



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 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:

COPAC	Liz Therres, President
COTA	Tom Potts (arrived at 6:15)
COPVPA	No representative
CUPE	David Tether, Vice-President
DSC	K.J. Hanson, Council Member

ORDER:

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

AGENDA

Add	New Action	7.10 – School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report
Add	New Action	7.11 – Letter to Local Irrigation/Water Districts re: Drinking Water at Schools
Add	Material for Agenda Item	9.6 – General Statements
Add	Replacement Page	9.8 – Field Trips for 2008/2009

AGENDA

Main

08P-115 **MOVED** by Trustee Cacchioni, **SECONDED** by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Agenda for June 25, 2008 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES – June 11, 2008

Amend page 6 – Committee Report of Trustee Wiebe, Education and Student Services Committee – June 4, 2008

Last paragraph to read as follows:

Trustee Wiebe explained that neither of these programs were forwarded to the Board for approval as they ~~make use of~~ fall under the authority of previously approved courses. If either of the programs expand and more curricular requirements are added, Board authorization may be required.

MINUTES

Main

08P-116

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of June 11, 2008 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

Main

08P-117

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of June 18, 2008 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED
Abstained: Trustee Scanlan (absent from meeting)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

District Accomplishments in 2007/2008

The Superintendent provided a Powerpoint presentation showcasing the District Accomplishments in 2007/2008. The presentation is available to view on the School District website (www.sd23.bc.ca – Superintendent's Reports).

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

Nolan Thorn, Student, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Gold Standard - University of Waterloo's Fryer Math Contest

Trustee Wiebe presented Nolan with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin. Also in attendance was James Pengilly, Nolan's teacher at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School.

Dry Grad Radio Star Winners

"Take the Bus"

Antonio DiMaria and James Ricci

George Elliot Secondary School

Trustee Hunt-Binkley presented both Antonio and James with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin.

Presentation:

**District Student Council
Teacher Thank You Video**

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

Samantha Makarenko, a grade 12 student at Rutland Senior Secondary School and member of the District Student Council, provided background information on the formation of the Teacher Thank You Video. The Board enjoyed the viewing of the Teacher Thank You Video.

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 Horning

Trustee Horning inquired on the schedules for the bus transportation for the 2008/2009 school year. *The Superintendent advised that the schedules are almost complete. The schedules will be published in the local newspapers approximately August 25, 2008 and will be available on the School District website near the end of the summer. Parents are also receiving individual confirmation letters by mail.*

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

Trustee Hunt-Binkley expressed a concern with the Grade Configuration Survey response deadline date from individuals of June 30, 2008. *The Superintendent advised that a review of the number of replies received by June 30, 2008 will be conducted and in the event there are not an extensive number of replies, the deadline date may be extended.*

ACTION ITEMS

Ministry Early Learning Agreement Approval

(attachment)

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

Main

08P-118

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: The Board approve the new Early Learning Agreement with the Ministry of Education as presented at the June 25, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the Agreement and the Superintendent responded to questions.

The Board discussed the placement of StrongStart Centers near Kelowna Transit transportation.

The question was called on 08P-118.

CARRIED

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 13 – Election 2008 - Update
Third Reading
(attachment)

The Chairperson confirmed that at the Public Board Meeting of June 11, 2008 the Board gave first and second reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 13 – Election 2008. At the June 11, 2008 Public Board Meeting, the Board also passed a Motion to write a letter to the Minister of Education asking for a decision on the Board's request to change the trustee electoral boundaries on the Westside. This letter was forwarded to the Minister of Education on June 12, 2008. As of today's date there has been no reply received from the Minister of Education. Therefore, the only change on School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 13 – Election 2008 is to include the new District of Westside.

Main

08P-119 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 13 – Election 2008, as attached and as presented at the June 25, 2008 Public Board Meeting, be read for the third time and finally approved this 25th day of June, 2008.
CARRIED

New Regulation 490R – Admission of Exchange Students (*Regulations*)

(attachment)

Recommendation from the Education and Student Services Committee – June 4, 2008

Trustee Wiebe, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation. The new Regulation 490R – Admission of Exchange Students (*Regulations*) was reviewed and amended at the June 4, 2008 Education and Student Services Committee. There have been a few wordsmithing changes since the Committee meeting on June 4, 2008.

Main

08P-120 MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board approve new Regulation 490R – Admission of Exchange Students, as presented and amended at the June 4, 2008 Education and Student Services Committee.

The listing of the approved exchanges will be a living document and modifications for the addition or deletion of approved exchanges can be updated by senior staff without Board approval.

The question was called on 08P-120.
CARRIED

Family Life Program Review Schedule

(attachment)

Recommendation from the Education and Student Services Committee – June 4, 2008

Trustee Wiebe, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation. Since the reimplementation of the Family Life Program, the Program was scheduled for review on an annual basis with a presentation by the Director of Instruction K-12 to the Education and Student Services Committee. Reviewing the Program on a three-year cycle will be in line with similar District program reviews.

Main

08P-121

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board review the Family Life Program on a three-year cycle in keeping with similar District program reviews.
CARRIED

Property Bylaw No. 106 – Sale of Former Bellevue Creek Elementary School Site to the City of Kelowna - Withdrawal

(attachment)

The Chairperson confirmed that on June 18, 2008 the City of Kelowna formally notified the Board of Education that the City of Kelowna was revoking the Contract of Purchase dated May 22, 2008. The City did bring forward an alternative offer to purchase a portion of the property. School District staff did not bring this offer to the Board as it was felt the offer would compromise the value of the remaining portion of the property. School District staff requested a land value guarantee for the remaining portion of the property, however, the City of Kelowna was not comfortable with the financial risk of such a proposal.

Main

08P-122

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) withdraw Property Bylaw No. 106 – Sale of Former Bellevue Creek Elementary School Site to the City of Kelowna, prior to third reading.
CARRIED

Main

08P-123

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the City of Kelowna confirming that the Board of Education has withdrawn Bylaw No. 106 – Sale of Former Bellevue Creek Elementary School Site to the City of Kelowna.
CARRIED

The Board discussed the procedure for the disposal of the property through a public process. The Board discussed the Ministry of Education's consideration of all day Kindergarten and pre-program Kindergarten and the space that may be required.

Main

08P-124

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent to dispose of the former Bellevue Creek Elementary School property through a public process.
CARRIED

The Board discussed the Board's \$4.4 million obligation for contribution to the construction of Chute Lake Elementary School.

District Strategic Plan

Deferred

08P-125 MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The revised District Strategic Plan be deferred to the Public Board Meeting of September 24, 2008.
CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – June 18, 2008

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

The Board discussed the recommended amendments to the Policy.

Main

08P-126 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities, as presented and amended at the June 18, 2008 Public Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, and as amended at the June 25, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

Amendment

08P-127 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities, as presented and amended at the June 18, 2008 Public Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, with the inclusion and amendment to paragraph 2.4 as follows:

2.4 Invitations to the public dedication ceremony shall be issued to all current trustees and former trustees for the past two terms.

CARRIED

**Opposed: Trustee Nicholl
Trustee Cacchioni**

Amendment

08P-128 MOVED by Trustee Nicholl,
THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of Schools and Facilities, as presented and amended at the June 18, 2008 Public Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, with the amendment to paragraph 2.2 as follows:

2.2 As time can elapse between the awarding of a construction contract and the official opening of a district school facility, the trustees' names inscribed on the plaque shall be those in office when the dedication ceremony is held.

NO SECONDER.

NO DEBATE.

The question was called on Main Motion 08P-126 as amended by Amendment 08P-127.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Nicholl

**Property Bylaw No. 107
Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Fortis BC Inc Statutory Right-of-Way
Lot A, District Lot 3486, Plan 26784, O.D.Y.D.**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – June 18, 2008

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

Main

08P-129

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 107 (as attached) at the June 25th, 2008 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Main

08P-130

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 107 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School - Fortis BC Inc Statutory Right-of-Way) be read a first, second and third time, and finally adopted this 25th day of June, 2008;
AND FURTHER THAT: A Bylaw of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), hereinafter called "the Board", to grant approval for a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of Fortis BC Inc on Lot A, District Lot 3486, Plan 26784, O.D.Y.D. commonly known as Mount Boucherie Secondary School site, located at 2751 Cameron Road, Kelowna, BC, for the purpose of maintaining and protecting electrical services to the school, as per the attached 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 within School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).
CARRIED

Adoption - Annual Budget Bylaw 2008/2009

(attachment)

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

Main

08P-131

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The School District No. 23 Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2008/2009 (as attached) be given all three readings at the Public Board Meeting of June 25, 2008.
CARRIED

Main

08P-132

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The School District No. 23 Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2008/2009, in the amount of \$163,970,058 be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 25th day of June, 2008.

The Board discussed the Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2008/2009 and the Secretary-Treasurer responded to questions.

**The question was called on 08P-132.
CARRIED**

School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report
(information provided at meeting)

The Superintendent confirmed that the ongoing 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 June 25, 2008 indicates the exceptions for the month of June, 2008.

Main

08P-133 MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
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 June, 2008 as attached and as presented at the June 25, 2008 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Letter to Local Irrigation/Water Districts re: Drinking Water at Schools

The Board discussed the issue of schools being provided with bottled water due to water alerts issued by local irrigation/water Districts.

Main

08P-134 MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: The Board write a letter to the local irrigation/water districts expressing concern about the regular disruption of water service due to water alerts, and request that the local irrigation/water districts give priority to providing to schools drinking water that meets the standards established by the Interior Health Authority.
CARRIED
Opposed: Trustee Nicholl

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Tom Potts, President, C.O.T.A.

- On behalf of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, Mr. Potts expressed appreciation to the Board for their dedication and hard work over the past year.

INFORMATION ITEMS

**Existing Dr. Knox Middle School – 1555 Burtch Road, Kelowna, BC
Water Line Agreement with the City of Kelowna**

(attachment)

Referred from the Planning and Facilities Committee – June 18, 2008

Trustee Horning provided an overview of the Water Line Agreement with the City of Kelowna.

George Elliot Secondary School

Impact of District of Lake Country Roundabout Construction

Referred from the Planning and Facilities Committee – June 18, 2008

Trustee Horning provided an overview of the construction of the roundabout in front of George Elliot Secondary School on Bottom Woodlake Road. The service lane accessing the back of George Elliot Secondary School will be relocated to become part of the roundabout.

Rutland Senior Secondary School

Intent to Consolidate Rutland Senior Secondary School and Bach Road Lot

Referred from the Planning and Facilities Committee – June 18, 2008

Revenue and Expense Summary at May 31, 2008

(attachment)

Referred from the Finance and Legal Committee – June 18, 2008

General Statements

(to be provided at meeting)

The Board concurred that the General Statements will now be included on each Public Board Meeting Agenda as an information item. The General Statement would provide information on the nature of the matters discussed and decisions reached at the previous Board Incamera Meeting.

Field Trips for 2007/2008

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2008/2009

(attachment)

Month End Enrolment – May 2008

(attachment)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Wayne Horning

Planning and Facilities Committee – June 18, 2008

At the June 18, 2008 Public Planning and Facilities Committee meeting the Committee discussed Policy 470 – Transportation Services Management and Policy 475 – Transportation: Authority and Responsibility. The Committee agreed to refer the review of the Policies to a working committee which will meet in September of 2008.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

Finance and Legal Committee – June 18, 2008

The Finance and Legal Committee received a presentation by Cairy Holtby, B.A., CIM, RBC Dominion Securities. The Director of Finance and Trustee Hunt-Binkley will be preparing a new Investment Policy covering the School District No. 23 investments for review by the Finance and Legal Committee and recommendation to the Board.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- Sent: The Corporation of the District of Peachland regarding rental subsidy, playground grant and installation of door between handicapped washroom and preschool
The Honourable Shirley Bond requesting decision on Board's request to change the trustee electoral boundaries on the Westside
- Received: George Elliot Parent Advisory Council – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding education funding
George Elliot Parent Advisory Council – copy of letter to Premier Gordon Campbell and Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General John Les regarding Proposed Prison Site: Border of Kelowna and Lake Country
School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond
School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding annual budget process and funding shortfall
School District No. 59 (Peace River South) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Early Learning Initiatives Funding
School District No. 28 (Quesnel) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Special Education and English as a Second Dialect
Referred to Finance and Legal Committee.
School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding introduction of carbon tax
Referred to Finance and Legal Committee.
School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding increase in funding for student transportation services
School District No. 27 (Cariboo – Chilcotin) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Carbon Tax Impact on School Districts

Main

08P-135

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

THAT: At the June 25, 2008 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 17, 2008

1:00 Finance and Legal Committee

October 1, 2008

4:30 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

October 15, 2008

4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee

6:30 Finance and Legal Committee

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Finance and Legal Committee:

Correspondence:

School District No. 28 (Quesnel) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Special Education and English as a Second Dialect

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding introduction of carbon tax

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

District Strategic Plan – *September 24, 2008*

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer