



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009**
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, B.C.

Attending:

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

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

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	No representative
COTA	Tom Potts, President
COPVPA	Kevin Auclair, Member
CUPE	Ryan Miller, Vice-President
DSC	No representative

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON:

As the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are both absent from the meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations for Acting Chairperson for the Public Meeting of February 25, 2009.

Main

09P-041 MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: Trustee Horning be the Acting Chairperson for the Public Board Meeting of February 25, 2009.
CARRIED

ORDER:

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

AGENDA

Main

09P-042

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Agenda for February 25, 2009 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

09P-043

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of February 11, 2009 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

Anti-Bullying Day – February 25, 2009

School Planning Councils Update

The School Planning Council meetings will commence in April of 2009, with the recommendations for approval coming forward to the Board in June of 2009.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

**International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI)
Provincial Finalists**

Teachers: Mary Ann Cimbaro, Glenrosa Middle School
Susan Boyd, Glenrosa Elementary School

Mary Anna Cimbaro and Susan Boyd were recognized for their Food and Nutrition Buddy Project between Ms. Cimbaro's Foods and Nutrition Grade 9 class at Glenrosa Middle School and Ms. Boyd's Kindergarten class at Glenrosa Elementary School which received Provincial Finalist recognition from the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI). Trustee Scanlan presented Ms. Cimbaro and Ms. Boyd with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin.

Presentation:

2008 Safety Review (Five Year Average)

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

The District Health & Safety Manager provided an overview of the 2008 Safety Review (Five Year Average).

The Superintendent congratulated the District Health & Safety Manager and staff. The Acting 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 Baxter

Trustee Baxter requested, from the Superintendent, the next step in the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.

Certification of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program is a two step process. An IB information meeting was held on Monday, February 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Hollywood Road Education Services. The information meeting was to provide interested parents and staff with information on the program. The next step is to provide information at the Parent Advisory Council meetings of interested schools to ascertain the level of parental interest. If there is enough parent interest, along with the approval of the Principal, there will be a broad-based mail out to parents and an announcement of the possibility of the program in September of 2009. The application to apply for certification would be brought to the Board for approval in a later year. The process to become certified as an IB Primary Years Program school takes approximately 2 years. If it is determined the IB program is of interest to a school, the teacher postings for that school will indicate that the school will be considering becoming an IB Primary Years Program school.

ACTION ITEMS

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – February 18, 2009

Trustee Given, as Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, introduced the recommendation.

Main

09P-044

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2008/2009 (as attached) be given all three readings at the Public Board Meeting of February 25, 2009.

CARRIED

Main

09P-045

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2008/2009 in the amount of \$167,587,655 be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 25th day of February, 2009.

CARRIED

Resolution in Support of Application for Bankhead Elementary School's Adventure Playground Grant Money from the School Community Connections Program 2008 through the BC School Trustees Association & the Union of BC Municipalities

(attachment)

School Community Connections Program grant money is offered through the BC School Trustees Association & the Union of BC Municipalities. The grants support partnerships between Boards of Education and local governments. Three grant applications may be made per District with a maximum grant of \$8,000.00 per grant. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2009.

Main

09P-046

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board endorse the School Community Connections Program Grant application for Bankhead Elementary School's Adventure Playground.

CARRIED

Resolution in Support of Application for Glenmore Elementary School's Community School Garden Grant Money from the School Community Connections Program 2008 through the BC School Trustees Association & the Union of BC Municipalities

(attachment)

Main

09P-047

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: The Board endorse the School Community Connections Program Grant application for Glenmore Elementary School's Community School Garden.

CARRIED

Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Skills Academy)

Dr. Knox Middle School

(attachment)

Trustee Watson, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation. The school will, as per District Policy, assist those students who may find enrolling in the academy a financial hardship.

Main

09P-048

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Skills Academy), as presented at the February 4, 2009 public meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee, to be implemented at Dr. Knox Middle School starting September 2009.

CARRIED

Proposal for Substantive Change (Soccer Academy)

Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – February 4, 2009

Trustee Watson, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation. The school will have options in place to assist those students who may find enrolling in the academy a financial hardship.

Main

09P-049

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Soccer Academy), as presented at the February 4, 2009 public meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee, to be implemented at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School starting September 2009.

CARRIED

Proposal for Substantive Change (High Performance Hockey Academy)

Glenrosa Middle School

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – February 4, 2009

Trustee Watson, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, introduced the recommendation. A plan is in place to assist students who may require financial assistance.

Main

09P-050

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (High Performance Hockey Academy), as presented at the February 4, 2009 public meeting of the Education and Student Services Committee, to be implemented at Glenrosa Middle School starting September 2009.

CARRIED

Capital Project Bylaw No. 115852

Approved Bus Projects

(attachment)

As part of the 2008/09 Five Year Capital Plan Summary request, School District No. 23 requested funding for two buses (one replacement and one new). The Ministry of Education announced that School District No. 23 is approved for one replacement 36 passenger wheelchair left equipped bus.

Main

09P-051

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: At the February 25, 2009 Public Board Meeting, the Board gives first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 115852: Approved Bus Projects, in the amount of \$115,500 for Approved Bus Projects.

CARRIED

Main

09P-052

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 115852: Approved Bus Projects, be read a first, second and third time this 25th day of February, 2009.
CARRIED

Additional Strong Start Centres for School District No. 23 in 2009/2010

(attachment)

The Ministry of Education announced on February 11, 2009 that School Districts may apply for additional Strong Start Centres to open for the 2009/2010 school year. As the closing date for applications is March 6, 2009, which is prior to the next scheduled Board Meeting, the recommendation is authorizing the Superintendent to make application as he sees appropriate once staff determine which schools can be considered. Schools to be considered would have the room available and require renovations equal to or less than the \$20,000.00 start-up grant. The Board discussed the current CUPE province wide dispute on the personnel of Strong Start Centres moving from the current non-profit organizations to unionized school district employees.

Main

09P-053

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board authorize the Superintendent to apply for additional Strong Start Centres within the guiding parameters provided.
CARRIED

Request for Letter of Support for the City of Kelowna – Recreation & Culture Application to the School Community Connections Program: Strengthening the Connection

(attachment)

Recommendation:

The City of Kelowna is requesting a letter of support for their application for a School Community Connections Program: Strengthening the Connection grant.

Main

09P-054

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board write a letter in support of the City of Kelowna – Recreation & Culture application to the School Community Connections Program: Strengthening the Connection.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

Okanagan Mission Secondary School - Rezoning and Portable Annex Relocation

(attachment)

Referred from the Planning and Facilities Committee – February 18, 2009

Trustee Given abstained from discussion due possible perception of a conflict of interest.

The Board discussed the history of the rezoning applications to the City of Kelowna. Any further delay in the rezoning application may prohibit the availability of the portable annex for student use in September of 2009.

Main

09P-055

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the City of Kelowna indicating the importance to the students of Okanagan Mission Secondary School to get the site rezoned and the portable annex relocated on to the property, as soon as possible.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Given (due to conflict of interest)

General Statement

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2008/2009

(attachment)

Public Board Meeting on March 25, 2009

Recommendation of the Coordinating Committee is to cancel the scheduled March 25, 2009 Public Board Meeting due to spring break.

Main

09P-056

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The regular Public Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2009 be cancelled due to spring break.

CARRIED

Month End Enrolment – January 2009

(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Facilities Committee – February 18, 2009

Trustee Horning

Recommendations coming to the Board on March 11, 2009 for approval from the February 18, 2009 meeting include the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2009/2010 to 2013, 2014, Enhancement Project Agreement for Quigley Elementary School, Enhancement Project – Tree Planting and Energy and Sustainability Manager.

Finance and Legal Committee – February 18, 2009

Trustee Given

A recommendation coming to the Board on March 11, 2009 for approval from the February 18, 2009 meeting includes an amendment to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses, and information on transportation user pay and the Revenue and Expense Summary at January 31, 2009.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment
Central Okanagan Teachers' Association regarding Foundation Skills Assessment

Received: **Correspondence Directed to the Board:**
The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding funding for special education
The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding carbon tax
Dwayne McCowan, Sr. Information and Privacy Analyst, Ministry of Education, regarding Trustee Electoral Boundary review
Penny Tees Consulting regarding consulting services

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

School District No. 41 (Burnaby) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, and The Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Housing and Social Development, regarding Allocation of Funding to Schools for Playground Equipment Purchases

School District No. 41 (Burnaby) – copy of letter to Mr. Stephen Hanson, Executive Director BCSTA, regarding AGM 2008 Resolutions #27 and #28

School District No. 41 (Burnaby) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Presentation of FSA Scores

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) – copy of letter to The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment

Main

09P-057

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: At the February 25, 2009 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office (cancelled)

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 4, 2009

- 4:30 General Affairs Committee
- 6:30 Education and Student Services Committee – Cancelled

April 1, 2009

- 1:00 Finance and Legal Committee
- 4:30 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
- 6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Trustee Academy

- Date: February 25 to 27, 2009
- Location: Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites
Vancouver, B.C.

BCSTA Provincial Council

- Date: February 28, 2009
- Location: Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites
Vancouver, B.C.

Deadline for Motions: January 26, 2009

Trustee Baxter read out a Motion for the BCPSEA Provincial Council titled “New School Construction: An Economic Stimulus” from the Southeast Kootenay Board of Education. By consensus, the Board agreed that Trustee Baxter would vote in favour of this Motion at the Provincial Council meeting.

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 Acting Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Acting Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer