

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - BUDGET

held electronically via Google Meet
in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive
on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, K. St. Jean, M. Stringer, Student Trustee A. Lafrance

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents
N. Charette, H. Thirkill, C. Whitson

Others: S. Ackroyd, N. Cecchetto, T. Hayes, N. Mousseau, M. McKelvey

Chair Dewar advised that the meeting was being live-streamed.

Chair Dewar read a declaration of land acknowledgement aloud.

Chair Dewar called on Trustee Debassige to say a few words.

Trustee Debassige spoke about the 215 First Nations children buried in unmarked graves near the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia. She spoke about the atrocities committed in Residential Schools and she spoke about how Indigenous families had their children forcibly taken away. Her closing words were:

"With guidance from First Nations people and communities, our Board, our staff, our educators and our allies must continue to be intentional with our work surrounding Residential Schools as we join together to seek understanding, acknowledge the truth, and recommit to meaningful reconciliation.

Let us join together with our First Nations communities.

We remember and honour the missing children.

We apologize for the atrocities suffered.

We recommit to uncovering the truth so we can build toward meaningful reconciliation."

Trustees paused for a moment of silence.

Trustees were informed that the flags would continue to fly at half-mast for the remainder of the week.

Director Blaseg completed roll call to establish who was participating in the Google Meet Board meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: 21-R70, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the agenda for the Special Board Meeting – Budget of June 8, 2021 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour

Linda Debassige: In-favour

Doreen Dewar: In-favour

Anita Gibson: In-favour

Judy Hunda: In-favour

Judy Kosmerly: In-favour

Dena Morrison: In-favour

Kerrie St Jean: In-favour

Margaret Stringer: In-favour

– **Carried**

B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL

C. 2021/22 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Superintendent Bazinet provided line-by-line clarification of the distributed 2021/2022 budget presentation.

This draft budget meets the Ministry of Education compliance standards as a balanced budget.

Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions.

Trustees were encouraged to submit questions to Superintendent Bazinet prior to the June 29, 2021 Board meeting.

D. NEW BUSINESS

Requests for Leave of Absence NIL

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: 21-R71, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That we do now adjourn at 6:27 pm. - **Carried**