



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

## PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2006**

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: School Board Office  
1940 Underhill Street  
Kelowna, B.C.

### 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, Assistant Superintendent  
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer  
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

### Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Marliss Magas, Executive Member
COTA	Tom Potts, President
COPVPA	Rick Oliver, President (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President
DSC	No representative

### ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### Acting Chairperson

The Board Chairperson explained that the position of Vice-Chairperson rotates between Trustees. Since Trustee Wiebe has not yet had an opportunity to chair a meeting during her term which expires December 13, 2006, she has been invited to Chair this Public Meeting.

#### Main

06P-221 **MOVED** by Trustee Horning, **SECONDED** by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: For the balance of the Public Board Meeting of November 22, 2006 the duties of Board Chairperson be assigned to Vice-Chairperson, Trustee Wiebe.**  
**CARRIED**

## AGENDA

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06P-222

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,  
**THAT: The Agenda for November 22, 2006 be adopted as distributed.**  
**CARRIED**

## MINUTES

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06P-223

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of November 8, 2006 be adopted as distributed.**  
**CARRIED**

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

- Congratulations to the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council for their role in hosting the BCCPAC annual conference in Kelowna on November 17 and 18, 2006.
- The Superintendent provided an overview of the FSA results for School District No. 23 indicating students in School District No. 23 continue to do well in comparison to other School Districts. The Superintendent confirmed that a detailed presentation of the FSA Report would be provided at a future Education and Student Services Committee Meeting.

## RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

### Presentation/Appeal

#### **Liquor Store Fundraising Campaign**

(attachment)

In attendance: Sheila Rennie

Sheila Rennie made a presentation to the Board and requested the Board reconsider their previous Motions not allowing the School District's participation in the BC Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.

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06P-224

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,  
**THAT: The Board receive with thanks the presentation from Sheila Rennie regarding the BC Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*

06P-225

MOVED by Trustee Nicholl, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: Discussion on the BC Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign be added as an action item to the Public Agenda of November 22, 2006.**  
**CARRIED**  
**Opposed: Trustee Wiebe**

## 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.

#### **Trustee Baxter**

- Trustee Baxter expressed her appreciation to the veterans from the Royal Canadian Legion who attended the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the various schools in the District. Trustee Baxter suggested a letter be sent to the Royal Canadian Legion (Peachland, Westbank, Oyama, Rutland and Kelowna Branches) and the Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans Club of Rutland expressing appreciation of veterans attending the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the various schools in the District.

**By consensus, the Board agreed to send a letter to the Royal Canadian Legion (Peachland, Westbank, Oyama, Rutland and Kelowna Branches) and the Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans Club of Rutland expressing appreciation of veterans attending the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the various schools in the District.**

- The Showcase event held on Friday, November 17, 2006 in conjunction with the BCCPAC Annual Conference in Kelowna was very well received. Trustee Baxter suggested that the District possibly consider planning a Showcase event for our parents and students.

#### **Trustee Hunt-Binkley**

- Trustee Hunt-Binkley recently attended the George Elliot Secondary School PAC Meeting as a Trustee representative. A suggestion which was received from the parents and the principal of George Elliot Secondary School is for the Board to provide notes (executive summaries) on a monthly basis of the activities of the Board.
- Trustee Hunt-Binkley referred to an article in the Globe & Mail entitled "Boys and Girls at B.C. School are in a Class by Themselves". Trustee Hunt-Binkley suggested that this article be referred to the Superintendent and possibly to the Education and Student Services Committee.

#### **Trustee Scanlan**

- Trustee Scanlan received an invitation from the United Nations Association in Canada's Healthy Children, Healthy Communities to a round table forum this Thursday, November 24, 2006. The focus of the round table forum is on the health and wellbeing of children ages 9 through 12. Kelowna is one of 11 communities across the Country participating.

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06P-226

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

**THAT: Trustee Scanlan be the Trustee representative at the United Nations Association in Canada's Healthy Children, Healthy Communities Forum held on Thursday, November 24, 2006.**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Scanlan confirmed that she will provide a report on the United Nations Association in Canada's Healthy Children, Healthy Communities Forum to the Board at the next Public Board Meeting.

### **Trustee Nicholl**

- Trustee Nicholl advised that she had attended the Angel Awards which recognizes those who make significant contribution to the Arts. A teacher from Kelowna Secondary School, Neal Facey, received the top Angel Award. Trustee Nicholl inquired if it would be appropriate for the Board to send a letter of congratulations.

*Trustee Baxter confirmed that the Board's recognition of Awards received by School District employees/students is only if the Award is related to the District. Mr. Facey's award was in recognition of his exceptional contributions to the community and not directly related to the District.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Amendment to Policy 525 – Field Trips, 525R – Field Trips (*Regulations*) and 525A – Field Trip Activities (*Appendix*)**

(attachment)

Notice of Motion served by Trustee Nicholl at the November 8, 2006 Public Board Meeting.

Trustee Nicholl introduced the recommendation.

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06P-227

MOVED by Trustee Nicholl, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

**THAT: The Board amend Policy 525 - Field Trips, 525R – Field Trips (*Regulations*) and 525A – Field Trip Activities (*Appendix*) removing Lazer Tag from the items of prohibited activities.**

Trustee Nicholl confirmed that the recommendation for the removal of Lazer Tag from the list of prohibited activities was made as Trustee Nicholl felt it was not an aggressive sport and other School Districts were attending Planet Lazer on field trips. The Superintendent advised that he was not aware of the exact number of School Districts who permitted lazer tag field trips. The Superintendent, in response to Trustee Scanlan's query, advised that there have been no requests from School District staff or parents for a change in the Policy. The Board discussed the previous decision of the Field Trip Committee to place lazer tag on the prohibited activities list and that input was received from partners and parents in this decision.

**The question was called on 06P-227.**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Horning, Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Trustee Scanlan and Trustee Wiebe**

### **Ministry of Education Survey – District Report on Safe Schools**

(attachment)

In attendance: Al Lalonde, Principal, Central School Programs and Services

The Superintendent confirmed that Minister Shirley Bond has requested a report be prepared regarding policies in each School District and individual schools that address safe school related issues and the progress made to date. The Superintendent requested Al Lalonde, as Chairperson of the District Safe Schools Committee, to prepare the report. The due date by the Ministry for the report is December 10, 2006.

Al Lalonde, Principal, Central School Programs and Services provided an overview of the District Report on Safe Schools. The Ministry requested the completion of this report to obtain information on how safe school issues are being addressed in schools in relation to a Ministry of Education report in March of 2004 entitled *Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools: A Guide*.

Included in the District Report on Safe Schools are all School District Policies in place to ensure safe schools. Not included in the report are the Admin procedures and emergency support documents which the District has in place. Of the 41 district schools, 31 meet the Provincial standards. Most of the schools which have not met the Provincial standards are elementary schools that need to make minor wording changes in the area of rising expectations as students progress through the elementary grades. Credit is directed to the former Safe Schools Committee Chairperson, Gerry Mason, and Trustee Horning, for their commitment to the Committee. The strength of the Safe Schools Committee comes from the allowance of partner groups participation and their ability to provide input to the Committee. Also of benefit is having members of the RCMP and representatives from the City of Kelowna on the Safe Schools Committee.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested that Policy 423 – Health Promoting Schools be included with the Report as two of the key components of the Policy are every school is a safe and healthy place for students and staff, and every school strives to provide an environment of care and respect. Al Lalonde confirmed that Policy 423 – Health Promoting Schools will be added to the Report prior to submission to the Ministry.

Trustee Baxter requested a review of the Policies referred to in the District Report on Safe Schools. The Superintendent confirmed that a review could be performed and a recommendation would be presented to the Board if any modifications or amendments were suggested.

The Board discussed the extension of the RCMP liaison program on to the Westside and Lake Country schools. The Superintendent confirmed that the request to extend the program has been presented to the RCMP. The RCMP have indicated that there is an issue of staff availability in the rural detachments.

Trustee Cacchioni requested information on the effectiveness of the Drug Free Zones in the District. The Superintendent advised that the Drug Free Zones were introduced to the District several years ago in a partnership between the RCMP and the School District. The concept of the drug free zones was to provide harsher penalties for drug possession within the designated zones. The impact of the drug free zones has not been as effective as desired as there has been no follow through at the court level in regard to harsher penalties for drug possession in the drug free zones.

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06P-228

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,  
**THAT: The District Report on Safe Schools, as attached, presented and amended at the November 22, 2006 Public Board Meeting, be accepted by the Board and forwarded to the Ministry of Education.**  
**CARRIED**

## **2007/2008 Budget Timeline Approval**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – November 15, 2006

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

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06P-229

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

**THAT: The Board approve the Budget Timeline for the 2007/2008 Operating Budget as attached and as presented at the Public Board meeting of November 22, 2006.**

Trustee Hunt-Binkley confirmed that the timeline for the 2007/2008 Operating Budget follows the same timeline as 2006/2007. An important date to note is the January 17, 2007 Public Finance and Legal Committee Meeting where a presentation will be made by the Director of Finance. This meeting will take place at Hollywood Road Education Centre commencing at 6:00 p.m. Another important date is January 31, 2007 which is the deadline for written submissions to the Finance and Legal Committee.

**The question was called on 06P-229.  
CARRIED**

## **Letter to Ministry of Education regarding Impact of Delay in Release of Annual Facilities Grant Funding**

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – November 15, 2006

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

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06P-230

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

**THAT: The Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education outlining the impact on School Districts, including project delays and staff workload, caused by the delay in the release of the Annual Facilities Grant and lack of information.**

The Board discussed the impact on the School District caused by the delay in the release of the Annual Facilities Grant. The Superintendent confirmed there were no layoffs of permanent employees. Some temporary employees who were advised of possible contract cancellations due to the delay in the release of the funding have obtained employment elsewhere and are choosing not to return to the School District.

**The question was called on 06P-230.  
CARRIED**

## **Liquor Store Fundraising Campaign**

Earlier in the meeting after the presentation by Sheila Rennie on the Liquor Store Fundraising Campaign, the Board approved that the Liquor Store Fundraising Campaign be added to the November 22, 2006 Public Agenda as an Action Item.

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06P-231

MOVED by Trustee Nicholl, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: School District No. 23 participate in the 2006/2007 Liquor Distribution Branch Fundraising Campaign.**

Trustee Nicholl referenced the difficulties that Dry Grad Committees have in raising funds within the Community. Trustee Scanlan requested clarification from the Superintendent if this request is appropriate. The Superintendent confirmed that he has received no complaints from parents against participation in the campaign. There have been no responses from Parent Advisory Councils, Dry Grad Committees or individuals.

The Board discussed the liability of School Boards through the endorsement of the campaign.

**The question was called on 06P-231.**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Horning, Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Trustee Scanlan and Trustee Wiebe**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Field Trips for 2006/2007**

(attachment)

### **Video Surveillance: Annual Report to the Board**

(attachment)

The Superintendent confirmed that this Report is an annual report to the Board to ensure that policy and regulations are being followed. There are currently eleven schools in the District that have a form of video surveillance and all eleven schools are operating within the Board's mandate. The Superintendent confirmed the two purposes of video surveillance were to deter vandalism, and monitoring of individuals coming and going from particular areas within the school.

Trustee Baxter indicated that on the Report the 'camera use' beside Shannon Lake indicates there is no video surveillance. The Superintendent confirmed that this Report will be amended to reflect there is video surveillance at Shannon Lake.

### **Open House – Public Input for New Mission Hills Elementary School**

(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the next stage of the Phase I Feasibility Study is the conducting of public review and input sessions. Accordingly, a Public Open House has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2006 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Dorothea Walker Elementary School. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the Board is invited to attend with the Board Chairperson welcoming individuals and handing out pamphlets.

The Board discussed the format of the Public Open House.

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Trustee Horning

- District Safe Schools Committee

### Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- Finance and Legal Committee

## BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Class Size and Class Composition Reports

Received: Leonard Remple, Executive Director (BC) Christian Coalition regarding Corren Settlement Agreement

The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Spending of Targeted Aboriginal Education amount

Dr. Irmgard Thiessen regarding French Immersion

School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Supreme Court School Fees Ruling

School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) – copy of letter to The Honourable Carole Taylor, Minister of Finance, regarding 2007 Budget Consultation

School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Annual Facility Grant

School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) – copy of letter to The Honourable James Flaherty, Federal Minister of Finance, regarding Amendment to the Excise Tax

School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) – copy of letter to Penny Tees, President, BCSTA, regarding subsidization of presentation to BCSTA

School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, re AFG Funding

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding AFG Funding

School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Changes to the School Act and Regulations regarding school fees

School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) – copy of letter to The Honourable Carole Taylor, regarding Exempt Staff Compensation Framework

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06P-232

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

**THAT: At the November 22, 2006 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

## **FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

AGM and Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

## **SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS**

## **BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

December 6, 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

## **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

## **BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION**

### **Trustee Innovation Academy**

Date: December 7-9, 2006  
Location: Coast Plaza at Stanley Park  
Vancouver, B.C.

### **Annual General Meeting 2007**

Date: April 19-22, 2007  
Location: Victoria Conference Centre  
Victoria, B.C.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES**

Education and Student Services – FSA Report  
Education and Student Services – Globe & Mail Article on 'Boys and Girls at B.C. School are in a Class by Themselves'

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Acting Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer