



SD70 PACIFIC RIM BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
5:00 pm – May 11, 2021  
Via Zoom – Port Alberni

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

**Call to Order** – 5:02 pm 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 Ransom that the Agenda of May 11, 2021, be approved.*

CARRIED

**Conflict of Interest Declaration – Nil**

**1.0 Adoption of Minutes**

*Moved by Trustee Watts and seconded by Trustee Leslie the minutes of April 13, 2021 be approved.*

CARRIED

**2.0 Announcements of the Chair**

**3.0 Good News from the Schools**

**4.0 Trustee Statements**

**5.0 Petitions/Delegations/Presentations - Nil**

**6.0 Staff Reports**

**6.1 Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent provided his monthly report – *attached*.

**6.2 Expenditures for March 2021**

*Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Watts that the expenditures for the month of March 2021 be approved as follows:*

Description	March
Supplies and Services	\$2,635,296.57
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,697,410.60
	<b>\$6,332,707.17</b>

CARRIED

6.3 BYLAW FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY

A BYLAW BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 PACIFIC RIM (hereinafter called the "Board") to dispose of properties.

WHEREAS the Board wishes to dispose of the following property. This property is known as the following:

3045 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Port Alberni, B.C.  
 Lot 19, Block 150, Plan VIP197B, District Lot 1, Alberni Land District

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. That the Board approve the disposal of 3045 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue British Columbia as this property is not required for future educational purposes.
2. The Board delegates the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chairperson of the Board, the authority to sign the Bylaw for Disposal of Real Property.
3. This Bylaw may be cited as "School District 70 Pacific Rim Disposal of Real Property Bylaw No. 1-2021.

*Moved by Trustee Watts and seconded by Trustee Buchanan and read a first time on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021*

*Moved by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Leslie and read a second time on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021*

*Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Ransom, read a third time, passed and adopted on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021*

CARRIED

7.0 Executive Committee Reports

7.1 April 21 and May 5, 2021.

8.0 Unfinished Business/New Business

8.1 AW Neill Name Change

The Superintendent provided an update on the consultation process, feedback received to date and to discuss next steps for the Board.

9.0 Policy Development - Nil

**10.0 Correspondence – Action Required**

- 10.1 Letter of Request from Carl Poole, SOGI District Lead re: *SD70 Pride Week*.

*Moved by Trustee Buchanan and seconded by Trustee Washington that the Board approve the request from Carl Poole to acknowledge Pride Week for the week beginning May 31<sup>st</sup>.*

CARRIED

**11.0 Correspondence – For Information**

- 11.1 copy of the Ha-Shilth-Sa News dated April 8 and 22, 2021.
- 11.2 copy of the Westerly News dated April 7, 14 and 21, 2021.

**12.0 Board Committees**

- 12.1 Education Committee of the Whole – *minutes of April 13, 2021.*
- 12.2 Indigenous Education Advisory – *verbal report of April 28, 2021.*

**13.0 Internal District Committees**


- 13.1 BCSTA – *Trustees Craig and Ransom*

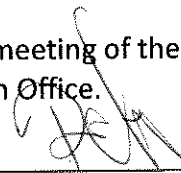
**14.0 External or Community Committees**

- 14.1 Port Alberni Advisory Traffic – *Trustee Ransom*
- 14.2 Port Alberni Museum & Heritage Commission – *Trustee Craig*

**Audience Question Period**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5:42 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on June 8, 2021 at 4:00pm at the Administration Office.

  
Trustee Craig, Chair

  
L. Cheetham, Secretary-Treasurer



## Superintendent's Report May 11, 2021

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### **2021/22 Staffing Update**

Pleased that James Messenger has been selected as Director of Instruction – Learning and Innovation effective August 1, 2021, and tomorrow we are conducting interviews for the principal position at Ecole Alberni Elementary. First postings for teacher staffing will be distributed later this week and yearend Education Assistant staffing processes are in their early stages.

### **Vaccinations in Schools**

COVID19 vaccination process for employees is going well and we are quickly working through SD70 staff and those who regularly work in schools. Very impressed with the vaccination plan and very grateful for health staff and volunteers who are working on the vaccination rollout. Looking forward to the program being expanded to school aged individuals.

Given vaccination rollout and possibility of students 12+ being vaccinated, a lot of planning for 2021/22 anticipates a 'normal' startup to the upcoming school year, yet we still await word from Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health in terms of potential changes to Health and Safety Guidelines or operational requirements. Most notable is whether or not cohorts will continue through the 2021/22 school year as they have a strong impact on scheduling at the secondary level, and the extent to which enhanced cleaning protocols will be required and funded next year.

### **Graduation & Year End activities**

Public orders regarding large gatherings remain in effect for the next couple of weeks meaning secondary schools will continue to find alternate ways to celebrate graduation. Health and Safety protocols and travel restrictions also mean that many elementary schools will be finding different ways to celebrate the end of their school year, foregoing many of those trips to East Coast beaches in favour of activities closer to home and where bus transportation is less of a factor.