



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, September 27, 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, President
COPVPA	No representative
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President

ORDER:

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

AGENDA

Add	Information Item	Material for Item 9.2 – School Act Class Size/Class Composition Report
Add	Action Item	Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies – add Westbank

AGENDA

Main

06P-177

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Agenda for September 27, 2006 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

06P-178

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of September 13, 2006 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Horning (absent from meeting)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent presented by overheads the District Satisfaction Survey results for the school year 2005/2006. The Satisfaction Survey is a public document and each school has their own individual results. The Superintendent will ensure that Trustees are provided with copies of the District and School Satisfaction Survey results.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

Introduction of New Administrators

The Superintendent introduced the new administrators who were in attendance:

Jean Makosz, Principal, George Pringle Elementary School

Robert McEwen, Vice-Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School

Sylvain Guignard, Vice-Principal, Glenrosa Middle School

The Superintendent and the Chairperson, on behalf of the Board, welcomed all new administrators.

Ed Stuerle, Teacher, Rose Valley Elementary School

Awards by B.C. Student Film Festival

Trustee Horning introduced Ed Stuerle, teacher at Rose Valley Elementary School. Trustee Horning congratulated Ed Stuerle for sponsoring students that received a first place Award in the School Broadcast category and a first place Award in the Documentary category at the B.C. Student Film Festival. Trustee Horning presented Ed Stuerle with a Certificate and School District pin.

A video entitled "Technology – Yesterday and Today" was presented.

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.

Queries:

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- Satisfaction Surveys to a Committee for further analysis
The Superintendent confirmed data from the Satisfaction Surveys forms part of the Accountability Contract and is included in the Board and partner group review process for preparing the next Accountability Contract.

Trustee Nicholl

- Reply to correspondence received in August from Trustee Bruce Davis of the Toronto District School Board regarding rebate of GST for school boards/districts across Canada. Bruce Davis' letter requests a Trustee liaison from Districts to help coordinate participation in his campaign.
Trustee Baxter confirmed that Bruce Davis received the standard reply to his letter. Trustee Nicholl will be the Board's liaison.

ACTION ITEMS

Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2005/2006

(attachment)

In attendance: Eileen Sadlowski, Director of Finance

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

Main

06P-179

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board of Trustees receive and accept the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2005/2006, as attached, and as presented at the September 27, 2006 Public Board Meeting.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley confirmed that at the September 12, 2006 Finance and Legal Committee, the Committee met with the auditors, Jim Grant and Tyler Neels, of Grant Thornton. Tyler Neels was present at the September 27, 2006 Public Board Meeting to answer any questions.

Eileen Sadlowski, Director of Finance, responded to questions regarding comprehensive income (loss) and the Business Company. The Director of Finance confirmed that the School District No. 23 Business Company and its subsidiary Central Okanagan International Education Inc. will have separate audit processes and have their own Audited Financial Statements. The Director of Finance confirmed that the activities of the Business Company are shown under Related Entities on Schedule B1. This must be reflected in Audited Financial Statements as The Board of School Trustees is the only shareholder of the company. However, this does not affect the arms-length status.

Trustee Cacchioni confirmed that an Executive Summary of the audit was provided by Grant Thornton. This Executive Summary was provided to make statements more meaningful to the general public.

**The question was called on 06P-179.
CARRIED**

CommunityLink Funding Allocation

(attachment)

In attendance: Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K-12

Main

06P-180

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: At the Public Board Meeting of September 27, 2006, the Board receive and accept the recommendations for distribution of CommunityLink funds as set out in the attached September 19, 2006 Memorandum from the Superintendent.

Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K-12, responded to questions.

The Superintendent and Director of Finance responded to questions.

The Director of Instruction K-12, in responding to a question from Trustee Horning, confirmed that approximately 30-35 students would be involved in the school meal program at Kelowna Secondary School. The Superintendent confirmed that the Mental Health Worker is for the Lake Country Schools as the ARC Program covers only the Kelowna and Westside areas. The Director of Instruction K-12 confirmed that there was funding through CommunityLink last year for the hiring of a Mental Health Worker although the position was never filled. This surplus funding was carried over to the 2006/2007 school year funding. The Superintendent advised that the expenditure of CommunityLink funds is governed by strict guidelines as stated by the Provincial Government.

The Board discussed the advertising of the temporary, part-time (.5) Health Promoting Schools Coordinator to be partially funded by CommunityLink.

The question was called on 06P-180.

CARRIED

Review of Board Committee Process

06P-087 on March 29, 2006

THAT: The Board review the Committee Structure at the beginning of the 2006/07 school year.

The Chairperson reviewed the original Motion. As the Committee Structure is in discussions within Strategic Planning, the Secretary-Treasurer has advised that this Motion is to be amended.

Main

06P-180

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Board amend the previously adopted Motion 06P-087 to strike the words “at the beginning of the 2006/2007 school year” and inserting “subsequent to the completion of the strategic planning process”.

7:02 The Assistant Superintendent left the meeting.

The Board discussed the review of the committee structure within the strategic planning process.

The question was called on 06P-180.

CARRIED

Motion 06P-087 will now read as follows:

THAT: The Board review the Committee Structure subsequent to the completion of the strategic planning process.

Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Kelowna	Trustee Nicholl
Lake Country	Trustee Hunt-Binkley
Peachland	Trustee Baxter
Rutland	Trustee Horning
Westbank	Trustee Wiebe

Information will be provided to Trustees through the Secretary-Treasurer's office.

7:05 The Assistant Superintendent returned to the meeting.

Laptop Insurance Program

(attachment)

The Superintendent confirmed that Jon Rever, District Principal – Hollywood Road Education Services, was unable to attend the September 27, 2006 Public Board Meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the Memorandum dated September 20, 2006.

Main

06P-182

MOVED by Trustee Nicholl, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

THAT: The Board approve the implementation of a self insurance program for the iLearn computers for a one year period;

AND FURTHER THAT: Upon completion of the first year of the insurance program, that the Superintendent submit a report to the Board indicating the success of the program, any costs to the Board and a recommendation for the future of the program.

The Board discussed the current costs for parents associated with the iLearn Program.

The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer responded to questions.

The Board discussed the risks of the School District.

The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the self insurance program would be optional to parents.

The Board discussed the inclusion of a deductible in the self insurance program.

Amendment

06P-183

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

THAT: The Board approve the implementation of a self insurance program with the inclusion of a \$200.00 deductible for loss and damage for the iLearn computers for a one year period;

AND FURTHER THAT: Upon completion of the first year of the insurance program, that the Superintendent submit a report to the Board indicating the success of the program, any costs to the Board and a recommendation for the future of the program.

The Superintendent advised the Board that in order to make insurance for the laptops mandatory, there would have to be a change to Policy 425 – Student Fees and Regulations 425R – Student Fees.

The question was called on Amendment 06P-183.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Scanlan

**The question was called on Main Motion 06P-182 as amended by Amendment 06P-183.
CARRIED
Opposed: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Trustee Scanlan**

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

Field Trips for 2006/2007

(attachment)

School Act Class Size/Class Composition Report

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

(The Provincial Class Size/Class Composition Consultation Report for School District No. 23 was provided at the meeting).

The Superintendent advised that the Report outlines those classes within School District No. 23 which exceed class size guidelines and class composition guidelines as set out by the Ministry of Education. At the September 27, 2006 Public Board Meeting the Board is required to receive the Report and at the October 11, 2006 Public Board Meeting the Board will provide approval of the Report. The preliminary class size estimates are not required in this Report. The Class Size Report from the snapshot data on September 29, 2006 will provide the class size information. As required, a Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation signed by the Principal of each school is included within the report. This Declaration includes confirmation that consultation with individual teachers and School Planning Councils has been completed where the class size or the class composition (more than 3 special education students per classroom) exceeds the guidelines.

Rod Odlum, Director of Instruction – Human Resources, provided a further overview of the Report.

The Superintendent would like to thank Rod Odlum, Jon Rever and Holly Sauve for all their work on this Report.

Main

06P-184

MOVED by Trustee Nicholl, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: The Board receive the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Report as presented at the September 27, 2006 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2006

The Superintendent confirmed that School District No. 23 and the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association are holding a joint Welcome Back Social on Thursday, October 5, 2006 commencing at 4:00 p.m. at Duffer's. All Trustees are invited to attend.

The Human Resources and Staff Services Committee is also organizing a form of recognition for teachers.

Request from Kelowna Art Gallery Advocacy Group

(attachment)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Wiebe

- Education and Student Services Committee

There will be a presentation on the Family Life Program at the Education and Student Services Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- District Health-Promoting Schools Committee

Next meeting will take place on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Board Office.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received: The Hon. Diane Finley regarding Child Care Policies
Jinny Sims, President, BCTF – copy of letter to South Rutland
Elementary School PAC regarding Teacher Withdrawl from School
Planning Councils
Penny Tees, President, BCSTA regarding Membership in BCSTA

Main

06P-185

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

**THAT: At the September 27, 2006 Public meeting, the Board receive the
correspondence listed above.**

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 25, 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

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.

October 2006 Provincial Council

Date: Friday, October 20, 2006 and Saturday, October 21, 2006
Location: Wosk Centre for Dialogue
Vancouver, B.C.
Deadline for Call for Motions: Friday, September 29, 2006
Trustee Hunt-Binkley will be attending.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

October 11, 2006 - School Act Class Size/Class Composition Report Approval

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer