



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, October 28, 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
K. Hannigan, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Absent: T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Tina Pomponio
COTA	Clay McLeod
COPVPA	Vianne Kinsinger
CUPE	Bill Zeman
DSC	

ORDER:

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

AGENDA

Add	Action Items	Material for Item 7.3 2015 Canada Winter Games Bid Committee
Add	Board Correspondence	Received: Letter from Lois Beischer regarding BCLDB Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign
Add	BC School Trustees Assoc.	Add: BCSTA Provincial Council and Okanagan Branch report

AGENDA

Main

09P-187

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, **SECONDED** by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Agenda for October 28, 2009 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

09P-188

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of October 14, 2009 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Presentation:

Introduction of a New Administrator

Peter Gallo, Vice-Principal, George Pringle Elementary was welcomed by the Board and presented a School District No. 23 pin from Trustee Watson.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The Superintendent provided an update on the H1N1 flu virus. Schools are noticing a higher level of student absenteeism due to illness. Some schools have reached absentee rates higher than 10%, the normal absentee rates are between 2-4%. Regular flu vaccinations will be given to staff in early January once the H1N1 vaccinations have been completed.
- The Superintendent presented the Board a video of the Westside Implementation Day 2009, as an example of the work that teachers and administrators do on professional development days.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Tina Pomponio, PAC President, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

- Tina Pomponio expressed appreciation to the Board for putting forth a motion to act as a conduit for funds generated by the BC Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.
- Tina Pomponio requested that the Board amend the motion and remove "BC Liquor Distribution Branch funds be directed at student education related to alcohol abuse", as the BC Liquor Distribution Branch funds can only be used for Dry Grad activities.

Lois Beischer, Parent, Mount Boucherie Secondary School

- Lois Beischer expressed concerns with the Board acting as a conduit for funds generated by the BC Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.

Art Boehm, Parent

- Art Boehm expressed concerns with the Board's involvement in Dry Grad.

Donna Ouimet, Dry Grad President, Rutland Senior Secondary School

- Donna Ouimet expressed appreciation for the funds received by the BC Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.
- Donna Ouimet requested that the Board approve the motion for the 2009/2010 school year and to further give parents and Dry Grad committees time to find alternative solutions to the Board being a conduit of the BCLDB funds in future years.

Vianne Kitzinger, Principal, George Elliott Secondary School and Parent, Kelowna Secondary School

- Vianne Kitzinger, speaking as both Principal of George Elliott Secondary School and as a parent at Kelowna Secondary School, expressed appreciation for the funds received by the BC Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

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

Trustee Horning

- Trustee Horning requested that the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources and copy Bill Barisoff, MLA regarding the School District's request to have intervenor status on Gravel Pit applications.

Trustee Watson left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

- Trustee Horning reported that the Human Rights Committee has set February 8, 2010 as Harmony Day.

Trustee Watson returned to the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Proposed School District No. 23 School Catchment Area Review

(attachment)

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee - October 7, 2009

Main

09P-189

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board authorize staff to proceed with a School Catchment Area Review as outlined in Section 4.0 of the Memo – Proposed School District No. 23 School Catchment Area Review;

AND FURTHER THAT: The School Catchment Area Review be completed as part of the School District Facility Plan currently under preparation.

CARRIED

The Board agreed to establish a School Catchment Area Review Committee that will report back to the Board by March 2010.

BC Liquor Distribution Branch (BCLDB) Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign 2010

(attachment)

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee - October 7, 2009

The Board discussed being a conduit of funds from the BC Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign on an ongoing basis.

Main

09P-190

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Board of Education approve School District No. 23's participation in the annual Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.

Amendment

09P-191

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board of Education approve School District No. 23's ~~participation in the annual~~ ~~be being the conduit of the funds from the BC Liquor Distribution Branch Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.~~

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley

The question was called on Main Motion 09P-190 as amended by 09P-191.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley and Trustee Baxter

The Board discussed the disbursement of funds for student education on alcohol abuse and the financial reporting requirements in accepting the funds from the BC Liquor Distribution Dry Grad Fundraising Campaign.

Main

09P-192

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: A letter of encouragement be forwarded to Dry Grad Committees recommending that other Dry Grad funds be directed at student education related to alcohol abuse.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley

Main

09P-193

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

THAT: The Board require all Dry Grad Committees receiving BCLDB funds to provide an annual written report to the Board outlining the use of the funds.

Amendment

09P-194

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

THAT: The Board require all Dry Grad Committees receiving BCLDB funds to provide an annual written report to the Board outlining the use of the funds *and the difference these funds make to the Dry Grad activities.*

DEFEATED

Opposed: Trustee Horning, Trustee Given, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Scanlan and Trustee Watson

The question was called on Main Motion 09P-193.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Trustee Horning, Trustee Given, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Scanlan and Trustee Watson

2015 Canada Winter Games Bid Committee
(attachment)

The Superintendent provided a report on the online survey results to move the spring break for the 2015 Canada Winter Games.

Main

09P-195

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The Board of Education establishes the dates for the 2015 spring break for a two-week period to coincide with the dates of the 2015 Canada Winter Games (between February 12, 2015 and March 8, 2015), pending these Games being awarded to the City of Kelowna;

AND FURTHER THAT: The Superintendent of Schools (or designate) be appointed to the 2015 Canada Winter Games Kelowna Bid Committee.

The Board discussed the legacy that the 2015 Canada Winter Games would leave for School District No. 23 and the City of Kelowna.

**The question was called on Main Motion 09P-195.
CARRIED**

Notice of Motion of Trustee Hunt-Binkley – Public Board Meeting - October 14, 2009

Main

09P-196

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

THAT: The Board of Education commend the efforts of our students and staff in their support and involvement in Me to We and Free the Children initiatives.

The Board discussed the importance of recognizing the students and staff in their support and involvement in all global citizenship initiatives.

Amendment

09P-197

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board of Education commend the efforts of our students and staff in their support and involvement in ~~Me to We and Free the Children initiatives~~ Me to We, Free the Children and other global citizenship initiatives.

CARRIED

**The question was called on Main Motion 09P-196 as amended by Amendment 09P-197.
CARRIED**

Proposal for Year One of Full Day Kindergarten Implementation
(attachment)

The Superintendent provided a report to the Board on the implementation and list of candidate schools for Year One of Full Day Kindergarten.

Main

09P-198

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The Board approve the list of schools in priority order, including Peter Greer Elementary, as contained in section 4.0 of the Memo - Proposal for Year One of Full Day Kindergarten Implementation;

AND FURTHER THAT: This information be forwarded to the Ministry to meet their November 1, 2009 deadline.

Amendment

09P-199

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board approve the list of schools in priority order, ~~including Peter Greer Elementary~~, as contained in section 4.0 of the Memo - Proposal for Year One of Full Day Kindergarten Implementation;

AND FURTHER THAT: This information ~~be forwarded~~ to be sent to the Ministry of Education to meet their November 1, 2009 deadline and include the fact that Peter Greer Elementary would be number five on the list based on vulnerability if space was available at the school. However, the cost to the Board to relocate a portable on site would be \$30,000. The Board does not have AFG funds to facilitate the move of the required portable.

CARRIED

The question was called on Main Motion 09P-198 as amended by 09P-199.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Given

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

Aboriginal Education Program – Sixth Annual Report

September 2008 – June 2009

(attachment)

Referred by the Education and Student Services Committee - October 7, 2009

Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

(attachment)

Referred to the Education and Student Services Committee

General Statement

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2009/2010

(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, regarding funding cuts.
Reginald Volk, regarding BC School Sports.
The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, on behalf of the Board of Education, CUPE Local 3252, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, regarding the funding reductions and a request for a funding review of BC education.

Received: **Correspondence Directed to the Board:**
Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia, regarding BC School Sports.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) – copy of the Submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and the letter directed to The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding Education Funding, Future Planning and Sustainability.

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) – copy of the letter directed to The Honourable Margaret McDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding the Annual Facilities Grant.

School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) – copy of the letter directed to The Honourable Margaret McDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding the Superintendent's Report on the Organization of Classes.

School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) – copy of the letter directed to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, regarding the 2010 Budget Consultation.

School District No. 83 (North Okanagan – Shuswap) – copy of the letter directed to The Honourable Margaret McDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding the Annual Facilities Grant.

Reg Volk, Joe Rich Gravel Pit Committee member, regarding the Joe Rich Gravel Pits.

Main

09P-200

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: At the October 28, 2009 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

November 4, 2009

4:30 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

November 18, 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 Provincial Council and Okanagan Branch Report

Trustee Baxter provided a report on the BCSTA Provincial Council and Okanagan Branch meetings.

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: December 3-5, 2009

Location: Westin Bayshore

Vancouver, B.C.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

(attachment)

Referred to the Education and Student Services Committee

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer