



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, November 25, 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	No representative
COTA	Alice Rees
COPVPA	Cathie Mutter
CUPE	Ryan Miller
DSC	Jessica Lenoble

ORDER:

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

AGENDA

Add	Board Correspondence	Received: Norm Letnick, MLA Kelowna-Lake Country, regarding the Aggregate Committee.
Add	Superintendent's Report	Letter from Doug Stewart, Director, Capital Management regarding Full School Day Kindergarten – Confirming Capital Requirements

AGENDA

Main

09P-209 **MOVED** by Trustee Watson, **SECONDED** by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Agenda for November 25, 2009 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

09P-210

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of November 10, 2009 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Introduction:

Veendam Exchange Student – Eline Bruins

Requested by Trustee Horning and Kelowna Veendam Sister City Association

Trustee Horning introduced Eline Bruins, Veendam Exchange Student and presented her with a School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) pin. Trustee Horning also introduced her host parents Mr. and Mrs. Rogers of Kelowna, whose daughter Allegra is currently living in the Netherlands.

Recognition:

Kelowna Secondary School Senior Girls' AAA Field Hockey Team 2009 Provincial Champions

Susannah Brown, Principal, Kelowna Secondary School introduced the Kelowna Secondary School Senior Girls' AAA Field Hockey Team along with their coaches Arnar Bernhardsson, Brian Demug and Lorne Buna. Susannah Brown spoke of the heart, commitment, determination and teamwork that made the team Provincial Champions. Trustees Given and Scanlan presented the team with School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) pins and a Certificate of Recognition.

Presentation:

Councilor Terry Condon, Peachland – Trustee Electoral Boundaries

Councilor Terry Condon, Peachland made a presentation to the Board on the desire of the Peachland Mayor and Council to maintain the Trustee Electoral Boundaries as status quo.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent:

- Commended staff on their recent efforts dealing with the sudden death of an employee at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.
- Provided an update on Full Day Kindergarten. The Superintendent reported that the Ministry has indicated that a decision on which schools will receive Full Day Kindergarten may not be received until the end of December. As a result new student registration may be delayed until late January 2010. The Superintendent also provided a letter from the Ministry requesting information and

- confirming capital requirements for the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten in 2011/2012, due to the Ministry by January 22, 2010.
- Reported that school absentee levels have returned to normal for this time of year.
 - reported that the cancellation by the RCMP of the DARE Program left 7 schools in the city of Kelowna without the program for the 2009/2010 school year. The Superintendent also indicated that staff would be meeting with the RCMP early in the new year to look for alternatives to the DARE Program.

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 Hunt-Binkley

- Trustee Hunt-Binkley expressed concern at the short timeline in responding to the Ministry's request for information on Full Day Kindergarten capital requirements.
The Board Chair referred the concern to the Coordinating Committee to recommend a motion to write a letter requesting that Staff have more time to reply to their requests.

Trustee Given

- Trustee Given requested that the Board Highlights be posted to the School District website.

Trustee Watson

- Trustee Watson requested information on the letter from the Ministry regarding Full Day Kindergarten and the implications to responding late to the capital requirements request.
The Superintendent reported that Staff would be able to meet the January 22, 2010 deadline by providing basic information.

Trustee Baxter

- Trustee Baxter announced that the Peachland Rotary Club has donated a SMART Board to Peachland Elementary School valued at \$4,500.

Trustee Cacchioni

- Trustee Cacchioni reported that he attended the Friends Program and requested further information on the program, and if it would be suitable to replace the DARE Program.
The Superintendent reported that although many different programs are offered within the District (ie. LionsQuest), each is unique in their own right, and would not be able to completely replace the DARE Program.

ACTION ITEMS

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) – Trustee Electoral Areas (attachment)

Motion 08P-022 from the February 13, 2008 Public Board Meeting

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) request that the Ministry of Education change the electoral boundaries on the West side of the lake:

From: 1 Zone 11 Trustee

1 Peachland Trustee

To: 2 Trustees at large on the Westside of Okanagan Lake

CARRIED

The Board discussed Motion 08P-022 from the February 13, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

Rescind

09P-211

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

THAT: The Board rescind Motion 08P-022.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Given, and Trustee Horning.

Board /Authority Authorized Courses

(attachment)

Main

09P-212

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

THAT: The Board approve the new Board/Authority Authorized Environmental Education 11 Course for use in School District No. 23, as attached and presented at the November 25, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

THAT: The Board approve the new Board/Authority Authorized Technology Education 10/11/12: Guitar Building Course for use in School District No. 23, as attached and presented at the November 25, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Employee Recognition Program

Main

09P-213

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

THAT: The Board approve the Employee Recognition Program be held on March 25, 2010, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Capri Hotel.

CARRIED

Policy 525 – Field Trips and Regulations 525R – Field Trips
(attachment)

Main

09P-214 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Regulation 525R – Field Trips (*Regulations*) as attached and as presented at the November 25, 2009 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Gravel Pit Approval Excluding Board Input

The Board discussed the restrictions placed on Peachland Gravel Pit operators from November to April of each year.

Main

09P-215 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,
THAT: The Board send a letter to the Minister of State for Mining, requesting a restriction on the Gravel Pit Companies transporting product on public roads from October to April, and from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.;
AND FURTHER THAT: The Board again request that Boards of Education be added to the notification process for any additions or adjustments to gravel pit applications and be granted intervener status. Copies of the letter be sent to the local MLA's and local governments.
CARRIED

The Board further discussed the November 20, 2009 email response by Norm Letnick, MLA to the Board's letter to his office on November 10, 2009.

Main

09P-216 MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Board send a letter to Norm Letnick, MLA as Chairperson of the Aggregate Committee suggesting that the Board of Education is an elected governing body representing over 22,000 students and that the Aggregate Committee appoint a School District staff member a non-voting role on the Aggregate Committee.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Jessica Lenoble, District Student Council representative

- Ms. Lenoble requested information on the cancellation of the DARE Program.
The Board Chair reported that it was the decision of the Superintendent of the RCMP.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Board Policy and Regulation 631 – *School Closures/Consolidation*
(attachment)

The Superintendent reported that he would not be recommending any school closures for the 2010/2011 school year.

Video Surveillance: Annual Report to the Board
(attachment)

The Board discussed the merits of having video surveillance in schools and the challenges of keeping up with changing technology in times of funding cuts.

CommunityLINK Allocations
(attachment)

The Board discussed the CommunityLINK Allocations and referred the report to the Education and Student Services Committee for further review and to the Health Promoting Schools Committee for discussion.

General Statement
(attachment)

Field Trips for 2009/2010
(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

- Keith Fielding, Mayor, District of Peachland, regarding School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Trustee Electoral Boundaries.
- Doug Findlater, Mayor, District of West Kelowna, regarding School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Trustee Electoral Boundaries.
- James Baker, Mayor, District of Lake Country, regarding School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Trustee Electoral Boundaries.
- Sharon Shepherd, Mayor, City of Kelowna, regarding School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Trustee Electoral Boundaries.
- Fabian Alexis, Chief, Okanagan Indian Band, regarding School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Trustee Electoral Boundaries.
- Robert Louie, Chief, Westbank First Nation, regarding School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Trustee Electoral Boundaries.
- Robert Hobson, Chair, Regional District of Central Okanagan, regarding School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Trustee Electoral Boundaries.
- Bill Barisoff, MLA, Penticton-Okanagan Valley, regarding Peachland Elementary School, the Annual Facilities Grant and Gravel Pits.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board:

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

District of West Kelowna - copy of the submission directed to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding School District No. 23 Boundaries Report – Trustee Representation.

School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) – copy of the submission to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding School District Funding.

Main

09P-217

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

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

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 (immediately following the Annual General Meeting)

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

December 2, 2009

4:30 General Affairs Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

December 16, 2009

4:30 Planning and Facilities Committee

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustee Given

- Trustee Given requested that the Board send a letter to the RCMP regarding the cancellation of the DARE Program. Trustee Given expressed concern that filing a Notice of Motion would be untimely.

Main

09P-218

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: The Board send a letter to the RCMP requesting the reinstatement of the DARE Program in the City of Kelowna.

CARRIED

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

NOTICES OF MOTION

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)

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Education and Student Services Committee

Community*LINK* Allocations
(for review)

Health Promoting Schools Committee

Community*LINK* Allocations
(for discussion)

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer