



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2006**

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:

J. McElgunn, Assistant Superintendent

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer

M. Roberts, Director of Instruction – Human Resources

M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: R. Rubadeau, Superintendent

Moment of Silence – April 28, 2006, National Day of Mourning

The Chairperson called for a moment of silence to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of doing their work.

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC

Valerie Broman, President

COTA

Bob Shanks, President

COPVPA

John McMahon, Executive Member

CUPE

Carol Davidson, Executive Officer (CEA Steward)

ORDER:

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

AGENDA

Main

06P-101

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Agenda for April 26, 2006 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Meeting – April 12, 2006

Amend: Page 4 – Motion 06P-093

THAT: The Board of School Trustees endorse the Kelowna Child Care Society application for expansion of the Young Parent Day Care Program ~~at~~ to Rutland Senior Secondary School, and also should the application be successful that the Board commit to a ten (10) year operating agreement.

MINUTES

Main

06P-102

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of April 12, 2006 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mike Roberts, Director of Instruction – Human Resources, provided the following report on behalf of the Superintendent:

- WorkSafe BC Day of Mourning, April 28, 2006.
- Recognition and congratulations to Pat Kirkey, teacher-librarian at Helen Gorman Elementary School, recipient of the B.C. Teacher Librarian Association Diana Poole Memorial Award of Merit.
- Recognition and congratulations to Heather MacNaughton, Speech-Language Pathologist, recipient of the 2006 Mentorship Award from the Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

The Chairperson stated that due to personal reasons Ron Rubadeau, Superintendent, will not be in attendance at this meeting, which is the last Board of School Trustee meeting of his Superintendency. The Chairperson, on behalf of the Board, would like to acknowledge his long-time commitment to public education and his over thirty years of service to School District No. 23.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Bob Shanks

- On April 21, 2006 at the Round Table there was discussion on class size and composition. Is class size and composition or discussion of the Round Table on the Agenda for the BCSTA AGM in Prince George on April 27 – 30, 2006? If not, would appreciate it being added to the Agenda.

The chairperson confirmed she did not believe it was on the Agenda for the BCSTA AGM although some late resolutions do come forward.

Valerie Broman

- Referred to Public Agenda Action Item 7.2 - New School Facilities. Has received information from Mission schools that they would like this to proceed as soon as possible with a new South Slopes Elementary School.

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- Referred to Public Agenda Information Item 9.3 – Special Education Advisory Council – Parent Members. Also requesting that this proceed as soon as possible and requested information on if there has been steering committee formed.
The Chairperson confirmed that information on the steering committee will be provided under that Agenda item.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Scanlan

- Referred to attendance at Success By 6 meeting on April 13, 2006.
At the January 25, 2006 Public Board Meeting, the Board, by consensus, agreed that “Trustee Scanlan will be the Board of Trustees representative on Success By 6 on an interim basis with a report back to the Board at a future date”.
Trustee Scanlan indicated she believes it is important to continue as member of this Committee.

By consensus, the Board agreed that Trustee Scanlan will continue to be the Board of Trustees representative on Success By 6. Trustee Cacchioni will be the alternate.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- Referred to Special Education Funding for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Motion coming forth at the BCSTA AGM in Prince George on April 27-30, 2006.
Peter Molloy, Director of Instruction – Student Support Services, confirmed that the Ministry of Education has awarded Prince George the FASD Provincial Resource Program. There will be a committee established to provide the framework for the operation of the Provincial Resource Program and Dr. Molloy has provided his name to be part of the process.

Trustee Horning

- Requested information from Secretary-Treasurer on policy/procedure for individuals using school playing fields as place for dogs to use.
The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed there is signage on school fields indicating no animals allowed. If there are specific schools encountering this problem, the administrators are requested to contact the Secretary-Treasurer’s office.

ACTION ITEMS

2006/07 Operational Budget

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-103

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Annual Budget for 2006/2007 be developed including the recommended staffing allocations plus the addition of the eight FTE Intermediate teachers, and further that other recommended additions to the budget be delayed.

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Trustee Hunt-Binkley confirmed that at the Finance and Legal Committee meeting on April 19, 2006, Eileen Sadlowski, Director of Finance, provided a review of the 2006/2007 Superintendent's Expenditure Recommendations Overview. The Ministry Operating Grant will be providing the District with an extra \$1,000,000.00 and those funds together with the surplus carry forwards will generate approximately \$4,900,000.00 that is available to the District. This recommendation from the Finance and Legal Committee deals with the staffing recommended by our senior staff along with an additional eight (8) FTE teachers. The Committee has recommended a delay on further recommended additions as the outcome of the Round Table discussions and Vince Ready Recommendations may have a significant effect on the budget. The report on the iLearn Project will be presented to the Board at the May 10, 2006 Public Board Meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded to questions.

The Director of Instruction – Human Resources responded to questions.

The question was called on 06P-103.

CARRIED

New School Facilities

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, introduced the recommendation. Trustee Baxter suggested an amendment to the recommendation provided.

Main

06P-104

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

THAT: The Board send a letter to the Ministry of Education indicating that the Board believes in neighbourhood schools;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board believes that placing students in portables and in oversized classes provides a less than ideal learning environment and should not be necessary in order to receive Ministry approval for a new school in another neighbourhood;

AND FURTHER THAT: Should the Board have surplus sites in other neighbourhoods, that the Ministry grant latitude to house students in surplus sites without jeopardizing a new Capital School Project;

AND FURTHER THAT: In consideration of the above, that the Board request that the Ministry re-look at how funding for new schools in growing neighbourhoods takes place.

The Board discussed the recommendation.

The Board discussed the Motion in relation to the Ministry's procedure in the approval of new school facilities.

The question was called on 06P-104.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Nicholl

School Approval Process

Main

06P-105

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

THAT: The Board request a meeting with MLAs to discuss new school approval process and related issues.

The Board discussed the Motion.

**The question was called on 06P-105.
CARRIED**

Board Committee Process – Correspondence Received and Sent
Original Recommendation was deferred from April 12th, 2006 Public Board Meeting.

New Recommendation of the Coordinating Committee – April 18, 2006:

Trustee Baxter, as a member of the Coordinating Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-106

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: Correspondence received and addressed to a Board Committee will be dealt with in the following manner:

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- 2. The correspondence shall be acknowledged by the Superintendent.**
- 3. The Board will decide if any issue resulting from the correspondence is to be forwarded to a committee for discussion or recommendation.**
- 4. Recommendations resulting from the Committee discussions shall be brought to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a Board Agenda for a Board decision.**
- 5. Should the Committee wish to address an issue in writing, a recommendation, which may include a draft of any proposed letter, shall be brought to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a Board Agenda.**

The Board discussed the matter.

Where a Committee has requested input on a matter, that input is provided directly to the Committee and identified as input received rather than correspondence.

Amendment

06P-107

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: Correspondence received and addressed to a Board Committee, *unless specifically solicited*, will be dealt with in the following manner:

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5. Should the Committee wish to address an issue in writing, a recommendation, which may include a draft of any proposed letter, shall be brought to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a Board Agenda.

The Board discussed the amendment.

Sub-Amendment

06P-108

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: Correspondence received and addressed to a Board Committee, unless specifically solicited, will be dealt with in the following manner:

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3. The Board will decide if any issue resulting from the correspondence is to be forwarded to a committee for discussion or recommendation.
- ~~4. Recommendations resulting from the Committee discussions shall be brought to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a Board Agenda for a Board decision.~~
5. Should the Committee wish to address an issue in writing, a recommendation, which may include a draft of any proposed letter, shall be brought to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a Board Agenda.

The Board discussed the amendment as suggested by Trustee Hunt-Binkley.

The question was called on Sub-Amendment 06P-108.

CARRIED

The question was called on 06P-106 as amended by Amendment 06P-107 and Sub-Amendment 06P-108.

CARRIED

The Motion, as passed, will read as follows:

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PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Alice Rees, Public Relations Chairperson, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association

- Donation of \$2,000.00 to Success By 6 from the proceeds of Death By Chocolate held in honour of the Superintendent, Ron Rubadeau.
- Relay for Life being held the first weekend in June to raise funds for cancer. Challenged the Board to form a team or join a team. Further information can be obtained from their website www.cancer.ca.

7:10 The Assistant Superintendent left the meeting.

Rob Mitchell, Parent in Upper Mission Area

- Referred to the Motion 06P-104 – New School Facilities.
- Believes there are two issues to be dealt with – the “whites of the eyes” issue, and what Boards should do with surplus assets.
- Requested a delay in proceeding with Motion 06P-104 until after the Kettle Valley situation is dealt with.
The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed May 10, 2006 as the possible date of the announcement of the approved Capital Projects.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Field Trip Summary

(attachment)

Enrolment – March 2006

(attachment)

Special Education Advisory Council – Parent Members

In attendance: Dr. Peter Molloy, Director of Instruction – Student Support Services

The Director of Instruction – Student Support Services advised that a Committee has been formed as a working group to help determine the election process for the Special Education Council. The parents contacted are from the original parent liaison group. The Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. A recommendation for the election process for the Special Education Council will be brought forth to the Board at the May 10, 2006 Public Board Meeting.

7:23 The Assistant Superintendent returned to the meeting.

Data Summary: Special Education Parents' Survey

(attachment)

In attendance: Dr. Peter Molloy, Director of Instruction – Student Support Services

The Director of Instruction – Student Support Services confirmed that staff have commenced review of this report and will be meeting at the end of May or beginning of June to discuss items in the Report.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Wiebe

Education and Student Services Committee

At the December 14, 2005 Public Board Meeting, the Board referred a copy of a letter from Options for Sexual Health re Family Life Program addressed to the Editor of the Kelowna Capital News, to the Education and Student and Services Committee for placement on future Agenda. The letter to the editor was in response to an article by Karin Wilson in the Capital News. The letter was forwarded to the Board for information purposes only and no presentation is requested. This item has been removed from the topics for future Education and Student Services Committee Agendas. A presentation will be made by the Family Life team to the Education and Student Services Committee in the Fall of this year or Spring of next year.

Trustee Scanlan

Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- Sent: The Honourable Shirley Bond re Request for Update on Ministry of Education's Transportation Funding Review
Mae Burrows, Labour Environmental Alliance Society re Toxin Free Schools
- Received: School District No. 39 (Vancouver) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond re 2006/2007 Funding Increase
George Abbott, Minister of Health – copy of letter to John Simonson, Principal of Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, re participation in BC Ambulance Service/Ambulance Paramedics of BC/Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation High School Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Program
George Abbott, Minister of Health – copy of letter to Rick Oliver, Principal of Rutland Senior Secondary School, re participation in BC Ambulance Service/Ambulance Paramedics of BC/Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation High School Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Program
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond re School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) letter requesting information on Ministry plans over next four years
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond re 2006/2007 Funding Increase
School District No. 36 (Surrey) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond re Increase to Daily Rate for Teachers-On-Call
Rob Mitchell re Upper Mission Elementary Community School

Main

06P-109

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: At the April 12, 2006 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 3, 2006

Committee I – General Affairs
4:30 p.m. at School Board Office
Committee III – Education and Student Services
6:30 p.m. at School Board Office

May 17, 2006

Committee V – Finance and Legal Committee
1:00 p.m. at School Board Office
Committee II – Planning and Facilities Committee
4:00 p.m. at School Board Office

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Annual General Meeting
April 27 – 30, 2006
Prince George Civic Centre
Prince George, B.C.

Trustee Baxter confirmed that five Trustees will be attending the BCSTA Annual General Meeting in Prince George. The Trustees attending are Trustee Baxter, Trustee Horning, Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Trustee Nicholl and Trustee Scanlan.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Recommendations for Election Process from Special Education Advisory Council

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer