



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

## PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 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  
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer  
H. Gloster, Assistant Superintendent  
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

### Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	No representative
COTA	Tom Potts, President
COPVPA	Rick Oliver, President
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President
DSC	No representative

### ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### AGENDA

Add	Action	Material for item 7.4 - Acceptable Charitable Activities
Add	Information	New Information Item 9.5 – 2007/2008 School Charges
Change	Agenda	Items 4.1-4.4 and Item 5 and 6 to be heard prior to Item 3.

### AGENDA

*Main*

07P-118 **MOVED** by Trustee Cacchioni, **SECONDED** by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Agenda for June 27, 2007 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

## MINUTES

Main

07P-119

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of June 13, 2007 be adopted as distributed.**

**CARRIED**

**Abstained: Trustee Horning (absent from meeting)  
Trustee Wiebe (absent from meeting)**

## RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

### Recognition:

#### **Peachland Civic Award Winners – Youth Achievement Awards**

Tiffany Cunningham  
Becky Elliott  
Brittany Boorman  
Raven-Tunde Simonyi-Hill

Trustee Baxter presented a School District No. 23 Certificate and pin to Tiffany, Becky and Raven. Brittany was unable to attend.

#### **Young Entrepreneur Competition Apprentice Winners**

##### **Middle School Team - Rutland Middle School**

AKLIK

Kayla Moore and Lauren Bevandick

Trustee Wiebe presented a School District No. 23 Certificate and pin to Kayla and Lauren.

##### **Secondary School Team – Kelowna Secondary School**

The Socca Playas

Sanj Mudaliar, Kevin Mueller and Jillian Battaglio

Trustee Cacchioni presented a School District No. 23 Certificate and pin to Sanj, Kevin and Jillian.

#### **Christina Van, Student, Rutland Senior Secondary School**

Recipient of Bronze Medal, 2007 Canada Skills Competition – Final for “Website Development”

Trustee Horning presented a School District No. 23 Certificate and pin to Christina. Carl Knowles, who is Christina’s teacher at Rutland Senior Secondary School, was also presented with a School District pin.

## **Presentation:**

### **Central Okanagan Teachers' Association – Social Justice Programs**

In attendance: Jasmine Lemon  
Katie Wilson  
Darylene Godkin

Jasmine Lemon, Katie Wilson and Darylene Godkin made a Powerpoint presentation to the Board. The presentation is attached to and forms part of these Minutes. The presentation reviewed the three conferences organized by the Social Justice Committee including Care and Make it Fair, SCOPE (Students Creating Opportunities for the Promotion of Equality) and FIT (Fighting Injustice Together). The Goals for 2007-08 were also presented.

The Chairperson and Superintendent acknowledged the presentation and thanked the presenters for their commitment, and also recognized the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

### **Tom Potts, President, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association**

On behalf of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, Mr. Potts expressed appreciation to the Board of Trustees for their ongoing commitment of cooperation throughout School District No. 23. Mr. Potts also expressed appreciation for the many initiatives which have had a positive impact on the teaching staff in the District.

## **TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS**

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

### **Trustee Cacchioni**

- Trustee Cacchioni requested information from the Superintendent on the statistics on the number of secondary school students who have opted out of writing Provincial Exams.  
*The Superintendent advised that new Ministry policy enables a student to complete grade 12 and receive credit for a course without writing a Provincial Exam in some subjects. The number of students who are opting out of writing Provincial Exams varies from school to school and course to course. The percentage ranges from 10% to 45% of students not writing Provincial Exams in provincially examinable subjects. Where students have elected to not write a Provincial Exam in a course, this may affect their eligibility to move forward to University. The entry requirements for University vary from institution to institution. The University of British Columbia Okanagan and University of British Columbia require students to write exams in four provincially examinable subjects to earn course credit for eligibility. The Superintendent indicated that a Report will be provided to the Board in the Fall providing information on the number of students who elected to not write Provincial Exams in provincially examinable subjects for the 2006/2007 school year.*

- Trustee Cacchioni queried on the implementation of Bill 31 which is the elimination of mandatory retirement.

*The Superintendent confirmed that the Government passed a Bill which would eliminate mandatory retirement in public service in British Columbia which will take effect on January 1, 2008. School District Policy and Procedures will have to be updated prior to December 31, 2007.*

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

- Trustee Hunt-Binkley made reference to an article in the Kelowna Capital News on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 with regard to three School District No. 23 schools receiving \$500.00 in phys-ed credits through the Go Active! Fitness Challenge presented by McDonald's. Trustee Hunt-Binkley applauded the activities although expressed concern with the sponsorship requirement and would like to ensure there are 'no strings attached' to the schools.

*The Superintendent indicated he would follow-up.*

#### **Trustee Scanlan**

- Trustee Scanlan requested a follow-up to the possible Young Parent Day Care Program Expansion Project for Rutland Senior Secondary School.

*The Superintendent confirmed that the District is continuing with the exploration of a young parent/infant day care program at Rutland Senior Secondary School. There are various licensing and practical requirements. Rick Oliver, Principal of Rutland Secondary School, confirmed that in April of 2006 the Board wrote a letter to the Kelowna Child Care Society indicating support of the expansion to Rutland Senior Secondary School. Federal funding for the expansion was originally sought. Due to the changes to the Federal Child Care Program, funding is not currently available. Therefore, the District is pursuing other options for funding.*

- Trustee Scanlan requested an update on the damage and/or refurbishing of the iLearn laptops.

*The Superintendent advised that a full report of the iLearn Program will be presented at the October 3, 2007 Education and Student Services Committee. The Assistant Superintendent advised that consultation is ongoing with IBM and Lenovo regarding design changes for durability of the laptops.*

#### **Trustee Baxter**

- Trustee Baxter requested information from the Superintendent on TILMA (Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement) which is the free trade agreement as between British Columbia and Alberta. This Agreement was effective April 1, 2007.

*The Superintendent advised that TILMA would have an effect on both trades and teachers. The effect on both is in the area of standardization of certification between the two Provinces. The Superintendent will review the Agreement with regard to information on the effect the Agreement will have on purchasing and tendering regulations.*

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent provided a PowerPoint presentation titled "Highlights of the Year". The presentation is attached to and forms part of these Minutes.

## ACTION ITEMS

### **SD 23 Achievement Contract 2007/08 - Draft**

(attachment – cover page only)

(The SD 23 Accountability Contract 2007/08 - Draft is available to view on the School District website: [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca) under Superintendent's Reports.)

The Superintendent advised that the Achievement Contract was originally to be submitted to the Ministry by July 15, 2007. School Districts were recently advised that Achievement Contracts for this year were still to be referred to as Accountability Contracts (as they have in the past) and are now to be submitted by October 31, 2007 to the Ministry. The new Achievement Contract for 2007/2008 is to be submitted by July 15, 2008. The recommendation is that the Draft Accountability Contract for 2007/08 be forwarded to the Education and Student Services Committee for partner review. Any recommended changes could be discussed at the Education and Student Services Committee meeting and the amended Accountability Contract be forwarded to the Board for final approval and forwarding to the Ministry of Education prior to the October 31, 2007 deadline.

*Main*

07P-120

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

**THAT: The Board direct the Draft of the SD 23 Achievement (Accountability) Contract 2007/08 to the October 3, 2007 Education and Student Services Committee for review, and for final recommendation back to the Board for approval and eventual submission to the Ministry of Education by the required deadline of October 31, 2007.**

The Board discussed the required contents of the Accountability Contract, and the fact the Ministry focuses only on student achievement.

Trustee Horning requested the inclusion of information on the initiatives of the School District with regard to safe schools and operations. The Superintendent indicated the possibility of inclusion under one of the current headings.

**The question was called on 07P-120.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Trustee Nicholl**

### **Draft Amendments to Policy 630 - Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities (attachment)**

Notice of Motion served by Trustee Baxter at the June 13, 2007 Public Board Meeting:

Trustee Wiebe introduced the recommendation.

*Main*

07P-121

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities be amended as follows:**

**1.2 Recommendations regarding the naming of new facilities or the renaming of existing schools/sections of schools will be received and considered by the Superintendent of Schools or designate and submitted for approval to the Building and Transportation Committee Planning and Facilities Committee.**

**1.3 The Planning and Facilities Committee will recommend a name to the Board for approval.**

The Board discussed the process for the recommendation of a name from the Planning and Facilities Committee to the Board for approval.

**The question was called on 07P-121.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Trustee Nicholl**

**Draft Amendments to Policy 425 - Student Fees and Regulation 425R – Student Fees**  
(attachment)

At the June 13, 2007 Public Board Meeting the following Motion was passed:

THAT: Policy 425 - Student Fees and Regulation 425R – Student Fees, as attached and as presented at the June 13, 2007 Public Board Meeting, be deferred to the Public Board Meeting of June 27, 2007 in order to incorporate amendments suggested by legal counsel.

The Board discussed one further amendment to the Policy and one amendment to the Regulation. The amendment to the Policy is as follows:

Introduction

In keeping with the provisions of the School Act, its accompanying Regulations and/or Orders of the Minister, the Board of School Trustees authorizes the charging of fees for *certain* goods and services, rental of musical instruments and the requiring of deposits for educational resource equipment and materials.

The amendment to the Regulation is as follows:

Schools may assess and collect *the* goods and services fees, rentals, deposits, and charges described below, providing that the ability to pay is not a prerequisite to taking an educational program and that the charge is not for an activity that directly relates to achieving the prescribed learning outcomes of a course or program except where permitted by legislation.

*Main*

07P-122

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 425 - Student Fees and Regulation 425R – Student Fees, as attached and as amended at the June 27, 2007 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Acceptable Charitable Activities**

(attachment provided at meeting)

Notice of Motion served by Trustee Hunt-Binkley at the June 13, 2007 Public Board Meeting:

THAT: The Superintendent develop a list of criteria to be used in determining which charitable activities are acceptable for school/student participation in School District No. 23.

The Board discussed the Superintendent's recommendation as provided in the Superintendent's Memo of June 26, 2007. The Superintendent's recommendation is for the creation of a Policy rather than a listing of criteria. The Policy would help to guide schools in their selection of suitable community service and charitable fundraising activities. The draft of the Policy will be presented to the Board for approval.

*Main*

07P-123

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The Board authorize the creation of a new District policy governing school and student participation in charitable and community services activities.**  
**CARRIED**

**Adoption - Annual Budget Bylaw 2007/2008**

(attachment)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley introduced the recommendation.

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07P-124

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The School District No. 23 Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2007/2008 (as attached) be given all three readings at the Public Board Meeting of June 27, 2007.**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*

07P-125

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The School District No. 23 Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2007/2008, in the amount of \$163,280,176 be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.**  
**CARRIED**

**Enhancement Projects – Adventure Playgrounds**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – June 20, 2007

Trustee Horning, as Chairperson of the Planning and Facilities Committee, introduced the recommendation. The School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement is requested in order to support South Rutland Elementary School's desire to remove their pesticide treated wood adventure playground structure. Once the approval is received, South Rutland Elementary School will commence their fundraising

*Main*

07P-126

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,  
**THAT: The Board approve the School District entering into a School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement with South Rutland Elementary School.**  
**CARRIED**

**Enhancement Project – Rose Valley Elementary School Park Benches**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – June 20, 2007

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

Main

07P-127

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,  
**THAT: The Board approve the School District entering into a School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement with Rose Valley Elementary School.**

Trustee Horning advised that Rose Valley Elementary School has previously entered into a School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement for their adventure playground. Through fundraising they have extra funds which they would like to place towards the installation of park benches adjacent to the playground equipment. The urgency of this request is so that the work to install the park benches can proceed at the same time as the previously approved adventure playground installation.

**The question was called on 07P-127.  
CARRIED**

Trustee Horning confirmed that at the Planning and Facilities Committee meeting of June 20, 2007, the Committee discussed future requests for School Enhancement Project Funding Agreements for enhancements of adventure playgrounds/school sites . The Committee decided that all future School Enhancement Project Funding Agreements for enhancements beyond adventure playgrounds be presented to the Planning and Facilities Committee as an information item, with the necessary background information provided by the Director of Operations. If the Planning and Facilities Committee have concerns with regard to the school enhancement request, the information will be forwarded to the Board for discussion.

#### **Draft New Policy 206 – Purchasing**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – June 20, 2007

Trustee Cacchioni, as Acting Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee Meeting on June 20, 2007, introduced the recommendation.

Main

07P-128

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The Board approve new Policy 206 - Purchasing, as attached and as presented at the June 27, 2007 Public Board Meeting.**

The Board discussed amendments to the Policy.

Amendment

07P-129

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,  
**THAT: The Board approve new Policy 206 - Purchasing, as attached and as amended at the June 27, 2007 Public Board Meeting as follows:**

**The Board of Trustees believes that all employees procuring goods and/or services on behalf of the School District are representatives of the School District and as such should *act in the best interest of the School District.***

**NO SECONDER  
NO DISCUSSION**

*Amendment*  
07P-130

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The Board approve new Policy 206 - Purchasing, as attached and as amended at the June 27, 2007 Public Board Meeting as follows:**

1. **Specific Procedures for the acquisition of goods and services are the responsibility of the Secretary-Treasurer. Procedures must be tailored to effectively meet the needs of the School District's ~~decentralized~~ management structure therefore authority to initiate expenditures shall be assigned to individual employees who have responsibility for specific accounts.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Hunt-Binkley**

*Amendment*  
07P-131

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Board approve new Policy 206 - Purchasing, as attached and as amended at the June 27, 2007 Public Board Meeting as follows:**

5. *Employees should utilize Purchasing and Central Stores whenever possible.*

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed: Trustee Nicholl, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Wiebe, Trustee Horning**

**The question was called on Main Motion 07P-128.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Trustee Scanlan, Trustee Baxter, Trustee Hunt-Binkley**

### **Name Change of District Racism Free Steering Committee**

Trustee Horning, as the Board representative on the District Racism Free Steering Committee, and Terry Beaudry, Director of Instruction K-12 and Chairperson of the District Racism Free Steering Committee, provided background information on the request for the name change. Bill Zeman, President, CUPE, requested that the matter be deferred in order that the requested name change can be discussed with the Executive of CUPE.

*Deferred*  
07P-132

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The Board defer the name change from the District Racism Free Steering Committee to the District Racism-Free/Harassment-Free Committee, to the September 26, 2007 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Field Trips for 2006/2007**  
(attachment)

**Field Trips for 2007/2008**  
(attachment)

**Aboriginal Education Program Fourth Annual Report  
January 2006 – December 2006**

(attachment – cover page only)

(The Aboriginal Education Program Fourth Annual Report, January 2006 – December 2006, was available upon request at the School Board Office and copies were made available at the Public Board Meeting.)

**CommunityLink Funding Allocation**

(attachment)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested that discussion occur at a future meeting with regard to a Resolution to the BCSTA AGM on the ramifications of the CommunityLink funding.

The Superintendent advised that the CommunityLink funding could be referred to the District Health Promoting Schools Committee for further discussion.

**2007/2008 School Charges**

(attachment)

The Superintendent advised that activity and cultural fees for schools remain optional and are unchanged for the 2007/2008 school year. The textbook caution fee has increased from \$10.00 to \$50.00 for students in grades 7 through 12. The revised fee will be implemented on a graduated basis beginning in September 2007.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trustee Horning**

- **Planning and Facilities Committee**

Trustee Horning advised the Board that at the Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on June 20, 2007, the Committee approved that the commencement time for all future Committee meetings would be 4:30 p.m.

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Received: The Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier, regarding Anaphylactic Student Protection Act  
The Honourable Stockwell Day, MP, regarding Speed Limit on Highway 97 – Peachland, B.C.  
The Honourable Kevin Krueger, Minister of State for Mining, regarding gravel pit applications within School District No. 23  
The Honourable Carole Taylor, Minister of Finance, regarding Anaphylactic Student Protection Act

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07P-133

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

**THAT: At the June 27, 2007 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

## **FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

## **SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS**

## **BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

September 10, 2007  
10:00 a.m.      Committee V – Finance and Legal Committee

September 19, 2007  
4:30 p.m.      Committee IV – Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

## **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

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

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSTA Branch Meeting**

Date:              October 26 and 27, 2007  
Location:        The Hillcrest Hotel  
                         Revelstoke, B.C.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES**

District Health Promoting Schools Committee – Community *Link* Funding

## **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Name Change of District Racism Free Steering Committee  
Report on percentage of students who have opted out of writing Provincial Exams

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer