



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 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	Shelley Nicholl, Vice-President (arrived at 6:40)
COTA	No representative – sent regrets
COPVPA	Rhonda Ovelson, Executive Member
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President
DSC	Jessica Lenoble, Executive Member

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Main

09P-112 **MOVED** by Trustee Given, **SECONDED** by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Agenda for May 27, 2009 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

MINUTES – May 13, 2009

Add Page 3/4 – add to last paragraph on School Boundary for Smith Creek Area Students
The Superintendent will forward to the two presenters information on the Appeal process.

MINUTES

Main

09P-113

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of May 13, 2009 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

Jena Stillwell, Student, Kelowna Secondary School

Winning graphic design entry for the British Columbia Student Leadership Conference
October 22 to 25, 2009
Trustee Cacchioni presented Jena with a Certificate of Recognition, School District pin,
cheque for \$250.00 and a framed print of the logo.

Regional Science Fair Award Winners

Kalan Gillmann, Student, Glenrosa Middle School

Silver Medal – Intermediate, BC Agriculture in the Classroom Award

Terry Lee, Student, Dr. Knox Middle School

Bronze Medal – Intermediate, Gold Backdrop Award

Emily Tomaszewski, Student, Dorothea Walker Elementary School

Gold Medal – Junior

Drew Swan, Student, Dr. Knox Middle School

Gold Medal – Junior

Madalyn Light, Student, Dr. Knox Middle School

Gold Medal – Junior, B.C. Innovation Council Award

Ilija Hristovski, Student, Dr. Knox Middle School

Silver Medal – Junior, Gold Backdrop Award, Canadian Meteorologic and
Oceanographic Society Award

Troy McAuley, Student, Dr. Knox Middle School

Silver Backdrop Award

Sarah Speight, Student, Dr. Knox Middle School

Bronze Medal – Junior, B.C. Science Teachers Award

Jodie Fedkiw and Cameron Switzer, Students, Dorothea Walker Elementary School

Bronze Medal – Junior

Kyla Cassan and Taylor McRae, Students, Peter Greer Elementary School

Silver Medal – Introductory

Jessica LeNoble and Leanna Gruendel, Students, Kelowna Secondary School

Silver Medal Backdrop Award, Ed Butz Mathematics and Statistics Award

Garnet Tanner, Student, Dr. Knox Middle School

W.E. Coates Award Nomination

Hanna Turner-Gervais, Student, Dr. Knox Middle School
BC Hydro Award

The students in attendance were presented with a Certificate of Recognition and School District pin.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

Grad Safety

As graduation ceremonies and festivities are approaching, the Superintendent emphasized the need for students, parents and staff to ensure a safe and memorable graduation season.

Clarification on Information provided at May 13, 2009 Public Board Meeting

At the May 13, 2009 Public Board Meeting, the Superintendent, in response to a query from a member of the public, commented there were three other School Districts who have user pay busing and the cost per student ranges between \$20.00 to \$25.00 per month. After further review, the current correct information is the District of Saanich charges \$20.00 per month, Qualicum is \$18.50 per month but under review for next year, and Sooke is \$12.00 per month.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Terri Nakayama, President, Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES)

Ms. Nakayama referred to a letter forwarded to the Board from the Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES) dated May 11, 2009. This letter indicated that ACES supported the general recommendation of transportation user pay, but requested that special needs students not be excluded from the student transportation fee. Therefore, ACES is requesting that the amendment to Regulation 470R – Transportation Services Management, under #18, read “Special Education students identified by the Student Support Services department as requiring a specially equipped bus *may* be exempt from the student transportation charge”.

Diana Santos, Parent of Student at Watson Road Elementary School

Ms. Santos indicated that although not opposed to a student transportation fee, requested the Board's consideration of a monthly payment plan and/or consideration of capping the number of children in a family who would be charged the student transportation fee at 2.5 children.

David Bowes, Parent of Student at Watson Road Elementary School

Mr. Bowes requested clarification that the \$20 student transportation fee would cover the whole cost per month for a student's transportation. The Superintendent confirmed that the average cost per month per rider is approximately \$65 for the District.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

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

ACTION ITEMS

Department of Student Support Services Program Review – May 2009

(attachment)

In attendance: Karen Anderson, Educational Consultant

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – May 6, 2009

The Superintendent provided a brief overview of the Department of Student Support Services Program Review. A response to the recommendations contained within the Review is listed as Information Item 9.1 on the Public Agenda of May 27, 2009.

Main

09P-114

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The Board receive the Department of Student Support Services Program Review – May 2009 and attached recommendations, as attached and as presented at the May 27, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

2009/2010 School Planning Council Goals

(attachment)

Recommendation:

Trustee Baxter introduced the recommendation for the School Planning Council meetings attended by Trustee Baxter.

Main

09P-115

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Board approve the 2009/2010 School Planning Council Reports and Goals for Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, Glenrosa Elementary School, Hudson Road Elementary School, Mount Boucherie Secondary School and Peachland Elementary School.

CARRIED

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, on behalf of Trustee Cacchioni, introduced the recommendation for the School Planning Council meetings attended by Trustee Cacchioni.

Main

09P-116

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

THAT: The Board approve the 2009/2010 School Planning Council Reports and Goals for A.S. Matheson Elementary School, Belgo Elementary School, Dr. Knox Middle School, Glenmore Elementary School, Okanagan Mission Secondary School, Rutland Elementary School, Springvalley Middle School and Watson Road Elementary School.

CARRIED

Trustee Given introduced the recommendation for the School Planning Council meetings attended by Trustee Given.

Main

09P-117 MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,
THAT: The Board approve the 2009/2010 School Planning Council Reports and Goals for Casorso Elementary School, Central Programs and Services/Storefront, KLO Middle School, Pearson Road Elementary School and South Kelowna Elementary School.
CARRIED

Trustee Horning introduced the recommendation for the School Planning Council meetings attended by Trustee Horning.

Main

09P-118 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board approve the 2009/2010 School Planning Council Reports and Goals for Bankhead Elementary School, North Glenmore Elementary School, Quigley Elementary School, Rutland Senior Secondary School and South Rutland Elementary School.
CARRIED

Trustee Hunt-Binkley introduced the recommendation for the School Planning Council meetings attended by Trustee Hunt-Binkley.

Main

09P-119 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board approve the 2009/2010 School Planning Council Reports and Goals for Black Mountain Elementary School, Davidson Road Elementary School, Ellison Elementary School, George Elliot Secondary School, Oyama Traditional School and Peter Greer Elementary School.
CARRIED

Trustee Scanlan introduced the recommendation for the School Planning Council meetings attended by Trustee Scanlan.

Main

09P-120 MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Board approve the 2009/2010 School Planning Council Reports and Goals for Anne McClymont Elementary School, Dorothea Walker Elementary School, Glenrosa Middle School, Kelowna Secondary School, Raymer Elementary School and Springvalley Elementary School.
CARRIED

Trustee Watson introduced the recommendation for the School Planning Council meetings attended by Trustee Watson.

Main

09P-121 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board approve the 2009/2010 School Planning Council Reports and Goals for Chief Tomat Elementary School, George Pringle Elementary School, Helen Gorman Elementary School, Rose Valley Elementary School, Rutland Middle School and Shannon Lake Elementary School.
CARRIED

Trustees expressed thanks to everyone who was a key part of the School Planning Council process. Trustee Hunt-Binkley recommended that a letter be forwarded to all members of the School Planning Councils thanking them for their participation.

Main

09P-122 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Board write a letter to all School Planning Councils expressing thanks for their participation.
CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 425 – Student Fees and Regulations 425R – Student Fees

(attachment)

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee – May 6, 2009

The Secretary-Treasurer, as the Chair of the Transportation Task Force Committee, reviewed the amendments to Policy 425 and Regulation 425 – Student Fees. The amendments were recommended by the Transportation Task Force Committee and reviewed at the recent General Affairs Committee. The Board agreed to adding “Charge” to *Student Transportation* on page 1 of the Regulation.

Main

09P-123 MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 425 – Student Fees and Regulations 425R – Student Fees, as presented and amended at the May 27, 2009 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 470 – Transportation Services Management and Regulations 470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation in School District 23 (Central Okanagan)

(attachment)

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee – May 6, 2009

The Secretary-Treasurer, as the Chair of the Transportation Task Force Committee, reviewed the amendments to Policy 470 – Transportation Services Management and Regulations 470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

In considering the presentation of Terri Nakayama, ACES President, earlier in the evening, the Board discussed an amendment to item 18 in the Guiding Principles for Transportation in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) to not include an exemption of special education students identified by Student Support Services as requiring a specially equipped bus.

Main

09P-124

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

THAT: Item 18 in Regulation 470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) be amended as follows:

18) ~~No charges will be levied for Eligible riders and or courtesy riders registered on bus routes must pay a the student transportation charge, that provide service to eligible riders.~~ Special Education students identified by the Student Support Services department as requiring a specially equipped bus may be exempt from the student transportation charge at the discretion of Student Support Services.

The Board discussed the amendment.

Amendment

09P-125

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

THAT: Item 18 in Regulation 470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) be amended as follows:

18) ~~No charges will be levied for Eligible riders and or courtesy riders registered on bus routes must pay a the student transportation charge, that provide service to eligible riders.~~ Special Education students identified by the Student Support Services department as requiring a specially equipped bus may be exempt from the student transportation charge at the discretion of Student Support Services.

CARRIED

**Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley
Trustee Baxter**

**Abstained: Trustee Scanlan
Trustee Horning**

The question was called on Main Motion 09P-124 as amended by Amendment 09P-125.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Baxter

Abstained: Trustee Horning

Note: Item 18 of the Guiding Principles for Transportation in School District 23 will read as follows:

18. Eligible riders and courtesy riders registered on bus routes must pay the student transportation charge. Special Education students identified by the Student Support Services department as requiring a specially equipped bus may be exempt from the student transportation charge.

The Board discussed the establishment of a Family Plan and/or monthly payments.

The Secretary-Treasurer provided an outline of Family Plan Option scenarios. Under the current ridership for 2008/2009 there are 2974 single child families, 1073 two child families, 163 three child families, 19 four child families, 3 five child families, no six child families and one seven

child family. The various scenarios were discussed, along with the loss of revenue to the District in the event that one of the family plan scenarios is established.

The Superintendent confirmed that in the event the student transportation charge does not generate the \$1,000,000 as indicated in the budget, the shortfall would be deducted from the general budget allocations within the School District.

Reconsideration

09P-126 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board reconsider Motion 09P-081.
CARRIED

Main

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.

Amendment

09P-127 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Board ~~consider the establishment of a Family Plan for user pay busing~~ as follows:
First and second child full price
Third and fourth child half price
Remainder of children ride for free
CARRIED

The question was called on Main Motion 09P-081 as amended by Amendment 09P-127.
CARRIED

The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that the Family Plan will be incorporated into Policy and Regulation 470 and 470R.

Main

09P-128 MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 470 – Transportation Services Management and Regulations 470R – Transportation Services Management – Guiding Principles for Transportation in School District 23 (Central Okanagan), as presented and amended at the May 27, 2009 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED
Opposed: Trustee Baxter

Amendments to Policy 475 – Transportation: Authority and Responsibility and Regulations 475R – Transportation: Authority and Responsibility
(attachment)

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee – May 6, 2009

The Secretary-Treasurer, as the Chair of the Transportation Task Force Committee, reviewed the amendments to Policy 475 – Transportation: Authority and Responsibility and Regulations 475R – Transportation: Authority and Responsibility.

The Board discussed the amendments.

Main

09P-129

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 475 – Transportation: Authority and Responsibility and Regulations 475R – Transportation: Authority and Responsibility, as attached and as presented at the May 27, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Terri Nakayama, President, Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES)

Ms. Nakayama requested clarification on the Board's amendment to Regulation 470R – Transportation Services Management (*Regulations*) to ensure that paragraph 18 contained reference to “students identified by the Student Support Services”. Ms. Nakayama also indicated that the parents of special education students felt that their children were excluded from various events and did not want their children to be excluded on the student transportation charge.

The Board Chairperson read out paragraph 18 in Regulation 470R as amended.

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

Ms. Nicholl expressed appreciation to the Board for establishing a family plan for the payment of the student transportation charge. Ms. Nicholl further expressed concern on the requirement of parents to pay one-half of the charge by June 30.

The Board Chairperson confirmed that in the event parents were unable to pay one-half of the student transportation charge by June 30, they could make arrangements through the Principal of the school for application for a subsidy, or alternate payment plan.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Actions Following Student Support Services Review Report

(attachment)

The Superintendent reviewed the actions planned as a result of the Student Support Services Review Report. The Superintendent responded to queries from Trustee as follows:

- review of Student Support Services budget allocations at the Finance and Legal Committee on an annual basis
- a report on the review of current timelines for completion of SSS student assessments to be presented at an ACES Committee meeting could further be presented at an Education and Student Services Committee Meeting or Finance and Legal Committee Meeting, at the request of a Trustee
- parental involvement in the reaffirmation process for the SSS department Mission and Vision statements will be considered

School District No. 23 Academies and Extra-Curricular Athletic Activities Report

(attachment)

Referral from the Education and Student Services Committee – May 6, 2009

In response to a query from Trustee Baxter, further information will be provided to Trustees on Board Authority/Authorized and Locally Developed Courses that may be charging participation fees.

BCeSIS Program Update

(attachment)

Referral from the Education and Student Services Committee – May 6, 2009

Field Trips for 2008/2009

(attachment)

Month End Enrolment – April 2009

(attachment)

After Board discussion, the title ‘Other Students’ where identifying ESL and Aboriginal students will be removed from all future Month End Enrolment reports.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal Committee – May 13, 2009

Planning and Facilities Committee – May 13, 2009

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: The Rotary Club of Kelowna Foundation regarding Board endorsement of the Strive Scholarship Program
Ron Cannan, MP and Stockwell Day, MP regarding Public Transit Tax Credit
The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Budget
The Honourable Shirley Bond regarding Transportation Funding
Sharlene Drohomereski, President, COPAC, regarding Task Force – Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship
District Student Council regarding Task Force – Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship
Bill Zeman, President, CUPE Local 3523, regarding Task Force – Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship
Lisa McCullough, President, COPVPA, regarding Task Force – Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship
Tom Potts, President, COTA, regarding Task Force – Policy 735 – Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship

Received: **Correspondence Directed to the Board:**
Carrie-Ann Breitreuz regarding Transportation User Pay
Vanessa Dobson regarding Charging for School Busing
Estherlee Muscardin regarding School Bus Transportation
Brad Struthers regarding Proposed Bus Rider Surcharges
Shelley Nicholl, Vice-President, COPAC regarding Parent Advisory Council comments on busing fees
Councillor Michele Rule, City of Kelowna, regarding Raymer Elementary School PAC Notice to Parents re New Opportunities for Women (NOW) and peaceful march on Wednesday, May 20 at 8:30 a.m.
Terri Nakayama, President, Advisory Council of Exceptional Students (ACES) regarding special needs user fee for bus services

Main

09P-130

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: At the May 27, 2009 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Scanlan
THAT: The Board update Policy 430 – Celebration of Graduation to include Dry Grad as an authorized event;
AND THAT: The Board approve School District No. 23's participation in the annual Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer