



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008**

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:**

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| COPAC  | Deb Butler, President                          |
| COTA   | Alice Rees, Local Representative               |
| COPVPA | Greg Corry, Executive Member (arrived at 6:10) |
| CUPE   | Bill Zeman, President                          |
| DSC    | K.J. Hanson, Council Member                    |

## **ORDER:**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

### *Main*

08P-060            MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Agenda for April 23, 2008 be adopted as distributed.**  
**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

### *Main*

08P-061            MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of April 9, 2008 be adopted as distributed.**  
**CARRIED**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent provided the following report:

- **Opening of William R. Bennett Bridge – Student Participation Opportunity  
May 25, 2008**

There is an opportunity for students of the Central Okanagan to participate in the City of Kelowna's ceremonies for the opening of the William R. Bennett Bridge on May 25, 2008. The students will have the opportunity to participate in a ceremonial walk across the new bridge. The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council has been approached by the organizing committee. A request has also been made to include the new School District hybrid bus in the ceremonial drive across the bridge.

6:10 Greg Corry, Executive Member of COPVPA, arrived.

## **RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION**

## **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 Hunt-Binkley**

- Trustee Hunt-Binkley recently attended the Oyama Traditional School Planning Council Meeting. Was advised that Oyama Traditional School will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested that the Board may wish to acknowledge their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- At a recent Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, the committee received a presentation from Kelowna Secondary School with regard to an Enhancement Agreement for a new weight room. There was a considerable donation provided to the school so that this Enhancement Agreement for a weight room could be applied for. The Board may wish to review, at a future General Affairs Committee meeting, how schools are benefitting, and the advisability of the District developing guidelines on how these donations/contributions are received.
- Trustee Hunt-Binkley advised that she has received a nomination to the BCSTA Education Partners Healthy Schools Committee.

### **Trustee Scanlan**

- Trustees have been invited to participate in the Teddy Bear Picnic being held by the Women's Issues Subcommittee on Childcare. The Picnic is being held on Friday, May 23, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Parkinson's Recreation Centre.

### **Trustee Nicholl**

- At the final Education Week Committee meeting held recently, the date for Education Week for 2009 was established for March 9 through 13, 2009.

## ACTION ITEMS

### National Day of Mourning for Workers – April 28, 2008

#### *Main*

08P-062

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, 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.**

**CARRIED**

#### *Main*

08P-063

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board requests that schools lower their flags to half-mast on April 28, 2008.**

**CARRIED**

Trustee Horning advised the Board that the Operations Department will be observing a moment of silence on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 11: 45 a.m.

The Superintendent will inform schools to lower their flags to half-mast on Monday, April 28, 2008.

### School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report

(attachment)

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

Rod Odlum, Director of Instruction – Human Resources, confirmed that the requirement of the School Act is to report any time during the school year when the class size guidelines and/or class composition guidelines are exceeded. The Board must approve the Report for submission to the Ministry of Education. The report provided at the Public Board Meeting of April 23, 2008 indicates the exception for the month of March 2008.

#### *Main*

08P-064

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

**THAT: The Board approve for submission to the Minister of Education, the attached School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of March 2008 as attached and as presented at the April 23, 2008 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### Student Readiness Program – 14 Point Action Plan

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – April 2, 2008

Trustee Wiebe, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation.

#### *Main*

08P-065

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

**THAT: The Board approve the Student Readiness Program – 14 Point Action Plan as presented at the April 23, 2008 Public Board Meeting;**

**AND FURTHER THAT: Any additional financial implications be referred to the Finance and Legal Committee for consideration during the budget deliberation process.**

Trustee Wiebe advised that at the April 2, 2008 Public Education and Student Services Committee Meeting, the Committee received a presentation from Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K-12 and Barb Leclair, District Graduation Coordinator. This program is to support students with the necessary attributes for transition from elementary to middle to secondary through to graduation. The Superintendent advised that it is possible to implement the plan within the existing budget including current recommended cuts.

The Superintendent provided clarification on item 2.10 on page 5 of the Plan on the District-wide "Directed Suspension" Program. This is a program currently offered in other School Districts where a suspended student is required to report to a site (i.e. Central School Programs and Services) and is provided with interventions to assist in the issues causing the suspension.

**The question was called on 08P-065.**

**CARRIED**

### **Expansion of StrongStart Centres within School District No. 23**

(attachment)

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

*Main*

08P-066

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

**THAT: The Board approve the submission of a StrongStart grant application in support of the establishment of new centres at both Pearson Road Elementary School and George Pringle Elementary School for the 2008/2009 school year.**

The Superintendent advised that the Ministry of Education has made additional funding available for new StrongStart Centres. The deadline date for proposal submissions is April 30, 2008. The recommendation is for new StrongStart Centres at George Pringle Elementary School to service the Westside and Pearson Road Elementary School to service the Rutland area. The Ministry of Education will provide \$20,000.00 for start up, and \$30,000.00 in operational funding per year to sustain the program. The \$30,000.00 is the minimum amount required to operate the StrongStart Centres throughout the year with non-union staff. There is the possibility of CUPE Local 3523 Union requesting District support staff to operate the StrongStart Centres. This would increase the costs of running the program as District staff would receive a higher wage than an outside service provider, and there are also other costs associated with the CUPE Collective Agreement. In response to a query from Trustee Hunt-Binkley, the Superintendent advised there is very little cost for minor incidentals (i.e. custodial) paid out of the School District operating budget.

**The question was called on 08P-066.**

**CARRIED**

## 2008/2009 District Budget Recommendations

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – April 16, 2008

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as the Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, introduced the recommendations from the Finance and Legal Committee of April 16, 2008.

*Main*

08P-067

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

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Finance and Legal Committee on April 16, 2008 to remove the reduction in funding to support optional social justice programming in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the recommended expense reductions in specified areas.**

**CARRIED**

*Main*

08P-068

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

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the recommendation from the Finance and Legal Committee on April 16, 2008 to reduce the spring break allocation for clerical staff to \$20,000.00.**

**CARRIED**

*Main*

08P-069

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

**THAT: The Board of Education proceed with moving the Business Corporation from active to dormant.**

**CARRIED**

The Superintendent confirmed that with the removal of these three expenses, there would be \$62,000.00 in cuts designated beyond what is required for a balanced budget.

The Board discussed the retaining of the District Traffic Safety Officer position and the District Communications Officer position.

The Board discussed the possible budget implications to the School District on the provincial initiatives on carbon neutrality. The Superintendent advised that there are no clear implications to the 2008/2009 budget, but there will be implications to the 2009/2010 budget depending on the baseline information received.

*Main*

08P-070

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

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommended proportional expense reductions by District department with the additional \$62,000.00 proportional to all six items.**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed:** Trustee Baxter  
Trustee Nicholl  
Trustee Horning  
Trustee Wiebe

*Main*

08P-071

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the \$62,000.00 be added to the “Reduction of allocation to District Based Administration and Services”.**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed: Trustee Baxter  
Trustee Nicholl  
Trustee Scanlan  
Trustee Hunt-Binkley  
Trustee Cacchioni**

*Main*

08P-072

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the removal of the elimination of the District Communications Officer position from budget deliberations.**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed: Trustee Cacchioni  
Trustee Hunt-Binkley  
Trustee Horning  
Trustee Scanlan**

*Main*

08P-073

MOVED by Trustee Nicholl,

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the removal of the elimination of the District Traffic Safety Officer position from budget deliberations.**

**NO SECONDER**

**NO DEBATE**

*Main*

08P-074

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

**THAT: The Board approve the Superintendent’s recommended proportional expense reductions by District department and leave the \$62,000.00 open for the Superintendent’s recommendation.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Trustee Horning**

### **School District No. 23 - Amended Bylaw No. 5 Appeals Procedure**

(attachment)

*Deferred*

08P-075

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

**THAT: The third reading of Bylaw No. 5 Appeals Procedure be deferred to the next Public Board Meeting of May 14, 2008.**

**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

### **Alice Rees, Executive Member, COTA**

- Alice Rees spoke on behalf of Tom Potts, President, COTA. Alice Rees thanked the Board for their continue support of the Social Justice initiatives. The President has asked Alice Rees to express his thanks to the Board of Education and District staff for their efforts, consultation process and time over very tough decisions with regard to the budget. The School District made wise decisions in the past three years when there was surplus monies available. The monies were invested in preparing our students for the future. An example of the improvements of the School District were evident in the results of the District Review. The District reviewed praised the School District's planning and achievements.

### **Terri Nakayama, Vice-Chairperson of Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES)**

- On behalf of ACES, Terri Nakayama requested clarification from the Superintendent on the \$375,000.00 budget reduction to Student Support Services.  
*The Superintendent advised that although there will be \$375,000.00 in reduction to Student Support Services expenses at the beginning of the 2008/2009 school year, this does not include the anticipated mid-year grant which the School District has received in all recent years. The Ministry of Education holdback in previous years has been approximately \$40,000,000, of which School District No. 23 received \$160,000.00 in a mid-year grant. For the 2008/2009 school year the holdback is approximately \$85,000,000 of which School District No. 23 is hoping to receive \$300,000.00+ in a mid-year grant.*
- Ms. Nakayama expressed appreciation to the Board for allowing for the existence of ACES, and requested clarification from the Superintendent on the actual budget for special education for the 2007/2008 school year.  
*The Superintendent advised that the budget for special education for the 2007/2008 school year is \$15,528,243, which includes the \$160,000.00 mid-year grant. The special education budget for 2008/2009 is recommended at \$15,507,959, but does not include the mid-year grant.*

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **2008/2009 School Charges**

(attachment)

Referred from the Finance and Legal Committee – April 2, 2008

### **Revenue and Expense Summary at February 29, 2008**

(attachment)

Referred from the Finance and Legal Committee – April 2, 2008

### **CommunityLink Funding Allocation 2008/2009**

(attachment)

### **Early Learning Grant Planned 2008/2009 Expenditures**

(attachment)

The Superintendent will request Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K-12, to provide a report to the Board before the end of June providing the Board with an update on the District Literacy Plan.

**Field Trips for 2007/2008**

(attachment)

**Month End Enrolment – March 2008**

(attachment)

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

- Sent: Honourable Kevin Krueger, Minister of State for Mining, regarding gravel pit applications  
Honourable Wally Oppal, Attorney General, regarding proposed correctional facility
- Received: District Health Promoting Schools Committee regarding District Health Promoting Schools Coordinator position  
Karen Georgi regarding Functional Capacity  
School District No. 51 (Boundary) regarding Copyright Act: Educational Exemption  
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) regarding introduction of carbon tax credit  
School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) regarding meetings with Ministry at BCSTA Annual General Meetings

*Main*

07P-076

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

**THAT: At the April 23, 2008 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

**FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

**SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS**

## **BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

May 7, 2008

4:30 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee  
6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

May 21, 2008

1:00 Finance and Legal Committee  
4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee

## **ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

The Superintendent announced that the discussions around the elimination of the Traffic Safety Officer and Communication Officer positions are not a reflection of the performance of the individuals in these positions.

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

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION**

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Trustee Cacchioni

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 write a letter to the Minister of Transportation requesting that funds for the upgrade of Highway 33 from the McKenzie Road intersection to the Gallagher Road intersection, be allocated this fiscal year in order to provide 'safe routes' to schools (the City of Kelowna has been prepared to allocate funds this fiscal year).

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES**

General Affairs Committee – Sizeable Donations/Contributions to Schools

## **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

School District No. 23 - Amended Bylaw No. 5 Appeals Procedure

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

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer