

2. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended: June 27, 2017
- b. Ratification of In Camera Board Meeting Minutes: June 27, 2017
- c. Ministry of Education News Releases
 - Premier John Horgan announces new cabinet to build a better BC
 - Premier Horgan sets out his priorities for a better British Columbia
 - Byelection called to restore Vancouver School Board
 - Premier Horgan removes roadblocks to Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning programs
 - Premier's Mandate Letter to Minister of Education
- d. Reports from Board Representatives to Outside Organizations
 - National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education – Trustee Young
 - Canadian School Boards Association National Congress – Trustee Young
- e. Status of Action Items - August 2017

17-71R

Moved: Trustee Austin *Seconded:* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) approve the consent agenda items of the Regular Board Meeting of August 29, 2017, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

7. TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS**Trustee Kurland**

- Honoured to speak on behalf of the Board and as a father of a graduating student at the Kwalikum Secondary School Commencement Ceremony.

Trustee Young

- Attending the National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education and the National Congress of the Canadian School Boards Association.
- Appreciates that the new curriculum includes teaching students to be kind to one another, how to resolve conflict, and to think with their head and their heart.

Trustee Gair

- Attending the National Congress of the Canadian School Boards Association and learning about the different ways Boards across the country interact with their respective provincial government bodies.
- Speaking on behalf of the Board at the Ballenas Grad with prior input from students in a couple of English classes as to what they might like to see in the content of the speech.

Trustee Austin

- Encouraged the Board to renew and strengthen its commitment to advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable students in the District, following an article in the

PQB News on child poverty rates, and to lobby the local and provincial government to alleviate some of the challenges experienced by those families/students.

Trustee Flynn

- Appreciated senior staff for the articles in a 'wrap' included in a June edition of the PQB News to inform parents, students, staff, and members of the community of new and ongoing initiatives and practices in education, both locally and provincially.

8. MOUNT ARROWSMITH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (MATA)

Debbie Comer, President, commented on the following:

- MATA will be looking to verify class size numbers and ratios as they relate to the reinstated language in the Collective Agreement.
- The elimination of tuition fees by the provincial government for Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning programs.
- The completion and signing of the 2013-19 Collective Agreement.

9. CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (LOCAL 3570)

Troy Forster, President of CUPE Local 3570, deferred to Julie Fowler and Gillian Hannas who presented the Board with a series of concerns on behalf of the District's Education Assistants.

The Board requested that a copy of the presentations be forwarded by the Union to the Executive Assistant to the Board.

10. DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DPAC)

Andrea Button, President, advised that the next DPAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2017. The monthly DPAC meetings have been scheduled to occur the week prior to the monthly Board Meetings.

11. PUBLIC QUESTION (WRITTEN) AND COMMENT PERIOD

None

12. ACTION ITEMS

a. District Staff Flu Vaccinations

17-72R

Moved: Trustee Gair *Seconded:* Trustee Kurland

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve flu vaccinations to be made available free of charge to employees in School District 69 (Qualicum) for the 2017-18 school year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Educational Planning & Programs Update

Superintendent Koop and Assistant Superintendent Wilson provided the Board with an overview of activities in which the District's Principals and Vice-Principals participated during the recent PVP Summer Learning Event and how that work will relate to the School Growth Plans and the District's Strategic Plan. They then

shared information presented by the newly elected Minister and Deputy Minister of Education at the August 2017 BC School Superintendents Association Conference.

Superintendent Koop then outlined the fall schedule leading to the Strategic Plan:

- Principal and Vice-Principal Professional Growth Plan Meetings
- District Enhancing Student Learning Plan
- Class Reviews
- Fall conversations with principals and vice principals
- ThoughtExchange Engagement to identify Strategic Priorities

c. Operations Department Summer Work Report

Chris Dempster, General Manager of Operations, reviewed the maintenance and capital projects completed over the summer months as well as those on which work is continuing. He then provided additional information on the solar panels installed and the amount of recoverable energy the District would gain from using solar power.

The Board expressed its appreciation to all the Operations & Maintenance staff for their additional work over the summer months and requested that the Summer Work Report be posted on the District website.

14. CORRESPONDENCE ATTACHED

- a. **Congratulations to, and response from, new Minister of Education**
- b. **Education Partners group letter to new Minister of Education**

15. POLICY

None

16. TRUSTEE ITEMS

a. Motion to Vancouver Island School Trustees Association

Trustee Gair presented his rationale to have the School Act amended to reduce the voting age requirement from 18 years to 16 years. The amendment would provide youth with the right to vote for school board trustees on an equal basis with all other members of the public. It would also provide students with the opportunity to participate in a democratic process during their time at secondary schools and grapple with complex questions of voting process and procedure, political literacy and interpreting media information during election periods.

Trustees discussed the motion and the value of engaging students in the education system in which they are progressing.

17-73R

Moved: Trustee Gair *Seconded:* Trustee Young

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) approve submitting the following motion to the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association (VISTA) at its Fall Conference:

THAT the Vancouver Island School Trustees Association request that the BC School Trustees Association lobby the Provincial government to amend the School Act, section 40 and 41, as follows:

Section 40 Resident Electors (1) In order to vote as a resident elector of a trustee electoral area, a person must meet all the following requirements at the time of voting:

- (a) the person must be an individual who is, or who will be on general voting day for the trustee election, ~~48~~ **16** years of age or older; ...*
- and,*

Section 41 Non Resident Electors (1) In order to vote as a non-resident property elector for a trustee electoral area, a person must meet all the following requirements at the time of voting:

- (b) the person must be an individual who is, or who will be on general voting day for the trustee election, age ~~48~~ **16** or older;...*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

18. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

None

19. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Gair moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Original signed copy on file

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY TREASURER