



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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

Absent: Trustee C. Wiebe

Staff:

M. Roberts, Superintendent

H. Gloster, Assistant Superintendent

E. Sadlowski, Director of Finance

M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Absent: L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC

No representative

COTA

Tom Potts, President

COPVPA

No representative

CUPE

Deb Roseleine, Recording Secretary

DSB

No representative

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

Main

08P-026

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

THAT: The Board appoint Eileen Sadlowski, Director of Finance, to be the Secretary-Treasurer's delegate for the Public Board Meeting of Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

CARRIED

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

AGENDA

Move Recognition/Presentations/Delegations to Item 3.

AGENDA

Main

08P-027 MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Agenda for February 27, 2008 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

08P-028 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of February 13, 2008 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED
Abstained: Trustee Scanlan (absent from meeting)

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

Little Women for Little Women in Afghanistan

(Davidson Road Elementary School)

Little Women for Little Women in Afghanistan was founded by student Alaina Podmorrow in the Fall of 2006 after she attended a speech by Sally Armstrong, journalist, documentary film maker and human rights activist. Alaina was inspired by Sally's words "The worst thing you can do is nothing". There are currently twenty three students from Davidson Road Elementary School and one student from Peter Greer Elementary School involved in the chapter. To date the students have raised over \$30,000.00 which is all forwarded to Afghanistan through the mother organization Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan to pay the salaries of Afghan teachers.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley introduced the students and presented a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin, on behalf of the Board, to each student.

Max Walker, Student, Kelowna Secondary School

Shane Hickey, Student, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

British Columbia Youth Parliament

Trustee Nicholl introduced Max Walker, student at Kelowna Secondary School, and Shane Hickey, student at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

B.C. Youth Parliament began in 1924 as the TUXIS Older Boys' Parliament and in 1974, upon admittance of girls, it became B.C. Youth Parliament. Every year between December 27 and 31, 95 representatives of youth organizations from across British Columbia gather at the Legislative Chambers in Victoria for the annual session of BC Youth Parliament. While in the legislature the members learn about parliamentary process, debate topics of interest and plan activities for the upcoming year.

Trustee Nicholl presented a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin, on behalf of the Board, to Max and Shane.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

- Update from Deputy Minister's Meeting
- The Superintendent presented a Powerpoint presentation: Ministry of Education Update – February 2008, which included the following topics:
 - StrongStart
 - 2008/09 Funding
 - Free Adult Programs
 - Leadership Loss
 - Labour Shortage
 - Education Programs
 - Other Key Changes
 - 15 Passenger Vans
 - The 'Triple Bottom Line'

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION CONTINUED

Presentation:

2007 Safety Review

In attendance: Ken Emmons, District Health & Safety Manager
(attachment)

The chairperson introduced Ken Emmons, District Health & Safety Manager. The District Health & Safety Manager provided an overview of the 2007 Safety Review report. School District No. 23 has contracted its claims management expertise to 13 (representing 22%) of the School Districts in the Province. Special recognition goes to the Operations staff who this year had 8 claims which is 6% of all claims, and last year had 24 claims which was 20% of all claims. This is the third year in a row the claims from Operations have decreased. WorkSafeBC is looking at the implementation of a penalty system for those industries which have not reported injuries within a three day period. For School District No. 23 in 2003 11 claims were reported within 0-3 days and in 2007 151 claims were reported within 0-3 days. School District No. 23 average days to report was 16 in 2003 and is down to 3.3 in 2007.

In response to a query from Trustee Baxter, the District Health & Safety Manager explained the Teleclaim process to the Board. WorkSafeBC regulations which came out in July of 2007 were to provide new safety orientation to all new employees and provide reorientation to existing employees. Our School District is in 100% compliance with the regulation.

The Superintendent congratulated the District Health & Safety Manager.

The Chairperson thanked the District Health & Safety Manager for his presentation.

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 and Trustee Wiebe attended the ACES (Advisory Council for Exceptional Students) meeting where there was a presentation by the Director of Finance on the special education budget. The Superintendent also attended the meeting. With two Trustees and senior staff in attendance, there was the opportunity for questions to be asked and answers provided. The Board may wish to look at the attendance of a Trustee at future ACES meetings, possibly on a rotating basis similar to the attendance of a Trustee at COPAC meetings.

ACTION ITEMS

Draft Policy 330: Retirement – Replacement Normal Retirement and Bus Driver Exemption (attachment)

Recommendation of the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee – January 9, 2008

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as the Acting Chairperson for the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee on January 9, 2008, introduced the recommendation.

Main

08P-029

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

THAT: The Board approve new Policy 330: Retirement, as presented at the February 27, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley advised that the Draft Policy 330: Retirement has come forth as a result of new legislation which requires the removal of a mandatory retirement age. The draft Policy contains a provision for bus drivers to retire no later than the end of the school year in which they reach 65 years of age. The documentation provided, including previous cases and medical information, provides for support of the recommendation. Once a bus driver reaches the age of 65 they will have the right to post to other positions within the District, provided they possess the necessary qualifications for the position. The bus drivers will not have the option to bump into another position. In order to obtain the qualifications for other positions in the District, bus drivers and all other members of CUPE, are provided with the opportunity to apply to the Union Training/Professional Development Fund or the In-Service Fund.

Rod Odlum, Director of Instruction – Human Resources, advised that the inclusion of this requirement in the Policy is for the safety of students. Medical research indicates that past the age of 65 a bus driver's ability to safely operate a school bus diminishes

The question was called on 08P-029.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Horning

7:12 Trustee Wiebe was contacted by telephone.

Confidential Disclosure Policy

(attachment)

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee – February 6, 2008

Trustee Cacchioni, as the Acting Chairperson of the General Affairs Committee on February 6, 2008, introduced the recommendation.

Main

08P-030

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: The new Confidential Disclosure policy cover financial matters only, and that it operate within existing reporting mechanisms.

The Superintendent confirmed that his recommendation to the General Affairs Committee as contained in his February 1, 2008 memo to the Committee was that the new policy include options for reporting both financial and all other matters that may be of concern. At the General Affairs meeting on February 6, 2008, the Committee discussed the Superintendent's recommendation and voted to recommend to the Board that the new Confidential Disclosure policy cover financial matters only, and utilize existing reporting mechanisms.

The Board discussed the reporting mechanisms in place for partner groups including provisions in their respective Collective Agreement contracts.

The question was called on 08P-030

CARRIED

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

Proposal for Substantive Change (Outdoor Education Academy) – Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – February 6, 2008

Trustee Scanlan, as a member of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

08P-031

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

THAT: The Board approve in principle the Proposal for Substantive Change - *Outdoor Education Academy* – to be implemented at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, pending compliance with yet to be received School Act Academy Regulations;

AND FURTHER THAT: Constable Neil Bruce Middle School be permitted to advertise this academy as part of their course selection process for the 2008/2009 school year, with a disclaimer advising that this academy is subject to final approval by the Board of Education, dependent upon compliance with yet to be received Ministry of Education Regulations.

CARRIED

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Soccer Academy) – George Elliot Secondary School
(attachment)**

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – February 6, 2008

Trustee Scanlan, as a member of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

08P-032

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

THAT: The Board approve in principle the Proposal for Substantive Change – Soccer Academy – to be implemented at George Elliot Secondary School, pending compliance with yet to be received School Act Academy Regulations;

AND FURTHER THAT: George Elliot Secondary School be permitted to advertise this academy as part of their course selection process for the 2008/2009 school year, with a disclaimer advising that this academy is subject to final approval by the Board of Education, dependent upon compliance with yet to be received Ministry of Education Regulations.

CARRIED

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Golf Academy) – George Elliot Secondary School
(attachment)**

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – February 6, 2008

Trustee Scanlan, as a member of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

08P-033

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,

THAT: The Board approve in principle the Proposal for Substantive Change – Golf Academy – to be implemented at George Elliot Secondary School, pending compliance with yet to be received School Act Academy Regulations;

AND FURTHER THAT: George Elliot Secondary School be permitted to advertise this academy as part of their course selection process for the 2008/2009 school year, with a disclaimer advising that this academy is subject to final approval by the Board of Education, dependent upon compliance with yet to be received Ministry of Education Regulations.

CARRIED

Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested that students and parents be made aware in the course selection booklet that the ability to pay for any Academy is not a prerequisite. The Superintendent advised that efforts are made to inform parents and students that financial hardship is not a barrier to any curricular, co-curricular or extra-curricular program. Currently, efforts are made to ensure parents are aware of the contents of Policy 425: *School Fees* and Policy 425R: *School Fees* where it states that the ‘ability to pay is not a prerequisite of any educational program’. This statement, or a similar statement, can be included in course selection booklets.

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – February 20, 2008

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

Main

08P-034

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

Main

08P-035

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2007/2008 in the amount of \$165,619,677 be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 27th day of February, 2008.
CARRIED

Enhancement Project – Kelowna Secondary School Weight Room

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – February 20, 2008

In attendance: Arnar Bernhardtsson, Athletic Director, Kelowna Secondary School

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

The Board discussed the installation of a triple wide portable (which is the preference of Kelowna Secondary School) or the installation of a double wide portable (which is the recommendation of Alan Cumbers, Director of Operations). The triple wide portable is the preference of the school to accommodate the weight room, storage space and meeting room space. The Board discussed the possibility of storage of the equipment in containers.

Main

08P-036

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,
THAT: The Board approve the School District entering into a School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement with Kelowna Secondary School for the installation of a double wide portable facility to house the school's weight room, and should extra auxiliary space be needed in the future, an additional portable may be added.

The Director of Operations confirmed that the double wide portable facility would have to meet all School District No. 23 standards. Also, in the event that the space occupied by the portable facility is required in the future for classroom space, the double wide portable facilities would have to be moved. The Board discussed the partnership agreement with the funding source in relation to corporate donations and advertising. The Board discussed the inclusion in the School Enhancement Project Funding Agreement of a paragraph stating “provided there are no conditions imposed by the funding sources”.

The question was called on 08P-036.

CARRIED

Request from The Corporation of the District of Peachland - Peachland Preschool Playground
(attachment)

Deferred

08P-037

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

THAT: The request from The Corporation of the District of Peachland – Peachland Preschool Playground be deferred pending a meeting with The Corporation of the District of Peachland.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Nicholl

Request from The Corporation of the District of Peachland for Preschool Rent Subsidy
(attachment)

Deferred

08P-038

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

THAT: The request from The Corporation of the District of Peachland – Preschool Rent Subsidy be deferred pending a meeting with The Corporation of the District of Peachland.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Nicholl

Review of Guiding Principles for Transportation
(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – February 20, 2008

Trustee Horning, as Chairperson of the Planning and Facilities Committee, introduced the recommendation. Dr. Sandra Sellick, District Principal – Operations, provided an overview of the memo dated February 21, 2008 and attached to the Public Board Meeting Agenda of February 27, 2008. The Guiding Principles for Transportation will provide a tool for the Transportation Department in planning for the relocation of Dr. Knox Middle School and the bus route changes due to this move, along with the restructuring of bus routes in the future.

Main

08P-039

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board approve the Guiding Principles for Transportation, as amended and as presented at the February 27, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the sequence of the categories of the Guiding Principles and requested that staff amend the document by reordering the categories by subject.

The question was called on 08P-039.

CARRIED

Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2008/09 to 2012/2013

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – February 20, 2008

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

Main

08P-040

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

THAT: The Board approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2008/09 to 2012/2013, as attached and as presented at the February 27, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

The Annual Facility Grant is prepared annually by staff in consultation with senior staff, principals, maintenance staff and consultants.

**The question was called on 08P-040.
CARRIED**

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

Education Week – March 10-14, 2008

(attachment)

Hugh Gloster, Assistant Superintendent, confirmed that the “Student Film Festival” scheduled for March 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rotary Centre for the Arts will not be taking place. The “Art in Action” opening scheduled for Monday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kelowna Art Gallery will be the opening event.

Field Trips for 2007/2008

(attachment)

Criminal Records Review Act Amendments

(attachment)

Rod Odium, Director of Instruction – Human Resources, advised that with the changes to the Criminal Records Review (CRC) Act, criminal record checks on employees must be completed every five years. The criminal record checks for teachers will be conducted through the BC College of Teachers. Implementation of the five year recheck is required by December 31, 2010. There will be an approximate additional \$10,000.00 cost per year to conduct criminal record rechecks on the non-teaching employees of School District No. 23.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- Sent: The Honourable Jon Les, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, regarding consideration of correction facility for the Kelowna area
- Received: George Elliot Secondary School Parent Advisory Council regarding Proposed 2008/2009 School Calendar
Regional District of Central Okanagan regarding Employee Wellness – KickStart Steps Out Pedometer Challenge
Vince Boyko, Vice-President, Peachland Parent Advisory Council, regarding School Trustee Electoral Boundaries
School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) – copy of letter to the Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Facility Space Funding
School District No. 45 (West Vancouver School District) – copy of letter to the Honourable Shirley Bond regarding changes to 2007/2008 funding formula

Main

08P-041

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: At the February 27, 2008 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Cancelled - Regular Public Board Meeting (Tentative)

Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 5, 2008

4:30 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

April 2, 2008

2:30 Finance and Legal Committee

4:30 General Affairs Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Branch Meeting

Date: February 29, 2008 and March 1, 2008
Location: Osoyoos, B.C.

BCSTA Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 3, 2008 through Sunday, April 6, 2008
Location: Westin Bayshore
1601 Bayshore Drive
Vancouver, B.C. V6G 2V4

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

THAT: Students and parents are made aware in school course selection booklets that the ability to pay is not a prerequisite for any Academy Program.

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Request from The Corporation of the District of Peachland - Peachland Preschool Playground
Request from The Corporation of the District of Peachland for Preschool Rent Subsidy

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer