



*"Together We Learn"*

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

## PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2005**

TIME: 6 PM

LOCATION: School Board Office

### Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)

Trustee R. Cacchioni

Trustee W. Horning

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley

Trustee S. Nicholl

Trustee G. Scanlan

Trustee C. Wiebe

### Staff:

R. Rubadeau, Superintendent

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer

M. Roberts, Director of Instruction – Human Resources

M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: J. McElgunn, Assistant-Superintendent

### Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC

Valerie Broman, President

COTA

Bob Shanks, President

CUPE

Bill Zeman, President

### ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Chairperson introduced Mike Roberts, Director of Instruction – Human Resources who has recently been appointed as the new Superintendent of Schools effective upon the retirement of the current Superintendent.

### AGENDA

Delete

Presentation

Carol Meise, Co-Chair, Parent Liaison Committee

Replace

Information

Material for Field Trip Summary

Add

Information

Draft Letter to Emery Dossdall, Deputy Minister of Education re Spending Plan

Add

Information

Material for Board Committee Representation

Add

Correspondence

Received from Minister Shirley Bond re District Grant

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## **AGENDA**

*Main*

05P-285

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Agenda for December 14, 2005 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

*Main*

05P-286

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of November 23, 2005 be adopted as distributed.**  
**CARRIED**  
**Abstained: Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Nicholl** (not Board Members at November 23, 2005 meeting)

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent introduced Dr. Peter Molloy, Director of Student Support Services, who made a presentation to the Board on the donation of specialized equipment for children with disabilities in developing countries. The Director of Student Support Services indicated that in 2002 equipment was donated to an organization in Ecuador. In 2005 more equipment was donated and provided to a school in rural Kenya, just outside of Bungoma. The Director of Instruction – Student Support Services provided pictures of students using wheelchairs and walkers for the first time, and read out a letter received from Louise Roberts-Taylor thanking the School District for their support of specialized equipment for children with disabilities in developing countries. Contact information for the school in Kenya was also provided.

## **RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

### **Recognition:**

#### **FORTIS BC Environmental Leadership Award**

Grant Davidson, Operations Manager

The Chairperson introduced Trustee Horning who introduced Grant Davidson, Operations Manager. Trustee Horning indicated that a few years ago the Operations Department took on adventure to become more efficient with energy. Trustee Horning attended a FORTIS dinner where the School District was recognized for its achievements. Trustee Horning indicated staff have done an excellent job. Trustee Horning presented Grant Davidson with a plaque from FORTIS BC and a School District pin. Grant Davidson accepted the plaque on behalf of the entire Operations Department and indicated it was a team effort including senior management.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

### **Brad Negrych – on behalf of Big White Ski Resort After School Program**

- thanked Board for reinstating skiing on Field Trip Policy

- asked: can After School Program still be offered as an approved field trip and if so can principals help in promoting program?  
*The Superintendent indicated the representatives of the Big White Ski Resort After School Program should meet with the Superintendent for discussion purposes.*

**Pat Richardson – Chair of Kelowna FSA Committee**

- passed around to Board two articles – one titled Disabilities Beyond the FAS Criteria and one titled Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- Referred to study by Dr. Ann Streissguth of the University of Washington, Fetal Alcohol & Drug Unit
- urged Board to approve recommendation of Trustee Hunt-Binkley on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

**Dr. Rod Densmore – Physician from Salmon Arm, B.C.**

- applauds initiative regarding FASD
- referred to FASD pilot program in Vancouver for high school students at Templeton Secondary School which program receives supplemental funding from Crime Prevention
- provided Trustees with hand-out with contact information

**Michael Griffin – Parent of 14 Year old diagnosed at birth was FASD**

- thanked Board for consideration of Motion on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

**TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Kindergarten Registration Dates 2006/2007**

The Superintendent introduced the recommendation and indicated this is registration for all students, not only Kindergarten students.  
The Board discussed the matter in relation to Glenmore Elementary School catchment area.

*Main*

05P-287

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: For the 2006/2007 school year, registration dates, including those for Kindergarten, begin Monday, January 9, 2006 through to Friday, March 10, 2006.**  
**CARRIED**

**Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

Trustee Hunt-Binkley introduced a new recommendation.

*Main*

05P-288

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board is committed to engaging in meaningful consultation with the parents and staff of special needs students;**

**THAT:** The Board consult with all parents of special needs students by way of personal letter or email, with respect to the advisability of amending both the composition and mandate of the Parent Liaison Committee for special needs students;

**AND FURTHER THAT:** For the purposes of discussion and feedback, that the attached draft framework be sent for review and input:

**Proposed composition of the Committee:**

- Director of Student Support Services
- 3 Principals – 1 Elementary; 1 Middle; 1 Senior Secondary
- 1 Resource teacher, 1 Learning Assistance teacher
- 1 Trustee
- parent representatives from the following groups: Autism, Blind, Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Invisible Disabilities, FASD, Physical Disabilities, possibly Deaf and Blind
- other individuals as the committee may invite from time to time.

**Proposed mandate of the Committee would be:**

- to perform functions similar to a School Planning Committee;
- to meet regularly to review the progress and achievement of all special needs students in the District;
- to review the support services available to special needs students;
- to provide input with respect to the allocation of staff and resources in the schools and the special needs budget;
- to provide input with respect to matters contained in the Board's accountability contract;
- to provide input with respect to the educational services and educational programs in the schools as they relate to special needs students;
- to provide to the Board on a yearly basis, a plan in respect of improving the achievement of special needs students;
- to provide input on other issues as the Board may from time to time request

The Board discussed the new recommendation.

The Superintendent provided further information and responded to questions.

*Tabling*  
05P-289

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: Motion 05P-288 be tabled to the Public Board Meeting of January 11, 2006.**

**CARRIED**

*Main*  
05P-290

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

**THAT: The method of funding ASL programs be referred to the Finance and Legal Committee's 2006 budget deliberations for consideration to having this program funded from general revenue, and utilizing the Special Needs funds for specific special needs purposes.**

The Board discussed the matter.

The Superintendent responded to questions.

**The question was called on 05P-290.**

**CARRIED**

**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders**  
(attachment)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley introduced the recommendations which she is proposing be sent to the BCSTA for discussion.

*Main*

05P-291

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: A Motion be sent to the BCSTA Annual General Meeting to urge the Ministry of Education:**

1. **To establish Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) as a recognized funded special education category which would be in line with funding that is within Level 2 Supplemental funding.**
2. **To include a separate and distinct funding category for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) into the manual entitled, "Special Education Services: A Manual of Policies, Procedures and Guidelines".**
3. **To provide funding to establish and train a network of Regional FASD Education/Behaviour Consultants who would be available to educate and support teaching professionals, administrators, and parents in their respective regions.**

The Board discussed the matter.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley indicated that BCSTA may wish to change the wording of the Motion but the scope of the Motion would remain the same.

**The question was called on 05P-291.**  
**CARRIED**

**Additions to the Custodial Budget for 2005/2006**

In attendance: Alan Cumbers, Director of Operations

Trustee Scanlan introduced the recommendation.

*Main*

05P-292

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board add \$200,000.00 to the custodial budget for the 2005/2006 school year to hire a custodial supervisor and custodial staff, with a report to the Board at the end of June 2006.**

The Board discussed the matter.

The Superintendent and Director of Operations responded to questions.

The Board agreed that a one page interim report be provided to the Board in March or April of 2006.

**The question was called on 05P-292.**  
**CARRIED**

7:40 The Chairperson called for a recess.

7:47 The meeting resumed.

**Amendment to Policy 715: Consultation with Partners in Education**  
(attachment)

The Superintendent introduced the recommendation and provided overview of the amendments to the Policy for clarification.

*Main*

05P-293

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: As attached, the Board amend Item 2 and Item 8 of Policy 715 - Consultation with Partners in Education.**

The Board discussed the amendments which included the inclusion of the District Student Council as a member of the consultation process.  
The Superintendent responded to questions.

**The question was called on 05P-293.**  
**CARRIED**

**Amendment to Policy 525R – Field Trips (Regulations) and 525A – Field Trip Activities (Appendix)**

(attachment)

In attendance: Hugh Gloster, Director of Instruction K-12

*Main*

05P-294

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: As attached, the Board amend item III Field Trips – Level Three, item 1 and add item 3 of Policy 525R – Field Trips (Regulations),**  
**AND FURTHER THAT: As attached, the Board amend item 12 of 525A – Field Trip Activities (Appendix).**

The Board discussed the amendments regarding downhill skiing and snowboarding, and the issue of parent approved helmets.  
The Director of Operations K-12 responded to questions.

**The question was called on 05P-294.**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*

05P-295

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,  
**THAT: The issue of the usage of parent approved helmets referred to in Policy 525R – Field Trip (Regulations), Level Three, item 1 be referred to the General Affairs Committee for discussion and report back to the Board.**  
**CARRIED**

**Kelowna Secondary School Sewer Right-of-Way  
Referral from the Planning and Facilities Committee (November 16, 2005)**  
(attachment)

In attendance: Alan Cumbers, Director of Operations

Alan Cumbers, Director of Operations provided further information for clarification and introduced the recommendations.

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05P-296

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The Board give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Property Bylaw No. 95 (as attached) at the December 14, 2005 Public Board Meeting. CARRIED**

*Main*

05P-297

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: School District No. 23 Property Bylaw No. 95 (Kelowna Senior Secondary Sewer Right-of-Way in favour of the City of Kelowna) be read a first, second and third time, and finally adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.**  
**AND FURTHER THAT: The Board grant approval of a statutory right-of-way to the City of Kelowna for the purpose of installing and maintaining a municipal sanitary sewer trunk main on Lot 1, District Lot 135, Plan KAP66130, ODYD, known as the Kelowna Senior Secondary School site, as shown on the attached explanatory sketch plan and under the terms and conditions outlined on the attached Schedule A.**  
**AND FURTHER THAT: The Board certifies that the granting of this right-of-way shall have no adverse effect on the educational programs provided in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).**

The Board discussed the matter.  
The Director of Operations responded to questions.

**The question was called on 05P-297  
CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

**Jacqui Sproule – Parent of Deaf Student**

- in support of Motion to have all special needs parents on committee

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Field Trip Summary**  
(attachment)

**General Statements: June 2005 through October 2005**  
(attachment)

**Board Committee Representation**  
(attachment)

*Main*

05P-298            MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,  
**THAT: Trustee Horning replace Trustee Hunt-Binkley as a member of the  
Education and Student Services Committee.**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*

05P-299            MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: To suspend the requirement of two Trustees as indicated in Policy 175 –  
Superintendent of Schools and CEO Evaluation Committee to allow three  
Trustees to sit on that Committee for the 2006/2007 school year.**  
**CARRIED**

**Enrolment Report – November 2005**  
(attachment)

The Superintendent responded to questions.

**Draft Letter to Emery Dosedall, Deputy Minister of Education re Spending Plan**

The Superintendent provided clarification of letter and suggested date change in letter.  
The Board discussed possibility of special Board Meeting on January 10, 2006.  
The Superintendent responded to questions.

*Main*

05P-300            MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,  
**THAT: The Board write a letter to Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding  
short timelines and January deadline date.**

The Board discussed the matter.

**The question was called on 05P-300.**  
**CARRIED**

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Sent:

Received:

Heidi and Brent Hamilton - Glenmore Valley Discussions  
School District No. 39 (Vancouver) – copy of letter to Shirley Bond re legislation  
School District No. 38 (Richmond) – copy of letter to Penny Tees re expanded mandate  
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) – copy of letter to Penny Tees re expanded mandate

School District No. 72 (Campbell River) – copy of letter to Penny Tees re expanded mandate  
 School District No. 69 (Qualicum) – copy of letter to Penny Tees re expanded mandate  
 School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) – copy of letter to Penny Tees re expanded mandate  
 School District No. 39 (Vancouver) – copy of letter to Penny Tees re expanded mandate  
 School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North) – copy of letter to Shirley Bond re expanded mandate  
 School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) – copy of letter to Penny Tees re expanded mandate  
 School District No. 62 (Sooke) – copy of letter to Penny Tees re expanded mandate  
 School District No. 45 (West Vancouver) – copy of letter to Penny Tees re expanded mandate  
 Cindy Lewthwaite – Glenmore Elementary School catchment areas  
 Minister Shirley Bond re reply to letter regarding teachers’ bargaining dispute  
 Jinny Sims, President of B.C.T.F. re reply to letter regarding teachers’ bargaining dispute  
 Steve Noakes, Crystal Mountain Ski Resort – Policy on skiing/snowboarding field trips  
 Mayor Walter Gray, City of Kelowna – 2006 IHF World Junior Hockey Exhibition Game  
 School District No. 79 (Fraser-Cascade) – copy of letter to Penny Tees re class size proposal  
 School District No. 39 (Vancouver) – copy of letter to Honourable Shirley Bond re child care  
 Irene Wangler, City of Kelowna – Active Community Initiative  
 Options for Sexual Health re Family Life Program  
 - copy of letter to be provided to Valerie Broman, President, COPAC  
 - letter to be referred to Education Committee for placement on future Agenda  
 Susan Bateman re School Bus Issues  
 Central Okanagan Teachers’ Association re New Board Committee Structure

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05P-301            **MOVED** by Trustee Horning, **SECONDED** by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: At the December 14, 2005 Public meeting, the Board receive the**  
**correspondence listed above.**  
**CARRIED**

**FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Public Board Meeting  
 Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 6PM, School Board Office  
 Regular Public Board Meeting  
 Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 6PM, School Board Office

**BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

January 4, 2006	Committee I – General Affairs 4:00 p.m. at School Board Office Committee III – Education and Student Services 6:30 p.m. at School Board Office
January 18, 2006	Committee V – Finance and Legal Committee 1:00 p.m. at School Board Office Committee II – Planning and Facilities 4:00 p.m. at School Board Office
February 1, 2006	Committee IV – Personnel and Staff Services 4:00 p.m. at School Board Office Committee III – Education and Student Services 6:30 p.m. at School Board Office

February 15, 2006 Committee II – Planning and Facilities  
4:00 p.m. at School Board Office  
Committee V – Finance and Legal Committee  
6:30 p.m. at School Board Office

### **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

Trustee Horning advised that he would not be able to attend the Coordinating Committee Meeting on January 3, 2006. Trustee Hunt-Binkley will be attending in his place.

### **BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

Annual General Meeting  
Friday, January 27, 2006 through Saturday, January 28, 2006  
Vancouver, British Columbia

Trustee Nicholl is BCPSEA representative and will possibly be attending. Trustee Baxter also may be attending.  
The Secretary-Treasurer has information on the AGM and will forward on to Trustees.

### **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION**

Provincial Council  
Saturday, February 25, 2006  
Vancouver Delta Airport Hotel

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES**

Finance and Legal Committee – method of funding ASL programs

#### **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Motion 05P-288 – Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m..

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer