



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009**
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, B.C.

Attending:

Trustee R. Cacchioni (Chairperson)
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee G. Given
Trustee W. Horning
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley (by telephone)
Trustee G. Scanlan
Trustee J. Watson

Staff:
M. Roberts, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
H. Gloster, Assistant Superintendent
E. Sadlowski, Director of Finance
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Sharlene Drohomereski, President
COTA	Tom Potts, President
COPVPA	Leanne Zorn, Executive Member
CUPE	Roger Smith, Executive Member
DSC	KJ Hanson, Executive Member (arrived at 6:30)

ORDER:

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

AGENDA

Add Correspondence Received Correspondence Directed to the Board

AGENDA

Main

09P-076

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Agenda for April 22, 2009 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

09P-077

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of April 8, 2009 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

Irene Maier, Counsellor, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Recognition for Fundraising Efforts for Global Initiatives

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Baxter presented Irene Maier with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

Aboriginal Education Data Report

The Aboriginal Report 2003/04 – 2007/08 released by the Ministry of Education in January 2009 was attached to the Public Board Meeting Agenda and reviewed by the Superintendent.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Tom Potts, President, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association

- Mr. Potts stated that prior to the Public Meeting, a rally was conducted in the Board Office parking lot. This rally was to make a statement to show support for the Board of Education in the budget decisions which are to be made. Mr. Potts further clarified that the priority is to maintain services to students in the classroom.

Sharlene Drohomereski, President, Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

- Ms. Drohomereski provided a letter to the Board dated April 21, 2009 from the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) regarding the 2009/2010 budget recommendations. This letter provided clarification on the views and concerns of the COPAC regarding the budget recommendation on user pay busing. Many of the parents were in favour of this recommendation although they feel there is the need to ensure that the needs of families and students are taken into consideration by providing an option for a Family Plan. The COPAC further requested the Board consider looking to other areas of the school district budget that would not directly impact students.

Shelley Nicholl, Vice-President, Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

- The main concern of parents is to protect the core educational services provided in School District No. 23. The concern of parents in the establishment of user pay busing for all students is ensuring there is consideration given to those parents who are unable to pay the fee. Ms. Nicholl provided the results of the surveys conducted on Castanet and Capital News.

KJ Hanson, Executive Member, District Student Council

- In conversations with Michele Rule, City of Kelowna Councillor, regarding transportation user pay, there was discussion on obtaining City of Kelowna transit passes which would enable students to travel to and from school and use on weekends.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

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

Trustee Scanlan

- Trustee Scanlan attended an Okanagan Mission Secondary School performance at the Rotary Center for the Arts. The program for the performance referred to the building of a cultural center at Okanagan Mission Secondary School. The Board has not made any decisions on this matter.

Trustee Horning confirmed that representatives from Okanagan Mission Secondary School previously made a presentation to the Planning and Facilities Committee. The Board agreed that this matter would be added to the Agenda for the next Planning and Facilities Committee scheduled for May 20, 2009. The Superintendent has had discussions with the principal and staff of Okanagan Mission Secondary School regarding proper process. They will be requesting approval in principle for a theatre project. The Superintendent will follow up with the principal of Okanagan Mission Secondary School confirming that before proceeding any further, the item will be discussed at the next Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting and the Board must provide approval to proceed further.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- Trustee Hunt-Binkley referred to the numerous letters the Board has received regarding the issue of transportation user pay and if these letters are being provided to the Ministry of Education.

The Board agreed to forward to the Minister of Education, copies of all letters the Board has received regarding transportation user pay.

Trustee Horning

- Trustee Horning recently attended a School Planning Council meeting at Springvalley Middle School. There was discussion on a joint initiative with the City of Kelowna. Trustee Horning queried the process for how these types of issues should be brought to the attention of senior staff and the Board of Education.

The Superintendent confirmed that all inquiries should be forwarded to his attention.

ACTION ITEMS

Finance and Legal Committee's 2009/2010 District Budget Recommendations

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – April 15, 2009

Trustee Given, as Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, introduced the recommendation. In order to achieve a balanced budget, the Board must approve reductions or eliminations totaling approximately \$3,000,000.

Main

09P-078

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Board adopt the Preliminary 2009/2010 School District Budget, including the specific budget reductions, as presented.

The Superintendent provided a brief overview of each budget reduction and new allocation totalling \$3,019,000. In response to a Trustee query, the Superintendent advised that if the Board did not approve the establishment of broad-based user pay busing for all students, the \$1,000,000 would have to be eliminated from other budget items. A recommended alternative is the elimination of all coordinator type positions, which would total approximately \$835,000.

Trustee Baxter expressed concern in the amount of time provided to the Board and the public to consider the recommended expense reductions as proposed by the Superintendent. The Superintendent advised that although the budget decisions are not required to be in to the Ministry until the end of June, it is necessary to set the budget at this time in order to adhere to the staffing requirements and timelines. The timeline for this year's deliberation is the same as in all other recent years, and the one established by the Board Finance and Legal Committee.

The Board discussed the number of special needs students and courtesy riders who bus to school.

The Board discussed the effects of implementing a family plan for those families who are unable to pay the \$200.00 per year per student. The Superintendent confirmed that in providing a family plan this would reduce the funds received by the School District, but could be done.

The Superintendent provided clarification on the intended Operational Changes for 2009/2010, specifically the increase of custodial supervision to the evening shift. There has been concerns raised at the school level that custodial managers and head custodians are on the day shift while the majority of custodians are on the evening shift.

The Board discussed the option of user pay busing on a one year trial basis only.

Amendment

09P-079

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

THAT: The Board adopt the Preliminary 2009/2010 School District Budget, including the specific budget reductions, as presented and amended by amending the Superintendent's recommendation on busing as follows:

“Reduction of allocation to District busing

- establishment of broad-based user pay busing for all students in order to maintain services on a one year trial basis \$1,000,000

CARRIED

Amendment
09P-080

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,
THAT: The Board adopt the Preliminary 2009/2010 School District Budget, including the specific budget reductions, as presented and amended by amending the Superintendent's recommendation on busing as follows:

“Reduction of allocation to District busing

- establishment of broad-based user pay busing for all students in order to maintain services on a one year trial basis **\$1,000,000**

and by adding:

- *special education students as identified by Student Support Services as requiring specialized busing will be exempt from paying the Student Transportation Fee*

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Horning

Amendment
09P-081

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Board consider the establishment of a Family Plan for user pay busing.

DEFEATED

**Opposed: Trustee Horning
Trustee Given
Trustee Cacchioni
Trustee Watson
Trustee Scanlan**

The question was called on 08P-078 as amended by Amendment 08P-079 and Amendment 08P-080.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Baxter

Main
09P-082

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board write a letter to the local Members of Parliament requesting that the Federal Government include school bus pass fees as an eligible expense for the Public Transit Tax Credit.

CARRIED

Main
09P-083

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board write a letter to the Minister of Education to get specific three year budget information to allow sufficient time to plan school district finances.

CARRIED

The Board discussed the Technical Review Committee and Transportation Funding Review Committee as established by the Ministry of Education. The Secretary-Treasurer will obtain information on the committee members and their mandate.

Main

09P-084

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: The Board forward to the Minister of Education a Status Quo budget to include the additional \$3 million shortfall this District needs to maintain all the programs and services.

CARRIED

7:55

Trustee Hunt-Binkley (attending by telephone) left the meeting.

Property Bylaw No. 113

North Glenmore Elementary

Glenmore Bypass Land Exchange with the City of Kelowna

Lot A, Section 4, Township 23, Plan KAP70106, O.D.Y.D.

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – April 15, 2009

In attendance: Purvis Irani, Manager, Road, Drainage & Solid Waste Projects, City of Kelowna

John Grant, Property Officer Specialist, City of Kelowna

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

Main

09P-085

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: The Board give first and second readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 113, as attached, at the April 22nd, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Given

In response to a query raised at the April 15, 2009 Planning and Facilities Committee meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer advised that the City has confirmed that upon the approval of the plans and the awarding of the contract, the construction of the new playing field will proceed as soon as possible. The North Glenmore Elementary School Parent Advisory Council also requested information on the property in the front of the school and the possibility of a sidewalk on the South side of the school on Union Road. Purvis Irani confirmed that a new drop off and pick up zone will be created on the East side of the existing Glenmore Road, and an asphalt sidewalk will be added on the South side of the school on Union Road.

Main

09P-086

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: Property Bylaw No. 113 of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), be read a first and second time on the 22nd day of April, 2009 to grant approval for the transfer of a portion of Lot A, Section 4, Township 23, Plan KAP70106, O.D.Y.D., (commonly known as the North Glenmore Elementary School) in exchange for a portion of Lot 3, Section 4, Township 23, Plan KAP60991, O.D.Y.D., as per the attached sketch survey plan, and subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the Land Exchange and Services Agreement with the City of Kelowna, dated April 7, 2009, and subject to approval by the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Given

Property Bylaw No. 114

Black Mountain Elementary School

Sale of a Portion of Lands to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for the Purpose of Widening Highway 33

Lot A, Plan KAP51223, Section 18, Township 27, O.D.Y.D.

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – April 15, 2009

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

Main

09P-087

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board give first and second readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 114, as attached, at the April 22nd, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

The Secretary-Treasurer will contact the Department of Highways to request a copy of the plan for the widening of Highway 33 from Black Mountain Elementary School down to Springfield Road.

Main

09P-088

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: Property Bylaw No. 114 of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), be read a first and second time on the 22nd day of April, 2009, to grant approval for the sale of a 421 metre square portion of Lot A, Plan KAP51223, Section 18, Township 27, O.D.Y.D., commonly known as the Black Mountain Elementary School site, to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, for the purpose of widening Highway 33, as per the attached plan, subject to approval by the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

Property Bylaw No. 115

Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Cross-Property Off-Site Vehicular and Bus Parking Covenant

Lot 1, District Lot 358, Plan 39944, O.D.Y.D. (Okanagan Mission Secondary School) and

Lot A, District Lot 167, Plan 25832, O.D.Y.D. (4534 Gordon Drive, Kelowna, B.C.)

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – April 15, 2009

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

Main

09P-089

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: The Board give first and second readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 115, as attached, at the April 22nd, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main

09P-090

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,
THAT: Property Bylaw No. 115 of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), be read a first and second time on the 22nd day of April, 2009 to grant approval to register a Cross-Property Vehicle and Bus Parking Covenant on Lot 1, District Lot 358, Plan 39944, O.D.Y.D. (Okanagan Mission Secondary School) and Lot A, District Lot 167, Plan 25832, O.D.Y.D. (4534 Gordon Drive, Kelowna, B.C.).
CARRIED

Property Bylaw No. 116

Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Storm Sewer Statutory Right-of-Way with the District of West Kelowna on Lot A, District Lot 3486, Plan 26784, O.D.Y.D.

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – April 15, 2009

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

Main

09P-091

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board give first and second readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 116, as attached, at the April 22nd, 2009 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Main

09P-092

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: Property Bylaw No. 116 of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), be read a first and second time on the 22nd day of April, 2009 to grant approval for a Statutory Right-of-Way on Lot A, District Lot 3486, Plan 26784, O.D.Y.D. (Mount Boucherie Secondary School) to the District of West Kelowna for purposes of protecting, operating and maintaining an existing storm sewer system, as per the attached legal survey plan.
CARRIED

Property Bylaw No. 117

Mount Boucherie Secondary School

Storm Sewer, Sanitary Sewer and Water Service Statutory Right-of-Way with the District of West Kelowna on Lot A, District Lot 3486, Plan 26784, O.D.Y.D.

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Planning and Facilities Committee – April 15, 2009

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

Main

09P-093

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board give first and second readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 117, as attached, at the April 22nd, 2009 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Main

09P-094

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: Property Bylaw No. 117 of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), be read a first and second time on the 22nd day of April, 2009 to grant approval for a Statutory Right-of-Way on Lot A, District Lot 3486, Plan 26784, O.D.Y.D. (Mount Boucherie Secondary School) to the District of West Kelowna for the purposes of protecting, operating and maintaining storm sewer, sanitary sewer and domestic water service works, as per the attached survey plan.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Tom Potts, President, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association

- Mr. Potts referred to the meetings taking place this weekend in Kelowna for the British Columbia School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting, and suggested that this may be an opportunity for the Board of School District No. 23 to have conversations with trustees of other School Districts with regard to budget cuts. Would there be an opportunity for the members of BCSTA to send a collective message through to the Ministry of Education on the budget process?

Trustee Baxter advised Mr. Potts that there is an Okanagan Branch of the BCSTA which meets three times a year, and also the BCSTA Provincial Council which meets twice annually and deals with the BCSTA business between Annual General Meetings. There are Motions brought forward to the AGM every year with regard to funding. The Secretary-Treasurer's office will provide all partner groups with a copy of the Agenda for the BCSTA AGM.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Early Learning Initiatives Report

(attachment)

Referred from the Education and Student Services Committee – April 1, 2009

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

General Statement for April 8, 2009

(attachment)

Month End Enrolment – March 2009

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2008/2009

(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Facilities Committee – April 15, 2009

Finance and Legal Committee – April 15, 2009

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received:

Correspondence Directed to the Board:

Ken Richardson regarding budget shortfall suggestions
Helen Radomske regarding transportation user pay
Rhonda and Clayton Benko regarding transportation user pay
Candace Wheeler regarding transportation user pay
John Farvolden regarding transportation user pay
Peter Dill regarding Article in OMRA on the Anne McClymont Primary School site
Janine Fabian and Family regarding the Anne McClymont Primary School site
Denise Richter regarding the Anne McClymont Primary School site
Pamela Nordin regarding the Anne McClymont Primary School site
Genvieve Stigant regarding the Anne McClymont Primary School site
Geo and Kathy Ferguson regarding the Anne McClymont Primary School site
Claudia Kargl, Director of Public Relations & School Liaison – Kiwanis Performing Arts Festival & Society regarding Mike Roberts and Superintendent Search
Ruth Frost regarding School Busing
Carla Hunt regarding School Busing
Myrna Tracy regarding Tennis Courts at Okanagan Mission Secondary School
B.C. Coalition for School Libraries re school library hours
James Mudie regarding School Busing
Carol Reid regarding School Busing
Pippa DeWitt regarding School Bus Transportation
Dr. Knox Middle School Parent Advisory Council/Bankhead Elementary School Parent Advisory Council regarding School Busing Fees
Peachland Elementary School Parent Advisory Council regarding User Pay Busing
Lois Beischer regarding User Pay Busing

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

Connie Denesiuk, President, British Columbia School Trustees Association – copy of letter to Mike Roberts, Superintendent, regarding Secondment to BCPSEA
School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding transportation funding
School District No. 22 (Vernon) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding transportation funding

The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education – copy of letter to Ken Christian, Chair, School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson), regarding transportation funding

Main

09P-095

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: At the April 22, 2009 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 6, 2009

4:30 General Affairs Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

May 20, 2009

1:00 Finance and Legal Committee

4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee

June 3, 2009

4:30 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

June 17, 2009

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

BCSTA Annual General Meeting

Date: April 23 to 26, 2009

Location: Delta Hotel
Kelowna, B.C.

Deadline for Extraordinary Motions: February 11, 2009

Deadline for Substantive Motions: February 20, 2009

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Planning and Facilities Committee

Okanagan Mission Secondary School Proposal for Theatre

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Plans for Widening of Highway33
- Property Bylaw No. 113 - Third Reading
- Property Bylaw No. 114 - Third Reading
- Property Bylaw No. 115 - Third Reading
- Property Bylaw No. 116 - Third Reading
- Property Bylaw No. 117 - Third Reading

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer