



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, January 25, 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:

R. Rubadeau, Superintendent

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer

M. Roberts, Director of Instruction – Human Resources

M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC

Valerie Broman, President

COPVPA

Scott McLean, President

COTA

Jack Holly, Second Vice-President

CUPE

Bill Zeman, President

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Main

06P-013

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Agenda for January 25, 2006 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Meeting – January 11, 2006

Remove:

Remove Absent: J. McElgunn, Assistant Superintendent

Main

06P-014

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of January 11, 2006 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Horning (absent from meeting)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the following topics:

- congratulations to Susan MacNeil, Principal of Pearson Road Elementary School, being named one of the top thirty principals in Canada;
- KSS Girls AAA Basketball Team winning the Armada Steel Girl's Championship;
- boys Western Canadian Invitational next weekend at KSS;
- BC Junior Hockey League on Westside;
- number of field trips representing significant contributions of after-school-hours by staff, students and parents;
- congratulations to Juleen McElgunn on her appointment as Superintendent of South Okanagan effective August 1, 2006;
- read out a letter received from parent, Roanne Collier, commending bus driver Karen Rainey.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Recognition:

District Racism-Free Steering Committee – Citation Award

In attendance: Terry-Lee Beaudry, Director of Instruction K-12
Lisa McCullough, Principal, Springvalley Middle School
Cathie Mutter, Principal, Springvalley Elementary School
Valerie Broman, President, COPAC

The chairperson introduced Terry-Lee Beaudry, Director of Instruction K-12 who introduced the Committee Members in attendance. The chairperson referred to a Citation for Citizenship plaque received from the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration. The Director of Instruction K-12 also provided the names of all committee members who were not able to attend: Audrey Barr, Denise Clough, Alice Gro, Bob Levin, Elizabeth MacLeod, Steve Renaud, Kathy Weninger, Noela Facey, Sandy Dore and Cathy Lownsbrough. The Director of Instruction K-12 indicated the nomination came from Elizabeth MacLeod and Eric Wong. The Committee was pleased and honoured to receive this award – one of 20 presented. All sites have a declaration which is a belief statement composed by adults and students in the District. Trustee Cacchioni presented a Certificate and School District pin to Valerie Broman, Trustee Hunt-Binkley presented a Certificate and School District pin to Terry-Lee Beaudry, Trustee Nicholl presented a Certificate and School District pin to Lisa McCullough and Trustee Wiebe presented a Certificate and School District pin to Cathie Mutter.

The Director of Instruction K-12 requested consideration of the Board to have a Trustee as a member of the District Racism-Free Steering Committee. This request will be referred to the Coordinating Committee.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

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

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- requested from Superintendent update on name change for Oyama Elementary School
The Superintendent referred this item to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the name change request has been provided to the Ministry of Education and we are awaiting a response.

Trustee Baxter

- Board to write letters of congratulations to newly elected federal politicians – Ron Cannan and Stockwell Day
By consensus, the Board agreed to letters of congratulations.
- request to write letter to MLA regarding payment of GST by School District
Referred to Coordinating Committee for review.

ACTION ITEMS

Start Times for General Affairs Committee Meetings

Trustee Baxter introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-015

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: Effective March 1, 2006 meetings of the General Affairs Committee start at 4:30 p.m., rather than 4 p.m.

The Board discussed the matter.

As chairperson of the General Affairs Committee, Trustee Baxter responded to questions.

The question was called on 06P-015.

CARRIED

Referral from Education Committee – January 4, 2006 – Success By 6 Initiative Request for Trustee involvement on the local Council of Partners

Trustee Wiebe provided information on the presentation by Success By 6 to the Education and Student Services Committee. Education and Student Services Committee felt it was a good link between the District Preschool Partnerships Committee and CATCH.

By consensus, 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.

Local Education Agreement
(attachment)

Main

06P-016 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,
THAT: The Board authorize the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer to sign the Local Education Agreement on behalf of the Board.

The Secretary-Treasurer provided Trustees with an updated Local Education Agreement. The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed committee members were the Secretary-Treasurer and Terry-Lee Beaudry, Director of Instruction K-12 representing the School District, and Denise Clough and Margaret Eli representing The Westbank First Nations. The Secretary-Treasurer provided information on the amendments and confirmation that the Agreement had been provided to legal counsel for review.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded to questions.

The question was called on 06P-016.
CARRIED

Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee – Healthy Food Choices, introduced a new Motion.

06P-017 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board write a letter to the Minister of Education commending the Ministry for the development of the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools and requesting support (i.e. financial or professional) for the implementation of the Guidelines.

The Board discussed the matter.
The Superintendent responded to questions.
Trustee Hunt-Binkley will add to the Agenda of the next Ad Hoc Committee – Healthy Food Choices meeting set for Tuesday, January 31, 2006, a discussion on the possibility of requesting other School Districts to write a letter to the Ministry of Education also requesting financial support.

The question was called on 06P-017.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Valerie Broman, President, COPAC

- requested information on the Kettle Valley School project
The chairperson confirmed that the project was still number one on the list.
The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed a letter was received from the Ministry regarding funding for a new elementary school in the Mission.
- Trustee Baxter inquired if letter should be an Incamera Item
The Superintendent indicated the letter was listed as Public correspondence.

Jack Holly, Second Vice-President, COTA

- provided Trustees with information and invitation to attend the COTA February Professional Development Day on February 17, 2006 at the University of British Columbia - Okanagan

INFORMATION ITEMS

Field Trip Summary

(attachment)

School Bus Safety Week

(attachment)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Wiebe

- The March 1, 2006 Agenda of the Education and Student Services Committee will include the Special Education Committee Consultation.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

Lisa Allen, Central Okanagan Access Awareness Team re Kids on the Block Program
Jeanette French re Special Education Planning Council
Shirley Bond, Minister of Education re 2006/2007 Capital Plan Submission
School District No. 69 (Qualicum) – Letter to Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, re Class Size/Composition Additional Funding
School District No. 69 (Qualicum) – Letter to Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, re Spending Plans
School District No. 38 (Richmond) - Letter to Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, re Class Size and Composition Plan
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) – Letter to Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, re Funding for Class Composition and Class Size Grant
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) – Letter to Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, re Trustee involvement in allocation of funding
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) – Letter to Dr. Lee Southern, BCSTA, re Trustee involvement in allocation of funding

Main

06P-018

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: At the January 25, 2006 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 6PM, School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Trustee Baxter inquired if there is the need to have a Public Board Meeting scheduled for March 29, 2006 as the next Public Board Meeting after March 8, 2006 would be during Spring Break.

By consensus, the Board agreed to refer to the Coordinating Committee the discussion of a Public Board Meeting being scheduled for March 29, 2006.

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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
March 1, 2006	Committee I – General Affairs <u>4:30</u> p.m. at School Board Office Committee III – Education and Student Services 6:30 p.m. at School Board Office

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting
Friday, January 27, 2006 and Saturday, January 28, 2006
Richmond, British Columbia
Trustee Nicholl and Trustee Baxter will be attending on behalf of the Board.

The Board discussed the legal opinion received from Judith Clark, General Counsel, of the BCSTA regarding Trustee Conflict of Interest in BCPSEA bylaw amendment.
The Board discussed the matter.

Due to the possible perception of bias, Trustee Wiebe and Trustee Horning will not be entering debate or voting on this issue.
Due to a conflict in the School Act regarding direct pecuniary interest, Trustee Cacchioni will not be entering debate or voting on this issue.

Trustee Baxter, Trustee Scanlan, Trustee Nicholl and Trustee Hunt-Binkley discussed the proposed resolution on Conflict of Interest from BCPSEA.

- Proposed Resolution from BCPSEA for amendment to section 2.4 of the BCPSEA bylaws::
- 2.4.1 No Trustee who is an employee of any School Board within the Province is eligible to:
- a. to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Association,
 - b. to represent a member at any general meeting of the Association,
 - c. to represent a member at any other function of the Association,
- 2.4.2 Persons who have an indirect or deemed pecuniary interest as defined in the *School Act*, in teacher or support staff collective bargaining, are required to declare that interest:
- a. In candidate material and statements when running for election to the Board of Directors of the Association,
 - b. By standing or otherwise making known their interest at any function or assembly of the Association where the nature of the function or assembly may give rise to a conflict with said interest,
 - c. By advising their school board of said interest when seeking the position of Trustee Representative.

Main

06P-019

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Trustee representative for the British Columbia Public School Employers Association vote against this proposed resolution at the British Columbia Public School Employers Association Annual General Meeting.
CARRIED

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

Trustee Academy and Provincial Council
February 23-25, 2006
Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel
Richmond, B.C.

Okanagan Branch Meeting
March 3 and 4, 2006
Vernon, B.C.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Horning:

THAT: At the February 5, 2006 Public Board Meeting, the Board amend Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses, as attached.

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

- Coordinating Committee – Discussion on possibility of Public Board Meeting on March 29, 2006
- Coordinating Committee – Trustee representation on District Racism-Free Steering Committee
- Coordinating Committee – Letters to MLAs regarding GST payment by School District
- Ad Hoc Committee – Healthy Food Choices – request for other School Districts to write to Ministry of Education requesting financial support for implementation of Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m..

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer