



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, December 9, 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:
H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
K. Hannigan, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC
COTA Alice Rees
COPVPA Rob Tucker
CUPE Bill Zeman
DSC Jessica Lenoble

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

AGENDA

Add	Information Item	9.6 BCASBO / School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2010/2011 Projected Cost and Funding Pressures
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AGENDA

Main

09P-236 **MOVED** by Trustee Given, **SECONDED** by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Agenda for December 9, 2009 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

09P-237

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of November 25, 2009 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

BC Student Leadership Conference Organizing Committee Members

Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K-12, introduced some of the BC Student Leadership Conference Organizing Committee members (in attendance) including Co-chair Raquel Steen; Co-chair Sherry Bradley; Kieran Stevens, Spirit Leader from Rutland Senior Secondary School (RSS); Al Hopgood; Tom Harbour; Joan Ewing; Barb Leclair; Liz Seitz; Josie Briker; and "General Manager" Gillian Thomson.

One of the main purposes of the conference was to broaden and deepen the passion of leadership with students and staff. A video of day two of the conference, produced by the RSS Video Production Team, was shown to highlight the multitude of activities and presenters showcased each day of the conference. Highlights of the conference included involving 600 students in community service, raising \$3,700 to support the BC Children's Hospital Foundation through the "Week of Toonie" campaign, and hearing inspirational presenters (students and adults from across Canada) encouraging students to take on the "call to action" to support school, community and global service.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The Superintendent reported continued improvement in the District's graduation rate with last year's results reaching a new high of 83%, which compares favourably with the province's current graduation rate of 78%. The graduation rate for Central Okanagan female students is 86% and for male students is 80%, which is a remarkable improvement. The District's ESL students are graduating at a rate of 87.5% compared to 81.4% for the province. The District's Aboriginal graduation rate is at 55%; whereas, the provincial Aboriginal graduation rate remains at 48%.
- The Superintendent acknowledged the hard work of all the stakeholders, including the Board of Education, to support student achievement in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

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 Baxter

- Trustee Baxter expressed concern that there was inadequate space at the Westside Storefront to accommodate all of the students that wished to attend.
Trustee Horning, Chairperson of the Planning and Facilities Committee reported that the space issue for both the Westside and Rutland Storefronts would be added to the December 16, 2009 Planning and Facilities Public Agenda for review.

ACTION ITEMS

School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report

(attachment)

In attendance: Ross Dumontet, Director of Instruction – Human Resources

The Director of Instruction – Human Resources gave a report to the Board on the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update for the month of November, 2009.

Main

09P-238 MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board approve the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of November, 2009 as presented at the December 9, 2009 Public Board Meeting, and the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.
CARRIED

Budget Development Principles

(attachment)

Main

09P-239 MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the Budget Development Principles as attached and as presented at the December 9, 2009 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Chambers of Commerce Membership Review

(attachment)

Main

09P-240 MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,
THAT: The Board no longer renew Chambers of Commerce Memberships as the current memberships expire.
CARRIED

Notice of Motion of Trustee Hunt-Binkley – November 25, 2009 Public Board Meeting
School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) – Trustee Electoral Areas
(attachment)

Main

09P-241

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board request the Minister of Education to change the Trustee Electoral Boundaries on the Westside as follows:
One Trustee elected to represent the District of West Kelowna;
and One Trustee elected to represent the District of Peachland and the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area.
(Central Okanagan West Electoral Area includes Trader’s Cove, Fintry, Killiney Beach, Westshore Estates, Wilson’s Landing, Rural Peachland, IR9 and IR10)

The Board discussed the philosophical differences between ‘Regional and At Large’ for voter representation.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Horning

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) - Superintendent’s Report on Achievement
(attachment)

The Superintendent presented to the Board of Education the Superintendent’s Report on Achievement which is due to the Ministry of Education by January 31, 2010.

Main

09P-242

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board approve the Superintendent’s Report on Achievement as presented at the December 9, 2009 Public Board Meeting;
AND FURTHER THAT: The Report be sent to the Minister of Education to meet its January 31, 2010 deadline.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Councillor Terry Condon, District of Peachland

- Councillor Condon requested support from the Board of Education to help the Peachland Boxing Club and the District of Peachland bring George Chuvalo, a retired Canadian heavyweight boxer and speaker on Substance Abuse to the Kelowna area to speak to the students.

Mayor Keith Fielding, District of Peachland

- Mayor Fielding thanked the Board of Education for their work on the Trustee Electoral Boundaries on the Westside.

Alice Rees, President, Central Okanagan Teachers’ Association

- Alice Rees, on behalf of COTA thanked the Board of Education for their work during the tough economic times.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CUPE Local 3523 Executive – November 2009 – November 2010

(attachment)

Report on the Budget 2010 Consultations

(attachment)

The Board of Education discussed the recommendations made by the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Main

09P-243

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

THAT: The Board write a letter to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government giving support to recommendations 9 – 13 and to thank the committee for its recommendations on K-12 Education.

CARRIED

Month End Enrolment – November 2009

(attachment)

General Statement

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2009/2010

(attachment)

BCASBO / School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

2010/2011 Projected Cost and Funding Pressures

(attachment)

Main

09P-244

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board write a letter to the four local MLA's regarding the impact of funding cuts and include the attachment from the BC Association of School Business Officials and the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Finance Department.

CARRIED

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Bill McKinnon, Superintendent, Kelowna RCMP, regarding the cancellation of the DARE Program.
Honourable Randy Hawes, Minister of State for Mining, regarding Gravel Pit traffic restrictions.
Norm Letnick, MLA, Kelowna - Lake Country, regarding the Aggregate Committee.

Received:

Correspondence Directed to the Board:

Mayor Keith Fielding, Mayor, The Corporation of the District of Peachland, regarding Licensing Agreement – Peachland Elementary School.

Karen Longhurst, Kelowna Peace Group, regarding military recruitment in schools.

The Superintendent reported that he was not prepared to take action on military advertising in schools without direction from the Board of Education.

Wendy Fraser, Past President, George Elliot Secondary Parent Advisory Council, regarding George Elliot Secondary School Drinking Water Project.

Vonnie Lavers, Executive Director, Kelowna Community Food Bank, regarding the 2009 Cast-A-Light Campaign – “Families Helping Families One at a Time”.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

School District No. 39, Vancouver Board of Education, a letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid regarding funding changes.

Main

09P-244

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

THAT: At the December 9, 2009 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

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SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

December 16, 2009

4:30 Planning and Facilities

January 6, 2010

4:30 General Affairs

6:30 Education and Student Services

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC Public School Employers' Association 16th Annual General Meeting

Date: January 22-23, 2010

Location: Hilton Hotel Metrotown

Trustee Hunt-Binkley and Trustee Given will be attending the BCPSEA 16th AGM in Vancouver, BC.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Planning and Facilities Committee - December 16, 2009

Space Issues for the Westside and Rutland Storefronts
(for review)

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer