



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, June 28, 2006**

TIME: 6:00 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:

M. Roberts, Superintendent

H. Gloster, Director of Instruction K-12

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer

M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC

No representative

COTA

Bob Shanks, President

COPVPA

No representative

CUPE

Robbie Borden, Secretary-Treasurer

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

AGENDA

Add

Information

Material for Item 9.7 – Bussing – Dilworth Mountain

AGENDA

Main

06P-153

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: The Agenda for June 28, 2006 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

06P-154

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of June 14, 2006 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

The Chairperson indicated that Juleen McElgunn, Assistant Superintendent, is unable to attend this meeting, her last Board Meeting with School District No. 23. She is attending a Special Board Meeting at her new District, School District No. 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen). The Chairperson reviewed the many programs the Assistant Superintendent has brought to our District, including Preschool Partnerships and the Together iLearn Project. The Board sends best wishes to the Assistant Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Sends best wishes to Juleen McElgunn, Assistant Superintendent in her new role as Superintendent with School District No. 53 (Okanagan-Similkameen).
- Congratulations to all 85 individuals retiring this year. The District Retirement Dinner was held on June 17, 2006 at which time all retirees were recognized.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

All trustees were provided with an opportunity to comment on their involvement, since the previous Board meeting, in District activities.

ACTION ITEMS

Amendments to Policy 420 - Admission of International Education Students (attachment)

Trustee Wiebe, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Leanne Bettsworth, Executive Director of the International Education Program, provided clarification to the Board regarding medical insurance, intake dates for short-term students, and the refund policy. The Board also discussed the definition of family members as mentioned throughout Policy 420. The Executive Director of the International Education Program responded to questions and confirmed that family members would include parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings over the age of twenty-five.

Main

06P-155

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

THAT: Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students, be amended to add the word “appropriate” before “family members” throughout the Policy.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Nicholl

The Board further discussed Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students.

Leanne Bettsworth, Executive Director of the International Education Program, responded to questions. The Board discussed the requirements of Government agencies.

Main

06P-156 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students, be amended by deleting the first line “Study programs, 6 months or less do not require students to apply for a study permit through Citizenship and Immigration Canada” from the 6th bullet on page 2.
CARRIED

The Board further discussed Policy 420 – Admission of International Education Students.

Main

06P-157 MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board approve amendments, as attached and as presented at the June 28, 2006 Public Board meeting, to Policy 420 - Admission of International Education Students, and as amended at the June 28, 2006 Public Board meeting.

Amendment

06P-158 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board approve amendments, as attached and as presented at the June 28, 2006 Public Board meeting, to Policy 420 - Admission of International Education Students, and as amended at the June 28, 2006 Public Board meeting, subject to Policy 420 being reviewed by a lawyer.
DEFEATED
Opposed: Trustee Scanlan, Trustee Nicholl, Trustee Baxter, Trustee Horning and Trustee Wiebe

The question was called on Main Motion 06P-157.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley

Adoption of Policy 490 - Admission of Exchange Students

(attachment)

Trustee Wiebe, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation.

The Board discussed the requirements of the Kelowna Rockets Hockey team and Westside Warriors Hockey team members. The Board agreed that the Policy may be revisited in the future with regard to the Westside Warriors.

Main

06P-159 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: Policy 490 – Admission of Exchange Students, be amended by deleting paragraph 3 and inserting the following:
3. ***The Board requires that exchange students must comply with the Code of Conduct of the school and School District, Canadian Law, as well as any other established guidelines to maintain continued enrolment. Failure to do so may result in being dismissed from the Program.***
CARRIED

The Board further discussed the Policy as amended.

Main

06P-160 MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board adopt new Policy 490 – Admission of Exchange Students, as presented and amended at the June 28, 2006 Public Board meeting.
CARRIED

Adoption – Annual Budget Bylaw
(attachment)

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

Main

06P-161 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The School District No. 23 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal year 2006/07 (as attached) be given all three readings at the Public Board meeting of June 28, 2006.
CARRIED

Main

06P-162 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The School District No. 23 Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2006/07, in the amount of \$147,629,432 be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 28th day of June 2006.
CARRIED

Together iLearn Project – Computer Labs

Notice of Motion served by Trustee Hunt-Binkley at the June 14, 2006 meeting:

Trustee Hunt-Binkley introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-163 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: Further to the Board’s adoption of the Together iLearn Project, the Board direct the Superintendent to prepare a report outlining the current status, including cost and effectiveness, of the computer labs and use in the schools, along with any strategic plan or recommendations for the timely elimination or reduction of the computer labs and the resulting cost savings.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley provided clarification on request for report.

The Superintendent provided an update of planned computer lab closures at Springvalley Middle School and Rutland Middle School as a direct result of the Together iLearn Project. At Springvalley Middle School two computer labs are being closed and converted into classroom space resulting in two portables being moved from the school site. Rutland Middle School is closing one computer lab with a possible removal of a portable in the near future. The Superintendent confirmed that his report could include the current status of the project, cost of computer labs in schools and the estimated cost result of elimination of computer labs through to the complete roll-out of the program.

The Board discussed the possible closure of elementary school labs. The Superintendent confirmed that the closure of elementary school labs would not occur. The original Report indicated the closure

of elementary school labs due to the fact that they were not a component of the K-7 curriculum. Principals and parents have indicated that they would like elementary computer labs to remain. The Superintendent's report to the Board will include the background information on this item.

**The question was called on 06P-163.
CARRIED**

By consensus, the Board agreed that the Report from the Superintendent would be available in the Fall of 2006.

**Davidson Road Elementary School Parent Advisory Council
School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement (Adventure Playground Replacement)**
(attachment)

On June 14, 2006, the Board tabled "to the next Public Board Meeting on June 28, 2006", Motion 06P-147 as amended by Amendment 06P-148.

Main
06P-164

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
**THAT: Motion 06P-147 as amended by Amendment 06P-148 be lifted from the table.
CARRIED**

Main Motion 06P-147 (Hunt-Binkley/Scanlan)

THAT: The Board approve in principle the Davidson Road Elementary School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement with the Agreement to come back with changes which reflect recent Board Motions on playground enhancements.

Amendment 06P-148 (Wiebe/Horning),

THAT: The Board approve ~~in principle~~ the Davidson Road Elementary School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement with the Agreement ~~to come back with changes which~~ to reflect recent Board Motions on playground enhancements.

**The question was called on Amendment 06P-148.
DEFEATED**

**The question was called on Main Motion 06P-147 as amended by Amendment 06P-148.
DEFEATED**

Main
06P-165

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
**THAT: The Board approve the Davidson Road Elementary School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement regarding Adventure Playgrounds as presented at the June 28, 2006 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED**

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

Field Trip Summary

(attachment)

Preschool Report 2005/06

(attachment)

The attached Report is as a result of a request, by the Superintendent, for a Report of the Preschool Partnerships Program from the Assistant Superintendent, as indicated at the June 14, 2006 Public Board Meeting.

The Superintendent confirmed that he has requested Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K-12, to have discussions with preschools regarding advertising of subsidized spaces.

New Timelines for Development and Submissions of Accountability Contract

(attachment)

The Superintendent confirmed that this has been brought forward to the Board as an information item at this time. Timeline to be added as an action item to an Agenda in the Fall for adoption by the Board at that time.

Traffic Safety Officer – History of Partnership with City of Kelowna

(attachment)

The attached Report is as a result of a request by Trustee Horning to the Superintendent at the June 14, 2006 Public Board Meeting for further information on a possible shared position with the City of Kelowna for a Safety Coordinator.

By consensus, the Board agreed that the Superintendent would meet with Principals about concerns and if need for shared position is required. Subsequently, if necessary, the Superintendent shall meet with the City of Kelowna to obtain further information. Once meetings have occurred, the Superintendent will report back to the Board.

General Statements: November 9, 2005 through May 24, 2006

(attachment)

Board Standing Committees – Meeting Dates to December 2006

(attachment)

Bussing – Dilworth Mountain

(attachment provided at meeting)

The Superintendent confirmed that pursuant to the direction contained in Board Motion 05P-235 catchment area boundaries for the Glenmore Valley were adjusted. The Superintendent confirmed that with the new alignment, the Dilworth Mountain area is now in the North Glenmore Elementary School catchment area. Consistent with past Board decisions, the District will be providing bus transportation for eligible students in the Dilworth Mountain area to their home school North Glenmore Elementary School. The route would be up through Dilworth Mountain, exit left on Rifle Road towards corner of Longhill Road and Mail Road, down Mail Road turning left on Sexsmith Road and down to North Glenmore Elementary School.

The Board discussed courtesy riders for the North Glenmore Elementary School bus.

Exempt Staff Compensation

The Chairperson confirmed that the Board passed a Motion to approve the general wage adjustment consistent with the BCPSEA K-12 *Public Education Negotiating Framework Compensation Plan – Exempt Staff (2006-2010)* for 2% July 1, 2006, 2% July 1, 2007, 2% July 1, 2008 and 2% July 1, 2009.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received:

School District No. 69 (Qualicum) – copy of letter to Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Funding
School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) – copy of letter to Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Funding
School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) – copy of letter to Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Criminal Record Checks
School District No. 38 (Richmond) – copy of letter to Penny Tees, President, BCSTA regarding Report – *Examining the Examiners: Reflections on Non-partisanship, the Fraser Institute and the Report Card on Schools*
School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) – copy of letter to Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper regarding Early Learning and Child Care Agreement
Anthony and Olivia Lisa – Ellison Elementary School Split Classes
Shelley Weber, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School regarding Department Heads

Main

06P-166

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: At the June 28, 2006 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

October 4, 2006

Committee IV – Human Resources 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

October 18, 2006

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

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustee Nicholl referred to a letter received from the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce regarding City of Stature Vision document. As the Trustee representative to the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce, Trustee Nicholl will follow up.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS’ ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES’ ASSOCIATION

Okanagan Branch of BC School Trustees’ Association
Date: Friday, October 13, 2006 and Saturday, October 14, 2006
Location: Prestige Inn
Kelowna, B.C.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Together iLearn Project – Computer Labs
Action Item - New Timelines for Development and Submissions of Accountability Contract – Fall 2006
Traffic Safety Officer – History of Partnership with City of Kelowna

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer