



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 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
Trustee G. Scanlan
Trustee J. Watson

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

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Sharlene Drohomereski, President
COTA	Tom Potts, President
COPVPA	No representative
CUPE	Ryan Miller, Vice-President
DSC	Sydney Snape, Executive Member

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

AGENDA

Add Information New Information Item 9.4 – General Statement for April 1, 2009

AGENDA

Main

09P-069

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Agenda for April 8, 2009 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

09P-070

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of March 11, 2009 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

Strong Start Centres

Strong Start Centres are Ministry of Education sponsored early learning centres for 3-5 year olds. There are currently Strong Start Centres in the Rutland, downtown and Westside areas. School District No. 23 has applied for 4 more Strong Start Centres – George Elliot Secondary School, Raymer Elementary School, Hudson Road Elementary School and South Rutland Elementary School.

The Board discussed further advertisement of the availability of Strong Start Centres.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

Kevin Kaiser, Teacher, Dr. Knox Middle School

Premier's Award for Teaching Excellence

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Cacchioni presented Kevin Kaiser with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Tom Potts, President, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association

- Mr. Potts provided to the Board information on the BCTF Regional Social Justice Conference – Making a Difference for Children Living in Poverty, scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kelowna, UBCO Campus.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

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

Trustee Baxter

Trustee Baxter read out to the Board a letter received from Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, in response to the letter sent to the Minister from the Okanagan Branch of the BCSTA regarding transportation. Trustee Baxter made specific reference to the following paragraph contained in the March 9, 2009 letter:

“I am certain you will agree that a board of education is in the best position to make decisions concerning funding priorities throughout its school district. Providing transportation for students is not mandatory for any board. If, due to local priorities, a board chooses to provide transportation for its students, it may also choose to supplement the annual funding received from the Province by charging fees to parents of students using the service.”

Main

09P-071

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The letter of March 9, 2009 received from Minister Shirley Bond regarding transportation funding be forwarded to all Parent Advisory Councils, to all schools for placement in school newsletters, and to all School Districts in the Province.

CARRIED

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

Trustee Hunt-Binkley recently attended a George Elliot Secondary School Parent Advisory Council meeting where concern was expressed on the use of BCeSIS for School Planning Council information.

The Assistant Superintendent advised that Trustee Hunt-Binkley also brought this issue forward at a recent Education and Student Services Committee meeting. Jon Rever, District of Technology and Education Services will be providing a report at the next Education and Student Services Committee meeting on May 6, 2009. There are currently six schools who are piloting the use of information in the Data Warehouse concept which School District No. 23 is engaged with the Ministry of Education.

ACTION ITEMS

School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report

(information was provided at the meeting)

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.

Main

09P-072

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

THAT: The Board approve the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of March, 2009 as presented at the April 8, 2009 Public Board Meeting, and the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED

The British Columbia Climate Action Charter
(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the history of the Climate Action Charter. The Board reviewed The British Columbia Climate Action Charter and the requirements contained therein.

Main

09P-073 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board approve The British Columbia Climate Action Charter, as presented at the April 8, 2009 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

**Appointment of Board Representation to
Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES) Committee**
(attachment)

The Board discussed the schedule of meetings for the Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES) Committee.

Main

09P-074 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Board appoint Trustee Given as the Board representative to the Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES) Committee and Trustee Horning as the alternate.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Sharlene Drohomereski, President, Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

- Requested that the letter received from Minister Shirley Bond dated March 9, 2009 be forwarded to COPAC.

Tom Potts, President, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association

- Mr. Potts referred to The British Columbia Climate Action Charter and the requirement to "include reports required under the GGRTA any additional actions or plans to reduce GHG emissions resulting from this Charter". Mr. Potts questioned the tools used to assess emissions. *The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that School District No. 23 has received a measuring tool and have started the process to measure emissions. There is the requirement of all School Districts to become carbon neutral by 2010 and the signing of The British Columbia Climate Action Charter provides the access to funds to assist in building modifications and education to move towards that goal.*

Sydney Snape, District Student Council

- Ms. Snape advised the Board that the District Student Council recently discussed User Pay Busing. The District Student Council believes that if User Pay Busing is implemented, many students would not go to school as they have no other means of transportation to school than by school bus, and their parents are not able to afford \$20.00 per month per student.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2009/2010 Ministry Funding Allocation

(attachment)

Referred from the Finance and Legal Committee – April 1, 2009

Superintendent's 2009/2010 District Budget Recommendation

(attachment)

Referred from the Finance and Legal Committee – April 1, 2009

The Superintendent provided a brief review of the Superintendent's 2009/2010 District Budget Recommendations. Broad-based discussion of the Superintendent's budget recommendations will take place at the April 15, 2009 Finance and Legal Committee meeting. Thereafter, the recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee will be forwarded to the April 22, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

The Committee discussed the recommendation for broad-based user pay busing.

Month End Enrolment – February 2009

(attachment)

General Statement

General Statement for March 11, 2009

(attachment)

General Statement for March 13, 2009

(attachment)

General Statement for April 1, 2009

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2008/2009

(attachment)

2009/2010 School Charges

(attachment)

Referred from the Finance and Legal Committee – April 1, 2009

The Board reviewed the 2009/2010 School Charges. The Assistant Superintendent advised that a report will be brought forward to a future Education and Student Services Committee providing a summary of academies offered in School District No. 23 and the fees associated with those academies. The summary will also provide the number of students who receive assistance to participate in extra-curricular field trips and academies.

Resolution to BCSTA Annual General Meeting – April 2009

Safe Drinking Water in BC Schools

(attachment)

The original Resolution submitted to the BCSTA for the Annual General Meeting was reviewed by the legislative committee of the BCSTA. The Resolution attached to the April 8, 2009 Public Board meeting is the revision which will be forwarded to the April 2009 BCSTA Annual General Meeting.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal Committee – April 1, 2009

Human Resources and Staff Services Committee – April 1, 2009

Education and Student Services Committee – April 1, 2009

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Transportation Funding

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board:
Patricia and Oriole Phillips regarding new school on the Westside
Adrian Nieoczym, Capital News, regarding Capital News representative at Board Meetings
Kathy Martyna regarding Okanagan Mission Secondary School and tennis court elimination
Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

Jackie Kostas, PAC President, North Glenmore Elementary School – copy of letter to Purvez Irani, City of Kelowna, regarding North Glenmore Elementary School and the Glenmore Bypass
Purvez Irani, City of Kelowna – copy of letter to Jackie Kostas, PAC President, North Glenmore Elementary School, regarding North Glenmore Elementary School and the Glenmore Bypass
School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education and Ms. Irene Lanzinger, President, BCTF, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

Main

09P-075

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: At the April 8, 2009 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

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

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 15, 2009

4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee
6:30 Finance and Legal Committee

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

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

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer