



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007**

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	Deb Butler, President
COTA	Tom Potts, President
COPVPA	Rick Oliver, President
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President
DSC	No Representative

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

AGENDA

Replace	Item 9.1 – Field Trips for 2006/2007 – updated attachment
New	Action Item 7.6 – Letter to Ministry of Mines regarding Gravel Pits

AGENDA

Main

07P-078

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Agenda for April 25, 2007 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

07P-079

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of April 11, 2007 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

- In response to media reports, the Superintendent provided an overview of the funding for busing in the School District and the recommendation there be no services changes for 2007/2008.
- The Superintendent advised that as a result of the incident with an intruder in several of our elementary schools, there will be a review of school security. Consultation will take place with the RCMP, administrators and parents. A report will be provided to the Board for review by the end of the school year.
- The Rutland Senior Secondary School Residential Construction Project is almost at lock-up stage. The project will be featured on Okanagan Today by CHBC at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, 2007. Congratulations to Rick Oliver, Principal of Rutland Senior Secondary School, and everyone else involved in the success of this project.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

Regional Science Fair Award Winners

(attachment)

Derek Ling & Cody O'Neil – Dr. Knox Middle School

Gold Medal, Genome BC Award and Gold Backdrop Award

Trustee Cacchioni presented a Certificate and School District pin to Derek and Cody.

Gordon Minaker – Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Silver Medal and Al Appleton Worksafe Award

Gordon was unable to attend.

Jake Pinoli – Dr. Knox Middle School

Silver Medal and Heart and Stroke Foundation Award

Trustee Horning presented a Certificate and School District pin to Jake.

Emma Walker – Dr. Knox Middle School

Bronze Medal, Federation of BC Naturalists Award and Bronze Backdrop Award

Trustee Scanlan presented a Certificate and School District pin to Emma.

Jessica LeNoble & Leanna Gruendel – Dr. Knox Middle School

Bronze Medal and SCWIST Award (Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology)

Trustee Nicholl presented a Certificate and School District pin to Jessica and Leanna

Christopher Roberts – Dr. Knox Middle School

Young Science Innovator Award

Trustee Hunt-Binkley presented a Certificate and School District pin to Christopher.

Aaron Skura – Glenrosa Elementary School

Bronze Backdrop Award

Trustee Wiebe presented a Certificate and School District pin to Aaron.

Marlon Brown, Teacher, Dr. Knox Middle School

Shona Becker, Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Trustee Baxter presented a Certificate and School District pin to Marlon Brown and thanked him for his involvement in organizing the Okanagan Regional Science Fair. Shona Becker was unable to attend.

Presentation:

Grad Rate Update and Initiatives Report

In attendance: Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K-12

Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K-12, made a Powerpoint presentation to the Board. The presentation is attached to and forms part of these Minutes.

Hugh Gloster, Assisant Superintendent, advised the Board that there would be a presentation to the Education and Student Services Committee at a future meeting regarding graduation transition plans. A discussion took place regarding the two groups of students who do not graduate from grade 12. There are those students who drop out of school prior to graduating from grade 12 and those students who remain in school but do not meet the graduation requirements. Prior to the setting of the District Goals for next year, there will be a presentation to the Board on the results of 2007/2008 District Goal on graduation.

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

Day of Mourning for Workers – Friday, April 27, 2007

Recommendation of the Coordinating Committee – April 17, 2007

Main

07P-080

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: The Board observes a moment of silence to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of doing their work;

FURTHER THAT: The Board requests that schools lower their flags to half-mast on Friday, April 27, 2007;

AND FURTHER THAT: A recognition ceremony be held at the Operations Department on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 11:45 a.m.

CARRIED

Trustee Horning and Trustee Cacchioni will be attending the recognition ceremony at the Operations Department.

2007/2008 District Budget Recommendations

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – April 18, 2007

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

Main

07P-081

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

THAT: The Board adopt the Preliminary 2007/2008 School District Budget, including the specific budget additions and reductions, as presented at the April 25, 2007 Public Board meeting.

The Superintendent expressed thanks to Trustees, partner groups for their submissions and Eileen Sadlowski, Director of Finance, for her assistance in the preparation of the recommendations. The Superintendent responded to questions.

**The question was called on 07P-081.
CARRIED**

Framework for Communication Audit

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee - April 4, 2007

(In response to the referral of Motion 07P-064 by the Board on March 28, 2007.)

(Note: Motion 07P-064 reads: *THAT: The Board meet with BCSTA staff to develop a communication audit.*)

Trustee Nicholl introduced the recommendation.

Main

07P-082

MOVED by Trustee Nicholl, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board meet with BCSTA staff to develop a framework for a communication audit.

CARRIED

Draft Amendments to Policy 640 – Smoke-Free Environment

(attachment)

The Board was advised by Trustee Baxter that the amendments to Policy 640 are as a result of a Ministry of Education directive.

Main

07P-083

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

THAT: The Board rename Policy 640 – Smoke-Free Environment to Policy 640 – District Tobacco-Free Environment;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Board approve amendments to Policy 640 – District Tobacco-Free Environment, as attached, and as presented at the April 25, 2007 Public Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the form of communication to parents as referenced in item 5. The Superintendent will request that the letter to parents be included in the summer mail out of middle school and secondary school timetables. Trustee Baxter requested information on signs being placed around the District indicating no smoking. The Superintendent advised that this will be considered.

7:35 Trustee Wiebe left the meeting.

The Board continued to discuss the amendments to the Policy.

7:39 Trustee Wiebe returned to the meeting.

**The question was called on 07P-083.
CARRIED**

**Amended Property Bylaw No. 98
Bankhead Elementary School - Rail with Trail Right-of-Way to the City of Kelowna**
(attachment)
Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – April 18, 2007

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

Main

07P-084 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
**THAT: The Board give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Property Bylaw No. 98 (as attached) at the April 25, 2007 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED**

Main

07P-085 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
**THAT: School District No. 23 Amended Property Bylaw No. 98 (Bankhead Elementary Rail with Trail Right-of-Way in favor of the City of Kelowna) be read a first, second and third time, and finally adopted this 25th day of April, 2007;
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 *legal survey 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).
CARRIED**

Letter to Ministry of Mines regarding Gravel Pits

Trustee Wiebe introduced the recommendation.

Main

07P-086

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Board write a letter expressing our opposition to new gravel pit applications that would result in increased heavy vehicle traffic on school bus routes and through school zones within School District No. 23.

Trustee Wiebe advised that there have been applications for gravel pits near Rose Valley Elementary School as well as in Peachland and Lake Country. A copy of the letter is to be forwarded to the area MLA, the District of Peachland and the District of Lake Country.

**The question was called on 07P-086.
CARRIED**

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

Field Trips for 2006/2007
(attachment)

Field Trips for 2007/2008
(attachment)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding early learning
School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding 2006/2007 holdback funds
School District No. 38 (Richmond) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Early Learning Initiatives Funding
Springvalley Middle School regarding Outdoor Education Program
Heather Nyhagen regarding passing of new Legislature called “Anaphylactic Student Protection Act 2007”

Main

07P-087

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: At the April 25, 2007 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office
Trustee Horning will be absent from this meeting.

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 2, 2007

- 4:30 Committee IV – Human Resources and Staff Services
Trustee Horning is unable to attend. Trustee Nicholl will be attending on his behalf.
- 6:30 Committee III – Education and Student Services

May 16, 2007

- 1:00 Committee V – Finance and Legal Committee
- 4:00 Committee II – Planning and Facilities Committee

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Coordinating Committee – Recommendation for letter to be forwarded to the BCSTA requesting a change in format of BCSTA AGM Agenda.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer