



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2005**

TIME: 6 PM

LOCATION: School Board Office

Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)

Trustee W. Horning

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley

Trustee G. Scanlan

Trustee C. Wiebe

Absent: Trustee E. Buckley

Absent: Trustee C. Horan

Staff:

R. Rubadeau, Superintendent

J. McElgunn, Assistant-Superintendent

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer

M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPVPA

Norm Bradley, Executive Member

COPAC

Valerie Broman – Executive Member, Marlis Magas - Secretary

CUPE 3523

Bill Zeman, President

COTA

Bob Shanks, President

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA

Add: Action Item

Introduction of District Student Council

Add: Info Item

Ministry Information

AGENDA

Main

05P-246

MOVED by Trustee Horning, **SECONDED** by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Agenda for November 9, 2005 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

05P-247

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Minutes of the public Board meeting of October 26, 2005 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the following topics:

- Kelowna Secondary School football team in AAA Championships this weekend at B.C. Place;
- possible BC Hockey League team on the Westside;
- four graduate students involved in the University of Alberta winning the Women's University Field Hockey Championships;
- Kelowna Secondary School senior boys soccer team competing for the Valley AAA championships;
- Mount Boucherie Secondary School AAA Boys volleyball in Valley Championships;
- Okanagan Mission Secondary School football team in AA football championships;
- launch of the laptop wireless project.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Recognition:

**British Columbia Association of Mathematics Teachers
Outstanding Teacher Award – Lorraine Baron
(attachment)**

The chairperson introduced Trustee Wiebe. Trustee Wiebe introduced and presented Lorraine Baron with a Certificate and District pin and congratulated Lorraine Baron on receiving the British Columbia Association of Mathematics Teachers (BCAMT) Outstanding Teacher Award.

Presentation:

**Jacqui Sproule
On behalf of parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children**
In attendance: Sign Language interpreters: Tyler Offer
Kerrie Niemeier

The chairperson introduced Jacqui Sproule. Ms. Sproule made reference to the Superintendent's Report – Review of Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Her presentation is attached to and forms part of these Minutes.

Main
05P-248

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board receive with thanks the presentation from Jacqui Sproule on behalf of the parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Valerie Broman, COPAC

- Referred to the make up of time lost during the teachers' labour dispute and referred to Ministry release.
The Superintendent confirmed he would be able to provide further information by the next public Board meeting on November 23, 2005. Waiting for more information.

Steve Keki

- Referred to lack of programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children.

Leslie Monroe, Parent of student at Watson Road Elementary School

- Referred to Superintendent's Report – Review of Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Commented on four specific points – interpreters for extra-curricular, ASL for students, Watson Road Program and the Provincial Resource Program in Burnaby. Referred to ASL courses being offered to hearing students and being funded through the Special Education budget.

Kevin Braun, Parent of Four Deaf Children

- Requested involvement of parents of deaf children in the process to improve services.

Julia Jamieson, Parent of Hearing Students

- Parent of four children who are not hearing impaired but friends with hearing impaired students. All children deserve equal opportunities.

Noreen Gunther, Parent of Hearing Student

- Referred to ASL funding from special education budget.

6:45 Chairperson called for a recess.

6:52 The meeting resumed.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

All trustees were provided with an opportunity to comment on their recent involvement in District activities.

Queries:

Trustee Baxter

- introduction of Melissa Oakley of the District Student Council
- official recognition of District Student Council as a Board partner in education added as an action item.

Trustee Scanlan

- information regarding 3 Year Rule and projections for 2005/2006 down from 2004/2005 and stats of number of students referred to Central School Programs. *The Superintendent provided confirmation that the projection for 2005/2006 is down from 2004/2005 and that the information on the number of students referred to Central School Programs and Services will be provided in the annual report in the Spring.*

Cheryl Wiebe

- Referred to closure of Westside Storefront School and if data is available to indicate how many students who normally would have attended the Westside Storefront registered at Central School Programs and Services. *The Superintendent confirmed the data is available from last year but not readily available this evening. Will provide information at next Public Board Meeting on November 23, 2005.*

ACTION ITEMS

District Student Council

Main

05P-249

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board of School Trustees recognize the District Student Council as a Partner in Education with all the rights and privileges that come with that partnership.

Trustee Baxter provided a brief outline of the formation of the District Student Council. Trustee Baxter informed the District Student Council representative in attendance of their rights and privileges in becoming a Partner in Education.

**The question was called on 05P-249.
 CARRIED**

By consensus, the Board agreed that the relevant Board Policy will be amended to indicate the District Student Council as a partner in education.

**Recommendation from Public Relations Committee
 Public Relations Budget**

Trustee Wiebe, as chairperson of the Public Relations Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

05P-250

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board allocate the Board’s Public Relations Budget as follows:

- **\$3,500.00 to General Affairs Committee**
- **\$4,000.00 to spending authority of the Secretary-Treasurer**
- **\$4,500.00 to Personnel and Staff Services Committee**

Trustee Wiebe provided information on the formation and purpose of the Public Relations Committee.

The Board discussed the matter.

Trustee Wiebe responded to questions.

Trustee Horning thanked Trustee Wiebe, as chairperson of the Public Relations Committee, for all her work on the Public Relations Committee.

The question was called on 05P-250.

CARRIED

**Policy 501: Aboriginal Education K-12 Enhanced Funding
(attachment)**

In attendance: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Director of Instruction K-12

The Director of Instruction K-12 confirmed that the original request came from the Aboriginal Education Committee.

Main

05P-251

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

THAT: At the November 9, 2005 Public Board meeting, the Board adopt Policy 501: Aboriginal Education K-12 Enhanced Funding, as attached.

The chairperson introduced Terry-Lee Beaudry, Director of Instruction K-12 who provided additional comments.

The Director of Instruction K-12 also provided information on the Ministry required Enhancement Agreement and the Local Education Agreement.

The Board discussed the matter.

The Director of Instruction K-12 responded to questions.

The question was called on 05P-251.

CARRIED

French Immersion Catchment Areas

Trustee Wiebe introduced the recommendation.

Main

05P-252

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Board direct the Superintendent to prepare a report which considers the implementation of French Immersion Catchment Areas.

Trustee Wiebe provided further information

The Board discussed the matter.

The question was called on 05P-252.

CARRIED

Additional French Immersion Dual-track School

Trustee Hunt-Binkley introduced the recommendation.

Main

05P-253

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

THAT: As part of the updated Portable Reduction Report, the Superintendent review the potential of adding an additional French Immersion dual-track school, whether it be Kindergarten through Grade 6, Kindergarten through Grade 2 or 3, or Grade 3 or 4 through Grade 6, at Bellevue Creek Elementary School, the proposed Kettle Valley Elementary School or any other school in Kelowna.

The Board discussed the matter.

Trustee Baxter provided clarification of the removal of Bellevue Creek Elementary School from the Motion.

Amendment

05P-254

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

THAT: As part of the updated Portable Reduction Report, the Superintendent review the potential of adding an additional French Immersion dual-track school, whether it be Kindergarten through Grade 6, Kindergarten through Grade 2 or 3, or Grade 3 or 4 through Grade 6, at ~~Bellevue Creek Elementary School~~, the proposed ~~Kettle Valley~~ *Upper Mission* Elementary School or any other school in Kelowna.

The Board discussed the matter further.

The Superintendent responded to questions.

The Superintendent confirmed that the earliest the Report can be ready is January 2006.

The question was called on amendment 05P-254.

CARRIED

The question was called on 05P-253 as amended by 05P-254.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Jacqui Sproule

- requested information on the Aboriginal Language and First Nations 12 course being taught and if those courses are available only to aboriginal students.

The Superintendent confirmed the courses are available to all students and First Nations 12 is a Ministry mandated subject.

Rolli Cacchioni

- referred to article in the Vancouver Sun re LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) schools in Delta and if any schools in Kelowna were considered LEED schools.

Trustee Horning advised that there is a Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on the 16th of November and there will be a report from the Director of Operations at that

time. The information is not readily available this evening. It was noted that the new Rutland Elementary School was designed with energy conservation in mind.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Report – Review of Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
(attachment)

Will be brought forward to the next Public Board Meeting on November 23, 2005.

Field Trip Summary
(attachment)

Trustee Baxter advised that field trips will be reviewed by all School Planning Councils pursuant to the Memo received from the Ministry regarding reducing or elimination of non-essential activities such as field trips.

Suspension Review Report
(attachment)

The Superintendent provided further information and clarification.

Meeting:

Director of Student Support Services with *“parents/guardians of special education students, including the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, on the allocation of the Special Education Budget for the 2005/06 school year.”*

This meeting will be scheduled sometime during the week of November 21 to 25, 2005.

Superintendent's Report – New Glenmore Boundary
(attachment)

Ministry Information – Memo from Shirley Bond, Minister of Education
(attachment)

The Superintendent provided further information.

The Superintendent confirmed a report would be provided at the next Public Board Meeting on November 23, 2005.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

School District No. 19 (Revelstoke) – Letter to Premier Gordon Campbell re Teachers' Labour Dispute

School District No. 69 (Qualicum) – Letter to Premier Gordon Campbell, Jinny Sims – President of BCTF and Ron Christensen – President of BCPSEA re Teachers' Labour Dispute

School District No. 72 (Campbell River) – Letter to Minister of Education, Minister of Labour and Ron Christensen – President of BCPSEA re Teachers' Labour Dispute

School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) – Letter to Premier Gordon Campbell re Teachers' Labour Dispute

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION (BCSTA)

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Hunt-Binkley:

THAT: For the purpose of promoting the student achievement of the deaf and hard of hearing students, the Board direct the Superintendent to facilitate and oversee the formation of a School Planning Council type process for the parents, teachers and administrators of the deaf and hard of hearing students, with reporting to the Board.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley:

THAT: The Board refer the issue of having the ASL programs funded from the Special Needs budget, to the Finance Committee's 2006 budget deliberations for consideration in regard to having this program funded from general revenue, and utilizing the Special Needs funds for specific special needs purposes.

ITEM FOR SPECIAL MENTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD AGENDA

Report from Superintendent – Response to Memo received from Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding making up of lost classroom time during teachers' labour dispute.

Information on registration at Central School Programs and Services of students who would have enrolled at the Westside Storefront School.

Superintendent's Report – Review of Programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m..

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer