



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, October 25, 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	Violet Frost, Executive Member
COTA	Bob Shanks, Past President
COPVPA	No Representative
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President
DSC	No Representative

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

AGENDA

Add	Action	Material for Action Item 7.1 – Class Size Report – 2006/2007
Remove	Action	Item 7.7 – 2007/2008 Five-Year Capital Plan
Move	Action	Move Action Item 7.8 – Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, Request for Sponsorship for B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Council (BCCPAC) Fall Conference – November 16-18, 2006 to Action Item 7.1
Add	Action	Item 7.10 – Invitation from City of Kelowna Sports and Recreation Department for Trustee Representative on Nominating Committee for 2008 B.C. Summer Games Society
Add	Action	Item 7.11 – Letter to Ministry of Education regarding Annual Facilities Grant Freeze on Funding

AGENDA

Main

06P-193

MOVED by Trustee Nicholl, **SECONDED** by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Agenda for October 25, 2006 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

06P-194

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

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

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent presented a video entitled "The Teacher Movie – A Story About Teddy Stoddard".

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Shelly Dale and Jane Barnes

- Provided Trustees with brochure entitled "Choices are Good" with regard to Arts Integrated School of Choice for School District No. 23.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

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

Trustee Horning

- With the recent announcement from the Ministry of Education on Virtual School, what impact will this have on our District.
The Superintendent confirmed that the Ministry of Education has introduced virtual school concept across British Columbia. Students will have ability to complete courses at home and also students in rural school districts are able to obtain course work otherwise not offered within their own District.
The Assistant Superintendent confirmed that this program was established to provide a provincial standard in offering of courses. There is opportunity for School Districts to develop specialty areas for their District.
- With recent announcement of freeze on Annual Facilities Grant funding, what impact is there on our Operations Department.
The Secretary-Treasurer advised that a number of projects within the School District have been placed on hold until confirmation of funding. Most projects on hold include HVAC upgrades. Alternate work may have to be obtained for staff that is affected by the hold placed on the projects.
- Should the Board consider a letter be sent from the Board to the Ministry of Education indicating our concerns on the Annual Facilities Grant funding freeze and that several of our buildings are in need of repair, especially the HVAC system.

Trustee Baxter confirmed that a letter has been prepared and will be sent from the Okanagan Branch of the BCSTA to the Minister of Education. This letter will be forwarded to all School Districts and MLAs.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- Announced the hiring of the new Health Promoting Schools Coordinator, Janelle Zebedee.

ACTION ITEMS

Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

Request for Sponsorship for B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Council (BCCPAC) Fall Conference

November 16-18, 2006

(attachment)

At the October 11, 2006 Public Board Meeting the following Motion was passed:

THAT: The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council request for sponsorship for the B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Council (BCCPAC) Fall Conference be deferred to the Public Board Meeting of October 25, 2006 pending receipt of further information from the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council.

In attendance: Violet Frost, Executive Member of the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

A draft of the Showcase Ideas and Entertainment was provided to Trustees.

Violet Frost responded to questions and confirmed that the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 3523 has provided support of \$750.00.

Main

06P-195

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

THAT: The Board of Trustees provide \$750.00 to the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council for sponsorship for the B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Council (BCCPAC) Fall Conference to be held on November 16-18, 2006 in Kelowna.

The Board discussed the matter.

Amendment

06P-196

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

THAT: The Board of Trustees provide \$750.00 to the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council for sponsorship of the showcase event for the B.C. Confederation of Parent Advisory Council (BCCPAC) Fall Conference to be held on November 16-18, 2006 in Kelowna.

CARRIED

The question was called on Main Motion 06P-195.

CARRIED

Class Size Report – 2006/2007

(The Class Size Report was made available at the Public Board Meeting.)

In attendance: Rod Odlum, Director of Instruction – Human Resources

The Superintendent provided clarification on the requirements of the School Act to produce a Class Size Report to be submitted to the Ministry of Education prior to the end of October. This Report is in addition to the previously tabled District Class Size/Composition Report.

Main

06P-197

MOVED by Trustee Nicholl, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: The Class Size Report, as attached and as presented at the October 25, 2006 Public Board Meeting, be approved by the Board and forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

The Superintendent confirmed that School District No. 23 is in compliance with the School Act and the Class Size Regulations.

The Director of Instruction – Human Resources provided the Board with a Snapshot Summary of the class sizes, as of September 30, 2006, as follows:

Kindergarten	17.7 student average per class
Grades 1 through 3	20.9 student average per class
Grades 4 through 7	26.6 student average per class

The Board discussed the Class Size Report.

The Superintendent and Director of Instruction – Human Resources responded to questions.

The Class Size Report for School District No. 23 will be posted on the School District website and the Ministry will be posting the Class Size Reports for all School Districts on their website.

The Board discussed the prior request for the Superintendent to prepare a Report on the amount of work involved in the preparation of the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Report and the Class Size Report.

The question was called on 06P-197.

CARRIED

7:20 Bill Zeman, President, CUPE, left the meeting.

Draft Amendments to Policy 355 - Employee Recognition

(attachment)

Recommendation from the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee – October 4, 2006

Trustee Scanlan, as Chairperson of the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-198

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

THAT: At the October 25, 2006 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees amend Policy 355 - Employee Recognition, as attached.

CARRIED

Draft Amendments to Policy 423 – Health-Promoting Schools

(attachment)

Recommendation of the District Health-Promoting Schools Committee – September 14, 2006

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Chairperson of the District Health-Promoting Schools Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-199

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

THAT: At the October 25, 2006 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees amend Policy 423 - Health-Promoting Schools, Section 1, to include a representative from the Aboriginal Community, as attached.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley confirmed that the District Health-Promoting Schools Committee would forward a letter to the Aboriginal Education Committee requesting a representative on the Committee.

**The question was called on 06P-199.
CARRIED**

Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

(Requirement of Policy 620 – Site Maintenance)

(attachment)

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee – October 18, 2006

Trustee Horning, as Chairperson of the Planning and Facilities Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-200

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

THAT: The Board accepts the October 10, 2006 Memorandum from the Director of Operations as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Site Maintenance.

Trustee Horning provided clarification on the requirements of the Pest Management Report.

**The question was called on 06P-200.
CARRIED**

Bankhead Elementary – Property Bylaw No. 98

Rail with Trails Right-of-Way to the City of Kelowna

(attachment)

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee – October 18, 2006

Trustee Horning, as Chairperson of the Planning and Facilities Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-201

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 98 (as attached) at the October 25, 2006 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Main

06P-202

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: School District No. 23 Property Bylaw No. 98 (Bankhead Elementary Rail with Trail Right-of-Way in favour of the City of Kelowna) be read a first, second and third time, and finally adopted this 25th day of October, 2006;
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 an entry and crossing point to the proposed pedestrian and cycling trail on Lot 2, District Lot 137, Plan 14545, ODYD known as the Bankhead 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).

The Secretary-Treasurer responded to questions on the Bylaw.

The question was called on 06P-202.
CARRIED

Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary – Property Bylaw No. 99
Statutory Right-of-Way Exchange with Regional District of Central Okanagan
(attachment)

Recommendation from the Planning and Facilities Committee – October 18, 2006

Trustee Horning, as Chairperson of the Planning and Facilities Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-203

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 99 (as attached) at the October 25, 2006 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Main

06P-204

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: School District No. 23 Property Bylaw No. 99 (Mount Boucherie Senior Secondary Statutory Right-of-Way Exchange with the Regional District of Central Okanagan) be read a first, second and third time, and finally adopted this 25th day of October, 2006;
AND FURTHER THAT: The Board grant approval for a statutory right-of-way in favour of the Regional District of Central Okanagan on Lot A, District Lot 3486, Plan

26784, O.D.Y.D. for the purposes of establishing a public access along the southern boundary of the school site;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Regional District of Central Okanagan will in return provide a statutory right-of-way in favour of School District No. 23 on a portion of the Remainder of District Lot 3486, O.D.Y.D. for the purpose of establishing and maintaining rockfall hazard mitigation structures on Mount Boucherie Regional Park;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board directs School District No. 23 staff to undertake all work necessary in partnership with the Regional District of Central Okanagan to complete the proposed statutory right-of-ways;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board certifies that the granting of this right-of-way exchange shall have no adverse effect on the educational programs provided within School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

The Secretary-Treasurer responded to questions.

The question was called on 06P-204.

CARRIED

French Immersion Growth Alternatives

(attachment)

The Superintendent provided an overview of the French Immersion Growth Alternatives Report. By Board Motion 06C-120 Trustees requested the Superintendent to provide a Report respecting the current and future status of the French Immersion Program as it relates to staffing, enrollment and long-term sustainability. A review of the growth of the French Immersion Program enrolment in comparison to the decline in the English Program enrolment was provided by the Superintendent. The challenges facing the School District include the increased need and recruitment for qualified French Immersion teachers when availability is declining; increase in French Immersion enrolment places capacity pressure at several schools possibly displacing or restricting English program students, increased costs in staffing, portables and resources; and catchment area boundaries conflicts for dual track schools.

Main

06P-205

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

THAT: The Board receive the French Immersion Growth Alternatives Report prepared by the Superintendent dated October 17, 2006.

The Superintendent responded to questions regarding French Immersion Program challenges.

The Superintendent advised that alternate options for parents for enrichment for students other than French Immersion should be considered.

The Board discussed the effects of a dual track or single track French Immersion school.

The question was called on 06P-205.

CARRIED

The Board discussed the timeline for Board action.

Main

06P-206

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Coordinating Committee place the French Immersion Growth Alternatives Report on a future Public Agenda after receipt of the Strategic Planning Report and prior to February 1, 2007.

CARRIED

Invitation from City of Kelowna Sports and Recreation Department for Trustee Representative on Nominating Committee for 2008 B.C. Summer Games Society

Trustee Horning reviewed the letter received from the City of Kelowna Sports and Recreation Department requesting a Trustee representative on the Nominating Committee for the 2008 B.C. Summer Games Society. The Superintendent noted that there is already a community representative to the same Committee.

Main

06P-207

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

THAT: The Board of Trustees approve an invitation from the City of Kelowna Sports and Recreation Department to nominate a Trustee to represent the Board on a Nominating Committee to establish the Board of Directors for the 2008 B.C. Summer Games Society.

CARRIED

Main

06P-208

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

THAT: Trustee Horning be nominated to represent the Board on the Nominating Committee to establish the Board of Directors for the 2008 B.C. Summer Games Society.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Horning

Letter to Ministry of Education regarding Annual Facilities Grant Freeze on Funding

Trustee Horning introduced the recommendation.

Main

06P-209

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: The Board send a letter to the Ministry of Education expressing concern over the freeze of Annual Facility Grant funding and the negative effect this will have on the building maintenance program.

The Superintendent confirmed that Annual Facility Grand funding was temporarily frozen with no indication from the Ministry as to when and if funds will be released.

The question was called on 06P-209.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

Field Trip Summary

(attachment)

Trustee Cacchioni inquired if any field trips were in jeopardy due to court decision on school fees and if these field trips were curricular or extra-curricular. The Superintendent advised that at this time the listed field trips were not in jeopardy and were of co-curricular and extra-curricular in nature.

Policy 631 - School Closures/Consolidation - Annual Requirement

(attachment)

The Superintendent advised the Board that he is not recommending that any school be closed or consolidated for the 2007/08 school year.

District Student Council 2006-2007

(attachment)

Revenue and Expense Summary at September 30, 2006

Approved at the Finance and Legal Committee Meeting - October 18, 2006

(attachment)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Horning

- **Planning and Facilities Committee**

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- Caldwell Hamilton Associates regarding Review of School Libraries
- Jinny Sims, President, BCTF regarding Statement of Concern from the Teachers of British Columbia
- Malcolm and Melinda Smith regarding School Bus Situation on Bear Creek Road and Parkinson
- School District No. 22 (Vernon) – copy of letter directed to Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Funding for Annual Facilities Grant
- Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia regarding An Audit of B.C.'s Efforts to Improve Literacy
- Canadian Cancer Society regarding Advocacy Initiative to make B.C. 100% Smoke Free
- School District No. 57 (Prince George) – copy of letter to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper regarding Child Care in the Early Years

Main

06P-210

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: At the October 25, 2006 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above, with the letter from the Canadian Cancer Society referred to the District Health-Promoting Schools Committee for discussion.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

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

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

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

November 1, 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

November 15, 2006
Committee V – Finance and Legal
1:00 p.m. at School Board Office
Committee II – Planning and Facilities
4:00 p.m. at School Board Office

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

Tentative Meeting with MLAS

Date: Friday, November 17, 2006
Time: To Be Confirmed
Location: Board Room
School Board Office

Subsequent to October 25, 2006 meeting, the time has been set for 2:45 p.m.

Trustee Scanlan

Trustee Scanlan provided Trustees with information on a workshop sponsored by CATCH – Community Action Toward Children’s Health. Workshop is scheduled on several different dates and pamphlet will be placed in Trustee Reading Basket.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Trustee Nicholl provided a report on the Labour Relations Symposium held on October 19 and 20, 2006 in Vancouver.

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.

Trustee Baxter provided a report on the Okanagan Branch of BCSTA Conference held on October 13 and 14, 2006 in Kelowna. A school/programs bus tour was part of the conference. Thank you to staff for hosting Trustees and thank you to Superintendent for presentation on October 14, 2006.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley provided a report on the Provincial Council Meeting held on October 20 and 21, 2006 in Vancouver. The Synopsis of the Provincial Council meeting will be forwarded to Trustees.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

District Health-Promoting Schools Committee – Letter from Canadian Cancer Society

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

French Immersion Growth Alternatives

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer