



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

## PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, June 22, 2005**

TIME: 6 PM

LOCATION: School Board Office

### Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)

Trustee E. Buckley

Trustee: C. Horan

Trustee W. Horning

Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley

Trustee G. Scanlan

Trustee C. Wiebe

### Staff:

R. Rubadeau, Superintendent

Juleen McElgunn, Assistant-Superintendent

E. Sadlowski, Secretary-Treasurer

M. Stolze, Executive Assistant/Information Officer (recorder)

### Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPVPA

Scott McLean, President

COTA

Alice Rees, President

COPAC

Sharlene Drohomeresky, President

CUPE 3523

Bill Zeman, President

### ORDER:

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

### AGENDA

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| Add | Action  | Finance Committee Recommendations for 7.8 |
| Add | Action  | Letter to parents and partner groups      |
| Add | Info.   | Clarification Motion 05P-095              |
| Add | Info.   | Updated Page 43 Summary Field Trips       |
| Add | Corres. | Additional as listed                      |

#### Main

05P-162

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Agenda for June 22, 2005 be adopted as amended  
CARRIED**

### MINUTES

#### Main

05P-163

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the public Board meeting of June 8, 2005 be adopted as  
circulated.  
CARRIED**

Abstained: Trustee Horan (absent from meeting)

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent report is attached to and forms part of these Minutes. He reported on the following topics:

- A record number of students graduating from Central School;
- Bursaries distributed by the Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society;
- Evaluation of our First Nations program;
- The partnership between School District No. 23 and UBCO and the expansion of the teacher training program;
- 300 staffing transactions completed by our Human Resources Department;
- School District No. 23 recognition by the Junior Achievement group of British Columbia;
- Highlights in terms of our involvement with the community – job shadowing, career prep placement, career spotlight sessions and career snapshot opportunities.

## **RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

### **Recognition**

#### **Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Finance**

On behalf of the Board, the Chairperson commended Eileen Sadlowski for “a tremendous job” while serving as the Secretary-Treasurer for the past school year and also acknowledged the excellent support provided to the Finance Committee.

On behalf of the Board, the Chairperson commended Monica Schulte for meeting all the Board’s expectations this year while she served as Director of Finance.

(Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, was seconded by the Ministry of Education for the 2005/06 School Year. In his absence, Eileen Sadlowski, Director of Finance, was appointed Secretary-Treasurer and Monica Schulte, Finance Manager, was appointed Director of Finance. Larry Paul is now returning to the District.)

#### **Change in Secretary-Treasurer’s Executive Assistant (Recorder for Board meetings)**

On behalf of the Board, the Chairperson welcomed Mona Essler (in attendance), who replaces Marion Stolze as the Secretary-Treasurer’s Executive Assistant and the Recorder for Board meetings.

On behalf of the Board, the Chairperson commended Marion Stolze and expressed sincere appreciation for the service she has provided to the Board and Secretary-Treasurer’s Office. Marion Stolze will replace retiree Carol Ohlsen as the Superintendent’s Executive Assistant.

### **Presentations:**

#### **Pearson Road Elementary – Year End Report**

(attached)

Presenters: Principal Susan McNeil and Students: Kristen Pilz, Brittany Kuter-Luks, Conner Howe and Michael Egan.

The Report is attached to and forms part of these Minutes. In summary, the parents, students and staff thanked the Board for allowing the school to become a School of Choice in which school uniforms were introduced. The change in tone, attitude and cooperation amongst the students is evident. The school has received many positive comments and has successfully changed the community's negative perception and labeling for Pearson Road Elementary.

**Oyama Traditional School (Elementary) – Progress Report**  
(attached)

Presenters: Doreen Stevenson, Principal  
Vicki Dalglish-Lampard, PAC President

The presenters summarized the Report, which is included in the information section of these Minutes. The Report concludes that Oyama Traditional School has become an example of how collaboration between staff, parents, students and a school Board can “prevent a school from closing and set it firmly on the road to becoming one of the top schools in School District No. 23 and the Province. The improved effort of the students exemplifies the change in attitude of the school.”

The School Planning Council requests the continued support of the Board so that, as new staff are assigned to the school, the momentum along the road to success is continued.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

**Anna-Marie Rasmussen, Rose Valley Elementary (Representing the Parents-At-Large)**

- referred to correspondence on the Agenda from parents expressing concerns with changes at the school that will result in the multi-purpose room being used for instructional purposes. Recognizing the increased enrollment, the parents are asking the Board to consider placement of a portable at the school. The parents are willing to share in the associated costs.

**Randy James, Kelowna Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Community Team**

- provided research information from Dr. Anne Streissguth, University of Washington, urging early intervention to lessen secondary effects. Given that those students who have FASD do not receive supplemental funding from the Ministry, the team urges the Board to address the funding issue and to find ways to provide early intervention programs.

## **TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS**

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

### **Queries:**

**Trustee Wiebe**

- asked if schools typically utilize multi-purpose rooms for instruction as short-term facility solutions.

*The Superintendent responded that, prior to adding portables, consistent practice is to use multi-purpose rooms as classrooms. This is the Ministry's expectation; however, the Ministry will allow the Board to make a decision to add portables at the Board's expense.*

**Trustee Hunt-Binkley**

- indicated she has received a few calls expressing concerns about the number of movies being shown lately in schools – not necessarily at the elementary level.

*The Superintendent responded that he has not heard of any concern.*

The Board discussed the matter and decided that, at a later date, the Superintendent could provide information.

The Chairperson advised that it is quite appropriate for trustees receiving concerns to indicate to parents that they should contact the Principal.

**Trustee Hunt-Binkley**

- asked if the Healthy Food Guidelines were actually included in the Accountability Contract. *The Superintendent responded that the only addition for inclusion was the one page on Board initiatives.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Coordinating Committee Recommendation:  
Proposed New Structure – Board Standing Committees**  
(attachment)

Further to a review by the Board of the current Board committee structure, on June 8, 2005 the Board had requested that the Coordinating Committee finalize draft recommendations for the Board’s consideration on June 22, 2005. The proposed new structure is designed to both capture partner opinion as well as formalize the meeting times and dates for standing committees. The document outlining the structure was included in the Agenda package for this meeting.

*Main*  
05P-164

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: Effective September 14, 2005, the Board adopt a new committee structure in accordance with the parameters asset out in the attached document, “Proposed New Board Standing Committees,” and as amended at the June 22, 2005 public Board meeting.**

The Board discussed the proposed parameters for the new committee structure and agreed to a few additional changes. The changes included moving all Standing Committee Meetings, at staggered intervals, to Wednesdays either in the late afternoon or in the evening. The revised document is attached to these Minutes.

The Superintendent responded to questions.

*Amendment*  
05P-165

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: Draft (June 22, 2005) Proposed New Structure – Board Standing Committees, Item 1. c) be changed to read:**

**“Items required to be incamera will be dealt with at an Incamera meeting to be attended by trustees and senior staff and others as needed, by invitation.”**  
**CARRIED**

Alice Rees, President, COTA, asked if the Board planned to put this structure into existence. She indicated that she had not been previously informed of the proposed changes, nor had she seen the document.

At the Chairperson's request, the Superintendent confirmed that he had met with each of the partner groups and had described the proposed changes. He advised that the document had been modified by the Coordinating Committee, at the Board's direction, for inclusion in the Agenda package for this meeting.

The Board discussed the matter further.

Alice Rees, President, COTA, expressed a need for clarification regarding the Scope of Functions for the proposed Personnel and Staff Services Committee and requested time to discuss the proposed changes with COTA.

Scott McLean, President, COPVPA, also requested a delay and a deferral of the Board's decision to the September 14, 2005 Board meeting.

The Superintendent responded to additional questions regarding the timeline for changing the structure of Board Committee's.

*Tabling*  
05P-166

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley  
**THAT: The Board table to the first regular Board meeting in September 2005, discussion on the Proposed New Structure – Board Standing Committees.**

The Board discussed the tabling motion.

Alice Rees asked to stand corrected on her earlier statement. She confirmed that the Superintendent had in fact discussed with her the proposed changes to the Committee structure. At this meeting, she was merely seeking clarification on one part of the document related to the proposed Personnel and Staff Services Committee.

The Board discussed the tabling motion further.

**The question was called on 05P-166**

**CARRIED**

Opposed: Trustees Baxter and Wiebe

**Recommendation – Policy 390: *Conflict of Interest* (Staff)**  
(attachment)

*Main*  
05P-167

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley,  
**THAT: The Board adopt new Policy 390: *Conflict of Interest* as outlined in the attached.**

Trustee Scanlan, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, introduced the recommended new policy. She confirmed that the draft policy had been distributed to partner groups and that opportunity for response had been provided.

The Superintendent indicated that only one response to the final draft policy had been received; COPVPA, indicated that it has no concerns. The Chairperson requested that the Coordinating Committee consider as a future agenda item a Conflict of Interest Policy for School Board Trustees.

Bill Zeman, President, CUPE, referenced community businesses that offer discounts to school district employees and asked for clarification in that regard. He also asked about the appropriate route for questions regarding implementation of the Policy.

The Superintendent advised that he will be the adjudicator of the Policy. Questions should be directed to him.

**The question was called on 05P-167  
CARRIED**

### **Recommendation – Report Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders**

*Main*  
05P-168

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley,  
**“THAT: The Superintendent prepare a report outlining how students in School District No. 23 with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are identified, what support is made available to them, whether or not additional funding is received for them, and his recommendations on how the education of these students can be improved”.**

Trustee Hunt-Binkley introduced her motion. She responded to questions.

Trustee Baxter advised that, previously, the Okanagan Branch had submitted a similar motion to the BCSTA for consideration by its members.

The Board discussed the matter.

The Superintendent responded to questions. He confirmed that the diagnosis is a medical one and, therefore, not performed by school district staff. As a result, staff are not necessarily aware of how many students have this diagnosis. He added that, at this time, the Ministry of Education is not supportive of expanding funding to include diagnosis.

**The question was called on 05P-168  
CARRIED**

### **Report and Recommendations from Ad Hoc Advisory Committee: Business Company - June 14, 2005 Meeting** (attachment)

At the Board’s direction, an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee convened to develop recommendations to the Board in regard to the establishment of a Business Company. The Committee included a lawyer with particular expertise in the area of school district business companies.

The Secretary-Treasurer requested the deletion of item 2 and 2(a) under “Restrictions on the Business Activities of the School Board Business Company and Subsidiaries.”

The Board reviewed the report and recommendations

*Main*  
05P-169

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Board authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to proceed with the establishment of the School District No. 23 Business Company according to the parameters set out in the attached June 14, 2005 memorandum from the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee and with the deletion requested by the Secretary-Treasurer.**

The Board discussed the matter.  
The Secretary-Treasurer responded to questions.

**The question was called on 05P-169  
CARRIED**

The Board proceeded to review the Report and Recommendations by section.

The Board considered the proposed name.

*Main*  
05P-170

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The School Board Business Company be named “School District No. 23 Business Company” and that the first Operating Company be named “Central Okanagan International Education Inc.”**  
**CARRIED**

The Board reviewed the proposed organization structure.  
The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the Secretary-Treasurer would be a voting member of the Board of Directors, with full privileges. She responded to questions.  
In response to a question, Trustee Hunt-Binkley advised that the Committee had decided that the Secretary-Treasurer, rather than a trustee should be a Director because the Committee felt that the Secretary-Treasurer is firmly committed to Public Education. Additionally, the Secretary-Treasurer brings with him/her sound business sense and knowledge of the district.

*Main*  
05P-171

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board approve the following organizational decisions:**

**Members, as outlined below will serve for both the School Board Business Company as well as the Operating Company(ies).**

**Board of Directors – initially three.**

**The number of Directors may be changed from time to time.**

- 1. Secretary-Treasurer**
- 2. Community Member**
- 3. Community Member**

**Audit Committee - 3 Members of Board of Directors  
Auditor- Grant Thornton Chartered Accountant**

**Financial Institution - Royal Bank, Main Branch**

**Financial Year End - June 30**

**Directors' and Officers' liability insurance is to be provided by the Schools Protection Program.**

The Board agreed that the Organizational Structure should include the term of service for the Directors.

**By consensus, the Board requested that, at a later date, the Committee provide a recommendation in this regard and also provide clarification on the comment that the number of directors may be changed from time to time.**

**The question was called on 05P-171  
CARRIED**

The Board reviewed the proposed restrictions on the business activities of the School Board Business Company and Subsidiaries.

*Main*  
05P-172

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Company and Subsidiaries be restricted from carrying on the following business:**

- a) any business that is illegal in the jurisdiction in which the business operates, or that would be illegal if carried on in the same manner in British Columbia; or**
- b) any business that involves the production, distribution, sale or promotion of alcohol, tobacco, firearms or pornography.**

The Board discussed the matter.  
The Secretary-Treasurer responded to questions.

**The question was called on 05P-172  
CARRIED**

The Board reviewed the proposed restrictions on the business activities of Central Okanagan International Education Inc.

*Main*  
05P-173

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The restriction on the business activities of the Central Okanagan International Education Inc. be as follows:**

- a) The business activities shall be restricted to the marketing and provision of an International Education Program and its support services.**

The Board discussed the matter.  
The Secretary-Treasurer responded to questions.

*Amendment*  
05P-174

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: Item a) be amended to read as follows:**

**a) The business activities shall be restricted to the marketing and provision of an International Education Program *in public schools and their support services.***

**CARRIED**

**The question was called on 05P-173 as amended in 05P-174  
CARRIED**

*Main*  
05P-175

MOVED by Trustee Buckley, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,  
**THAT: The revised draft proposal for the structure of the Business Company be provided to all trustees and that a meeting be arranged at the earliest opportunity with the Board's solicitor.**

The Board discussed the matter.  
The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that legal advice had been received.

**The question was called on 05P-175  
DEFEATED**

Opposed: Trustees Baxter, Horan, Horning, Hunt-Binkley, Scanlan, Wiebe

8:05 The Chairperson called for a recess.

8:12 The meeting resumed.

**Recommendation of the Building and Transportation Committee – June 15, 2005 Meeting  
Mount Boucherie Secondary –Property Bylaw No. 92 (Storm Sewer Right-of-Way)**  
(attachment)

In attendance: Alan Cumbers Director of Operations

Trustee Horning, Chairperson of the Building and Transportation Committee introduced the recommendations.

*Main*  
05P-176

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. 92 (as attached) at the June 22, 2005 public Board meeting.  
CARRIED**

The Secretary-Treasurer explained the Bylaw.

Main  
05P-177

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: School District No. 23 Property Bylaw No. 92 (Mount Boucherie Secondary Storm Sewer Right-of-Way in favour of the Regional District of Central Okanagan) be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2005;**

**AND FURTHER THAT: The Board grant approval of a statutory right-of-way to the Regional District of Central Okanagan for the purpose of installing and maintaining municipal storm sewer services on Lot A, District Lot 3486, ODYD, Plan 26784, known as the Mount Boucherie Secondary School site, as shown on the attached explanatory sketch plan;**

**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).**

**CARRIED**

**Recommendation of the Building and Transportation Committee – June 15, 2005 Meeting  
Quigley Elementary – Property Bylaw No. 93 (Sewer Right-of-Way)**  
(attachment)

In attendance: Alan Cumbers Director of Operations

Trustee Horning, Chairperson of the Building and Transportation Committee introduced the recommendation.

Main  
05P-178

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,  
**THAT: The Board give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Property Bylaw No. 93 (as attached) at the June 22, 2005 public Board meeting.**  
**CARRIED**

The Secretary-Treasurer explained the Bylaw.

Main  
05P-179

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley,  
**THAT: School District No. 23 Property Bylaw No. 93 (Quigley Elementary Sewer Right-of-Way in favour of the City of Kelowna, be read a first second and third time, and finally adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 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 municipal sanitary sewer services on Lot A, Section 22, Township 26, ODYD, Plan 26022, known as the Quigley Elementary School site, as shown on the attached explanatory sketch plan;**

**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).**

**CARRIED**

**Recommendation of the Building and Transportation Committee – June 15, 2005 Meeting  
Capital Projects: Mount Boucherie and Dr. Knox Schools**

In attendance: Alan Cumbers Director of Operations

Recommendation:

THAT: The Board approve the retention of consultants for the Mount Boucherie Secondary School addition and the Dr. Knox Middle School replacement projects from Feasibility Study through Project Agreement completion, as presented by the Director of Operations at the June 22, 2005 public Board meeting.

The Director explained the Ministry of Education's major capital funding process for facilities.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that, in the last few years, the Ministry has changed the process for capital funding approval. A Board must now sign a project agreement, committing the Board to build for a fixed amount of project funding from the Ministry.

The Secretary-Treasurer and Director of Finance concurred that the Mount Boucherie and Dr. Knox projects are distinct from one another – the success of one does not impinge on the other.

The Director advised that costs have escalated and continue to escalate monthly. At times, the response period from the Ministry (between Phase II Feasibility and a signed project agreement) is extending for up to two months. If either project remains within its projected budget, the Director requests that, during the period pending final Ministry approval, staff be allowed to continue to move forward. He confirmed that if the Ministry, for any reason, decides to cancel either project, the Board would have to pay the consultants' fees that he estimates could be as high as \$100,000.

The Board discussed the risk factors, and that fact that the Board has committed to the Ministry to pay two-thirds of the total project costs for the Mount Boucherie Secondary School Addition.

*Main*  
05P-180

MOVED by Trustee Buckley,  
**THAT: Motion 05P-179 be divided into two parts.**  
No seconder.  
No Debate.

The Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer and Director responded to questions.

The Board considered the matter further and discussed delaying a decision until the consultants' reports are available. The Superintendent emphasized that it is important that the Board make this decision. He recommended deferral, if necessary, to a special Board meeting during the summer.

**By consensus, the Board decided to defer a decision, and to be available for a summer Board meeting, should the need arise.**

**Recommendations –Finance Committee: June 20, 2005**  
**Two Proposals from Joint Board/COTA Committee**  
(attachment)

In attendance: Mike Roberts, Director of Instruction – Human Resources

The Finance Committee considered recommendations emanating from a prior meeting of Board and COTA representation. Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, introduced its recommendations for the Board.

**Trial Intermediate Class Size Reduction**  
(attachment)

*Main*

05P-181

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The Board approve the expenditure of \$600,000 to support a one-year trial intermediate class size reduction project in eight selected schools.**

The Board discussed the matter.  
The Superintendent responded to questions.

**The question was called on 05P-181**  
**CARRIED**  
Opposed: Trustee Buckley

**Expansion of the District's Learning Centre**  
(attachment)

*Main*

05P-182

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The Board approve the expenditure of \$250,000 on an ongoing basis to expand training and professional development alternatives at the District's Learning Centre.**

The Board discussed the matter.  
The Superintendent responded to questions.

**The question was called on 05P-182**  
**CARRIED**

**Relief Custodians**

Trustee Scanlan explained that the Committee, at its June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting had decided to request the Superintendent to provide for this June 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting an opinion, or report, on the need for relief custodians.

The Superintendent advised that, at this time, he lacks the information required to undertake an analysis. The Director of Operations indicated that a report from him could be available in early September.

*Main*  
05P-183

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board increase the funding to the custodian budget by \$200,000 for the 05/06 school year and that the Board ask the Superintendent to review the provision of custodial services in the school district and provide a report to the Board, with recommendations.**

*Main*  
05P-184

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,  
**THAT: Motion 05P-183 be split into two parts, and that the second part be dealt with first.**  
**CARRIED**  
Opposed: Trustee Horning

*Main*  
05P-183

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board ask the Superintendent to review the provision of custodial services in the school district and provide a report to the Board, with recommendations.**

The Board discussed the matter.  
The Superintendent responded to questions.

*Extension of Meeting*  
05P-185

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,  
**THAT: The public Board meeting of June 22, 2005 be extended to 9:30 PM.**  
**CARRIED**

The Board continued to discuss Motion 05P-183 with the understanding that it will be available for the first Board meeting in September.

**The question was called on 05P-183**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*  
05P-186

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board increase the funding to the custodian budget by \$200,000 for the 05/06 school year.**

*Tabling*  
05P-187

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley,  
**THAT: Motion 05P-186 be tabled until receipt of a report from the Superintendent.**  
**CARRIED**  
Opposed: Trustees Horning and Scanlan

## **Process for Response to Superintendent's Report: "Portable Reduction French Immersion and Catchment Areas"**

Trustee Horan had requested the additional Action item to clarify the status of the Report.

*Main*

05P-188

MOVED by Trustee Horan, SECONDED by Trustee Buckley,

**THAT: The Board provide a letter for schools and for partner groups notifying them that the date for an Education Committee meeting on the Report is Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at 6 PM, at Hollywood Road Education Services, AND FURTHER to clarify the process used for disseminating feedback on the portable report, AND FURTHER to clarify that the Board has no position at this time and that no decision has been made or will be made until input has been received and discussed.**

The Board discussed the matter.

**The question was called on 05P-188  
CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

#### **Alice Rees, President, COTA**

- thanked the Board for its dedication to public education and its openness to input, which is appreciated by COTA. She introduced the incoming President, Bob Shanks, and the new Professional Development Chairperson, Karen Bernath.

The Chairperson thanked Alice Rees for her commitment, and for attending Board meetings over the years. She commented that it is fortunate that the Board and Alice Rees have shared areas of belief and understanding, which have resulted in many initiatives to support teachers in their work. The Board welcomes the opportunity to work with Bob Shanks and looks forward to the same level of cooperation.

9:11 PM Trustee Hunt-Binkley left the meeting.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Summary – Field Trips**  
(attachment)

**Report – Oyama Traditional School**  
(attachment)

9:13 PM Trustee Hunt-Binkley returned to the meeting.

**Report – District Student Council**  
(attachment)

**Report – Adult Education Programs in School District No. 23**  
(attachment)

**Clarification: Motion 05P-095**

THAT: Board direct that the Superintendent, using the consultation process, gather input from 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.

In attendance: Peter Molloy, Director of Instruction - Student Services

Trustee Hunt-Binkley asked the Superintendent to confirm that his understanding of the Board's intent is that opportunity to meet and review the budget be provided to all parents/guardians of special education students.

*The Superintendent confirmed that he understands that this is an opportunity for all parents/guardians of special needs students to seek information and provide input.*

*The Director advised that a date has not yet been determined for this meeting.*

9:16 PM Trustee Hunt-Binkley excused herself from the remainder of the meeting to deal with an extraordinary matter.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Reports:**

The Director of Operations presented a report on behalf of the Building and Transportation Committee.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**Sent:**

Congratulations and invitation to the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education

Congratulations to the Honourable Rick Thorpe, MLA and Minister of Small Business and Revenue/Minister Responsible for Deregulation.

Congratulations to Sindi Hawkins, MLA and Al Horning, MLA

The Chairperson asked the Superintendent to comment relative to a presentation earlier in the meeting on behalf of Rose Valley Elementary Parents, and on the following letters received by the Board:

Anne Pettit – Rose Valley Elementary Facilities  
Marylyn Needham – Rose Valley Elementary Facilities  
Anne Pettit – Rose Valley Elementary Facilities  
Anna-Marie Rasmussen – Rose Valley Elementary Facilities  
Esther & David Fortunat – Rose Valley Elementary Facilities  
Katherin & John Beselt – Rose Valley Elementary Facilities  
L. & T. Russell – Rose Valley Elementary Facilities  
Alan & Steven Francis – Rose Valley Elementary Facilities  
Jeff & Monique Watson – Rose Valley Elementary Facilities  
L. Jacobsen – Rose Valley Elementary Facilities

The Superintendent advised that the Board may, if it wishes, enter into discussions with parents regarding the possible installation of a portable at the school. The cost to move a portable is \$20,000 and the cost to operate the portable is approximately \$20,000 per year. The Superintendent noted that the Board needs to be apprised of precedent in regard to similar requests. He will provide this information at a future date.

The Board discussed the matter and the issue of equity.

*Main*

05P-189

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The Board respond to the presentation and the letters, advising that the Board will deal with this matter at a future Board meeting. The letter should include the estimated cost to the Board and the parents and include information regarding previous Board responses to similar requests.**  
**CARRIED**

**By consensus, the Board agreed to refer to the Coordinating Committee a future Agenda item regarding the parents' request for a portable at Rose Valley Elementary.**

**Received:**

Belgo Elementary Teaching Staff – School Lunch and Nutrition Breaks  
Black Mountain Elementary Teaching Staff – School Lunch and Nutrition Breaks  
North Glenmore Elementary Teachers – School Lunch and Nutrition Breaks  
Quigley Elementary Teaching Staff – School Lunch and Nutrition Breaks  
Rutland Senior Secondary – School Lunch and Nutrition Breaks

The Chairperson asked if the Board wished to respond to the above listed letters in order to explain that there had in fact been representation from COTA on the Ad Hoc Healthy Food Choices Committee.

*Main*

05P-190

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,  
**THAT: The Board respond to all the letters that it received from schools regarding School Lunch and Nutrition Breaks.**  
**CARRIED**

**Received:**

Werner Schmidt, MP – Educational Exemptions Federal Copyright Act  
Nancy Merrill – It's A Girl's World Expo  
École Glenmore School PAC – Response French Immersion Survey  
Vancouver Foundation – Preschool Partnership Program  
S.D. 43 (Coquitlam) – Proposed Changes to Federal Copyright Act  
YouthSafe Outdoors – Office-Site Experience Safety for BC Schools Licensing  
Daniella Murray – Catchments: School Bus Service  
Youth Against Animal Abuse – Policy Regarding Dissection  
Carol Meise, Special Needs Parent Liaison Committee – Clarification: Budget Review  
Lorraine Zarowny – Request re. Bellevue Creek Playground

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MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Horan,  
**THAT: At the June 22, 2005 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**  
**CARRIED**

**FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 6 PM, School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 6 PM, School Board Office

**CONFIRMED BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Education Committee re. Portables, French Immersion, Catchment Areas  
Tuesday, September 27, 2005, at 6 PM, Hollywood Road Education Services

**BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS’ ASSOCIATION (BCPSEA)**

**BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES’ ASSOCIATION (BCSTA)**

**BCSTA Okanagan Branch Meeting – FALL 2005**  
October 14/15, 2005, Penticton.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEM FOR SPECIAL MENTION**

**ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES**

Conflict of Interest Policy – School Board Trustees (Coordinating Committee)  
Request for Portable at Rose Valley Elementary (Coordinating Committee)

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD AGENDA**

Proposed New Structure – Board Standing Committees (September 14, 2005)  
Superintendent’s Report and Recommendations:  
    Students in S.D. No. 23 with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders  
Recommendation re. Term of Service for School District No. 23 Business Company Directors  
Recommendation of the Building and Transportation Committee – June 15, 2005 Meeting  
    re. Capital Projects: Mount Boucherie and Dr. Knox Schools  
Superintendent’s Report and Recommendations - Provision of Custodial Services

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:29 PM.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Central's grad class numbered 85. This number is 33 more than the previous record. Most three-year rule students attending Central followed through and graduated this year.
- The Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society has distributed 426 bursaries totalling \$272,000.
- The evaluation of our First Nations program is underway. The final report will be made available on November 30.
- A partnership between School District No. 23 and UBCO will see the expansion of the teacher training program into our schools. More than 100 student teachers will be in our classrooms this September.
- Our Human Resources department has completed more than 300 staffing transactions; and that is before we get to the point of even acquiring replacements.
- School District No. 23 has been recognized by the **Junior Achievement** group of British Columbia for being an excellent partner in providing education to youth in learning the 'economics of life'.

Thirty percent of the students in School District No. 23 have participated in Junior Achievement Programs in the past year. According to statistics provided by the J.A. organization, the next highest level of participation from any school district in the province came from Vancouver, where 9% of their students have been involved.

- Other highlights in terms of our involvement with the community from the past year have included:

1011 of our senior secondary students participating in a **job shadowing** opportunity;

568 students from this same group participating in a **career prep placement**;

Our senior secondary students attended a record number of **Career Spotlight** sessions this year. Participation in these sessions totalled 3071 (with many students attending multiple spotlights).

6790 **career Snapshot** opportunities were provided to students in our middle schools (again, with many individual students attending multiple Snapshots).