 2, Statement 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2019/2020.

*Moved by Trustee Ransom and seconded by Trustee Buchanan and read a first time the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020;*

*Moved by Trustee Watts and seconded by Trustee Washington and read a second time the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020;*

*Moved by Trustee Watts and seconded by Trustee Buchanan, read a third time, passed and adopted the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.*

**CARRIED**

**7.0 Executive Committee Reports - Nil****8.0 Unfinished Business/New Business - Nil****9.0 Policy Development**

## 9.1 Policy Discussion – P134: Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee

This Policy was served Notice of Motion on January 14, 2020 and is now ready for discussion. Mr. Smyth noted letter from CUPE.

## 9.2 Policy Discussion - P600: Curriculum Implementation

This Policy was served Notice of Motion on January 14, 2020 and is now ready for discussion. Mr. Smyth noted letter from CUPE.

9.3 Policy Discussion – P602: Communicating Student Learning

This Policy was served Notice of Motion on January 14, 2020 and is now ready for discussion. Mr. Smyth noted letter from CUPE.

9.4 Administrative Procedures – AP:5021 Menstrual Products in Schools

This Administrative Procedure is now required under the School Act.

**10.0 Correspondence – Action Required**

**11.0 Correspondence – For Information**

11.1 copy of the Westerly News dated January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2020.

11.2 copy of the Ha-Shilth-Sa News dated January 16 and 30, 2020.

**12.0 Board Committees - Nil**

**13.0 Internal District Committees**

13.1 BCSTA/VISTA – *Trustee Craig*

13.2 DPAC – *Trustee Craig*

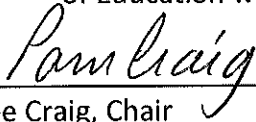
**14.0 External or Community Committees**

14.2 Port Alberni Museum & Heritage Commission – *Trustee Craig*

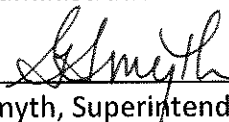
**Audience Question Period**

- District of Ucluelet Mayor Mayco Noel thanked the board for respecting the input from his community by keeping the name of USS.
- ADTU President Cindy Hewitt thanked the board for participating in feedback regarding the Provincial Gov'ts Prevalence Model, she also thanked Trustees for visiting schools recently as well as their diligence in the name change process and is pleased to see that the AW Neill school name will be changed. Ms. Hewitt voiced her support for the need of Self-regulation rooms at the high school level.
- Chris Alemany and Graham Hughes voiced their appreciation regarding the name change process.

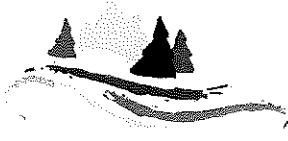
The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:41p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 10, 2020 at the Administration Office at 5:00 p.m.



Trustee Craig, Chair



G. Smyth, Superintendent



### **Ecole Alberni Elementary – EFI/LFI Programming & StrongStart Relocation**

We have implemented measures to manage enrolment in Early/Late French Immersion programs at Ecole Alberni Elementary in an attempt to accommodate catchment area English program students and as many French Immersion students as possible. For the 2020/2021 school year, there will be no Grade 5 cohort of Late French Immersion and Early Immersion Kindergarten will be limited to how many students can be accommodated in K and K/1 Immersion classes. Early and Late French Immersion programs have been extremely popular for students and parents, and it is unfortunate that limits on enrolment are required. Years of unchecked EFI numbers, however, have forced District staff and AES administration to reconsider this open-ended approach to Early French Immersion enrolment.

The District is also addressing additional classroom space at AES by relocating the StrongStart program to AW Neill Elementary. This will create additional instructional space at AES and introduce a more discernable Early Years presence at AW Neill Elementary.

### **Improving SD70 Success Rates**

As shared with teachers, administrators and support staff at the recent Curriculum Implementation Day, six-year completion rates continue to rise and there is a consistent trend to narrow the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous completion rates. (attached)

### **Community Counselling Services at ADSS**

In response to anticipated service delivery changes at Port Alberni Family Guidance, a group ADSS Social Justice students engaged in a campaign to highlight the importance of accessible, comprehensive clinical counselling services at ADSS. In a meeting with four of these Social Justice students, I reinforced our appreciation for the important contribution that Family Guidance has made over 30 years of working at and with ADSS students, and encouraged students to use this issue to be forward-looking and generative in terms of what supports and services they felt were required at ADSS. This conversation is ongoing and will help the District explore counselling allocations and community partnerships that maximize services through the ADSS Wellness Centre.