

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 01, 2019
7:00pm

In Attendance at Mark R. Isfeld Secondary:

Trustees

Ian Hargreaves, Board Chair
Tonia Frawley, Vice Chair
Janice Caton, Trustee
Kat Hawksby, Trustee
Sarah Jane Howe, Trustee
Sheila McDonnell, Trustee
Michelle Waite, Trustee

Staff

Tom Demeo, Superintendent of Schools
Nicole Bittante, Secretary-Treasurer
Geoff Manning, Assistant Superintendent
Ian Heselgrave, Director of Operations
Esther Shatz, Director of Instruction (Student Services)
Allan Douglas, Director of Instructional Services K-12
Mary Lee, Communications Manager
Josh Porter, Director, Information Technology

Regrets:

Candice Hilton, Director of Finance

1. Call to Order

Chair Ian Hargreaves called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education adopt September 01, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting Agenda as amended with the addition of the letter from the Comox District Teachers Association (CDTA).

CARRIED

3. Board Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education adopt the August 20, 2020 Regular Public Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

4. Old Business

None

5. **Report on In-Camera Meeting – September 01, 2020**

- Other

6. **Board Chair's Report**

Chair Hargreaves resigned as Chair and Trustee of The Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) effective immediately and left the meeting.

Motion: Janice Caton Trustee (City of Courtenay)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education recess for ten minutes to go into an In-Camera meeting.

CARRIED

The Regular Public Board Meeting recessed at 7:10pm for an In-Camera meeting and reconvened at 7:24pm.

Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Bittante:

- Acknowledged the receipt of Ian Hargreaves resignation letter
- Explained the procedures going forward including:
 - A Board by-election will be required to replace the Area C Trustee
 - Vice Chair Tonia Frawley agreed to step-in as Interim Chair for the remainder of the meeting
 - The annual election for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are typically held in November; it is up to the Board to decide whether to hold the election in November or sooner

Motion: Janice Caton Trustee (City of Courtenay)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education continue this evening with Vice Chair Tonia Frawley as Interim Chair and the Board reconvene at a later date to decide the next steps.

CARRIED

7. **Presentations / Delegations**

None

8. **Education Committee Meeting**

None

9. Strategic Direction

A. Superintendent

i. September School Restart Plan

Board Information

B. Assistant Superintendent

None

C. Secretary-Treasurer

None

D. Human Resources

i. Retirements and Recognition

None

10. Board Standing Committee Reports

None

11. Board Business

A. Motion: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education write a letter to the Ministry of Education advocating for greater flexibility for districts in providing alternative learning options and opportunities for their students that include hybrid delivery options and that the Ministry provide full funding regardless of the students choice of delivery.

CARRIED

B. Motion: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay)

Recommendation:

THAT the Ministry of Education postpone the September 30th, 1701 student count this year as a result of the pandemic until a process that is reflective of the actual student numbers in schools is developed.

CARRIED

C. Motion: Janice Caton, Trustee (City of Courtenay)

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education request that the policy committee review and suggest changes to Board Policy 4.15 Regular Board Meetings regarding the voting requirements for extending the length of Board meetings from requiring a unanimous acceptance vote to a majority in favour of extension and that the suggested changes be brought back for discussion and consideration.

CARRIED

12. Board Correspondence

- A. Correspondence:** from **Comox District Teachers Association (CDTA)** to Ian Hargreaves – Hybrid Learning Models Concerns

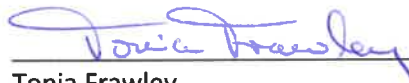
13. Public Question Period

14. Meeting Adjourned – 9:00pm

Certified Correct:



Nicole Bittante, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer



Tonia Frawley
Interim Board Chair