

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 23 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: General Affairs DATE: November 2, 2005

CHAIRPERSON: Trustee Moyra Baxter STAFF CONTACT: R. Rubadeau, Superintendent

Attendees:

Trustee M. Baxter, Committee Chairperson and Board Chairperson
Trustee C. Horan, Committee Member and Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee
Trustee W. Horning, Committee Member and Chairperson of the Planning and Facility Committee
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley, Committee Member and Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee
Trustee G. Scanlan, Committee Member and Chairperson of the Personnel and Staff Services Committee
Trustee Eric Buckley

Senior Staff: R. Rubadeau, Superintendent of Schools

Recorder: M. Stolze

Partner Group Representation in the Gallery:

COTA Bob Shanks
COPVPA Des Sjoquist
CUPE 3523 Tom Maxted

Action

The Inaugural meeting of the Public General Affairs Committee featured three Action Items:

1. Health and Safety - Proposal to Expand Program

The effectiveness of this District's Health and Safety program and the resulting low WCB assessment rate has come to the attention of other School Districts. The Committee discussed the positive and negative aspects of a proposal to have our staff work directly with other School Districts in regard to their Safety Programs. The District currently provides "free" advice. Formal expansion of the current program would enable the District to charge a fee for services rendered.

Outcome:

THAT: The General Affairs Committee recommends that the Board endorse the following in regard to the expansion of the WCB program:

- 1. Review the liability issues regarding the School District expanding the WCB program beyond this District.**
- 2. Establish contracts with specific Districts.**
- 3. When contracts are in place, hire additional staff to assist managing these contracts.**
- 4. The Superintendent to provide a report back to the Board at the end of 6 months, or sooner.**

2. Revision of Mandate – General Affairs Committee

The Committee reviewed the Mandate originally approved by the Board for the General Affairs Committee. Minor revisions were discussed in regard to 2(d) relative to dealing with Policy.

Outcome:

THAT: The General Affairs Committee recommends that the Board revise the Committee Mandate Item 2 (d) to read as follows:

d) to deal with proposed amendments or new policies, which are not being dealt with by other Committees.

3. Shaw Cable Request to Sponsor Safe Driving Message at Christmas time - \$298

The Committee considered a request for sponsorship, in the amount of \$298, for a safe driving campaign to be broadcast on Shaw Cable over the Christmas period.

Outcome:

The General Affairs Committee referred the request to the District Safe Schools Committee for a decision. Trustee Horan, who is a member of the Safe Schools Committee, is to report on that decision.

Information

There was one information item.

1. The following Draft Policies or Amendments originally referred to General Affairs are now being considered by the Education and Student Services Committee:
 - New Draft Policy 490 – Admission of Exchange Students
 - Amendment to Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students
 - District Student Council Policy

Items for Future Agenda:

Conflict of Interest Policy: Trustees

Input to Proposed New Policy: Health Promoting Schools

**Next Committee Meeting
Date and Time**

January 4, 2006
4 PM

Location: School Board Office Board Room

Questions: Please Contact: Superintendent Ron Rubadeau

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