



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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  
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)  
K. Hannigan, Executive Assistant

## Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	No representative
COTA	Alice Rees, President (arrived at 6:25 pm)
COPVPA	Lisa McCullough, President (arrived at 6:14 pm)
CUPE	Deb Roseleine, Recording Secretary
DSC	No representative

## ORDER:

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

## AGENDA

Add	Information for scheduled item	Item 4.1 School Opening Report #2
Move	Information to Action	Item 9.3 to 7.8
Add	New Action	Item 7.9 Kindergarten Busing
Move	Information to Action	Item 9.2 to 7.10

## AGENDA

*Main*

09P-164 **MOVED** by Trustee Watson, **SECONDED** by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Agenda for September 23, 2009 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

## MINUTES

Main

09P-165

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of September 9, 2009 be adopted as distributed.**  
**CARRIED**

## RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

### Recognition:

#### **Renée Burgess and Karen Kranabetter Kelowna Art Gallery School Tour Program 2008/2009** (attachment)

Renée Burgess and Karen Kranabetter of Kelowna Art Gallery were honored for their ongoing relationship with School District No. 23.

#### **Susan Sanger, Teacher for the Hearing Impaired**

Recognition by the Canadian Association of Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
(attachment)

Susan Sanger was recognized for her service as the National Director of the Canadian Association of Educators of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing where she has been recognized for her energy, wisdom, common sense and vision. Susan thanked the Board for their support.

### **Introduction of New Administrators**

The Superintendent introduced two new administrators and the Board welcomed them to the District by presenting them with a School District pin.

Kevin Kaiser, Vice-Principal, George Pringle Elementary School  
Janet Williams, Principal, Bankhead Elementary School

### **Introduction of New District Staff**

The Secretary-Treasurer introduced Karri Hannigan as the new Executive Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer and presented her with a School District pin.

### **World Teachers' Day**

#### **October 5, 2009**

The Board Chairperson made the following declaration:

THAT: The Board of Education School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares October 5, 2009 as "World Teachers' Day" in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

### **Presentation:**

#### **Mount Boucherie Secondary School**

##### **Re: Field Trip to Nairobi, Kenya – March 6, 2010 to March 28, 2010**

Lisa McCullough and Irene Maier made a presentation to the Board outlining the Mount Boucherie Secondary School request for a Field Trip to Nairobi, Kenya. The presentation highlighted the Free the Children and Me to We organizations, travel and safety issues, construction of school and water systems in the African village, and the financial impact and fundraising opportunities for the participating students.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent acknowledged that September 23, 2009 was "Canwest Raise-a-Reader Day". This organization has raised over \$13 million dollars across Canada to support literacy initiatives in local communities since its inception in 2002.

The Superintendent provided a brief update on H1N1 (Swine Flu). Provincially, Public Health will not be reporting individual cases of confirmed H1N1, and will not be testing the general public, specifically for this virus.

### **School Opening Report #2**

(Information provided at the meeting)

The Superintendent provided part 2 of the Superintendent's School Opening Report. The Superintendent reviewed the changes in teacher staffing due to enrolment being lower than projected in some elementary schools. The total enrolment for 2009/2010 was predicted to be 21,821 in April, 2009. By September 15, 2009, schools were declaring a total of 21,818, which represents an increase of 99 students over last year's September 30<sup>th</sup> figure and 3 below projection. Based on this, the District is anticipating a final enrolment count of 21,768, which represents an increase of 49 students over last year. The number of students registered in alternate education programs is still to be determined for the 2009/2010 school year.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

### **TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS**

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

#### **Trustee Horning**

- Trustee Horning requested information from the Superintendent on the Hockey School Program at George Elliot Secondary School.

*The Superintendent confirmed that 17 students were in the program last year and 20 are registered for this year. The Pursuit of Excellence program has 117 students registered for the 2009/2010 school year.*

#### **Trustee Hunt-Binkley**

- Trustee Hunt-Binkley queried if the Board had received any further word on the Correctional Institute being considered in Lake Country, and if the letter to the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General could be sent on an annual basis.

#### **Trustee Baxter**

- Trustee Baxter requested an update on transportation.

*The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed that approximately 4,000 students are registered for transportation.*

## ACTION ITEMS

### **Formal Request to Minister of Education Opening of Chute Lake Elementary School**

*Main*

09P-166

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

**THAT: In accordance with Section 73(1)(a) of the *School Act*, the Board open the new Chute Lake Elementary School at 5240 Lark Street, Kelowna, British Columbia, on September 1, 2009 subject to approval of the Minister of Education.**

**CARRIED**

### **Establishment of Chute Lake Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (attachment)**

*Main*

09P-167

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

**THAT: The application from the Chute Lake Elementary School parents for the establishing of a Parent Advisory Council be received and so declared in accordance with Section 8 of the *School Act*.**

**CARRIED**

### **2008/2009 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements (attachment)**

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – September 16, 2009:

Trustee Given, as Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, reported that the 2008/2009 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements were fully reviewed by the Finance and Legal Committee.

*Main*

09P-168

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

**THAT: The Board receive and accept the 2008/2009 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, as attached, and as presented at the September 23, 2009 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **Setting of Additional Finance and Legal Committee Budget Review Sessions (Incremental Sessions)**

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – September 16, 2009:

Trustee Given, as Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, introduced the recommendation. The additional dates will provide an opportunity for partner groups to be consulted and be part of the budget process.

*Main*

09P-169

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board approve the following dates as additional Finance and Legal Committee Budget Review Sessions:**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2009 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2009 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 2, 2009 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**AND THAT: All meetings will take place in the Board Room at the School Board Office.**

**CARRIED**

### **Annual Facility Grant Funding**

#### **Recommendation of the Coordinating Committee – September 15, 2009:**

Trustee Horning reviewed the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee. The Board requested a copy of the letter be sent to the Premier and the area MLA's.

*Main*

09P-170

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

**THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education asking that the Ministry of Education restore the funding of the Annual Facility Grant for the 2009/2010 school year;**

**AND FURTHER THAT: The Minister of Education enter into discussions with Boards of Education regarding Annual Facility Grant funding for subsequent years.**

**CARRIED**

### **Motion to BCSTA Provincial Council**

#### **Recommendation of the Coordinating Committee – September 15, 2009:**

The Board discussed the resolution to the BCSTA.

*Main*

09P-171

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board of Education forward to the BCSTA Provincial Council the following motion:**

**THAT: The BCSTA lobby the Provincial Government and Ministry of Education to fund the cost of H1N1 prevention, employee MSP premiums, restore grants cancelled or reduced for the 2009/2010 school year, and grant 100% Harmonized Sales Tax rebates to School Districts.**

**CARRIED**

### **Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies**

Kelowna

Trustee Given

Lake Country

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

Peachland

Trustee Baxter

Rutland

Trustee Horning and Trustee Cacchioni

West Kelowna

Trustee Watson

Information on the ceremonies will be provided to Trustees through the Secretary-Treasurer's office.

**BC School Sports – Notice to All Member Schools**  
(attachment)

The Board discussed the request from BC School Sports to School Districts with a student population over 10,000 for \$3,000 and School Districts with a student population of under 10,000 for \$1,500 to cover the operating grant for BC School Sports which had been cut. Individual trustees expressed concerns that providing the funding for the 2009/2010 school year would become an ongoing expense to School Districts.

*Main*

09P-172

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

**THAT: \$3,000 be forwarded to BC School Sports for the 2009/2010 school year.**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Trustee Watson, Trustee Scanlan, and Trustee Baxter**

**Kindergarten Busing**

The Secretary-Treasurer provided an update to the Board on Kindergarten busing. Some Kindergarten mid-afternoon routes are not available due to the low number of kindergarten students registered for busing. Therefore, some kindergarten students are only provided transportation one way. The number of students affected is between 30 and 35.

*Main*

09P-173

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: For those Kindergarten students who are registered on a bus route and are not provided with a mid-day ride, the Board issue the parents a 50% refund where the student's bus pass has been fully paid.**

**CARRIED**

**Copy of Letter directed to Connie Denesiuk, President, British Columbia School Trustees Association, dated June 23, 2009, from Butch Morningstar, Executive Director, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources regarding Gravel Pit Applications**

(attachment)

Trustee Baxter referred to an article in the Capital News on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 regarding the pilot project of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources on gravel pits.

*Main*

09P-174

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Central Okanagan Board of Education request a meeting with the Co-chairs of the new Central Okanagan pilot project on the mining of aggregate.**

The Board discussed requesting a trustee sit on the steering committee to be made up of government, industry representatives and members of the general public.

*Amendment*

09P-175

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

**THAT: The Central Okanagan Board of Education request a meeting with the Co-chairs of the new Central Okanagan pilot project on the mining of aggregate;**

**AND THAT: The Board request that a trustee be a member of the pilot project steering committee.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Trustee Baxter, and Trustee Scanlan**

**The question was called on Main Motion 09P-174 as amended by 09P-175.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

This public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any matter pertaining to public education.

**Alice Rees, President of Central Okanagan Teachers' Association**

- Alice Rees expressed appreciation to the Human Resources department for their professionalism in handling the recent staffing changes.
- Alice Rees, on behalf of the Teachers that volunteer, coach and support school sports, expressed disappointment in the Board's decision not to provide the \$3,000 funding to BC School Sports.

**Deb Roseleine, Recording Secretary CUPE Local 3523**

- Deb Roseleine expressed appreciation to the Board in trying to restore the Annual Facility Grant funding.

**BC School Sports – Notice to All Member Schools**

*Reconsideration*

09P-176

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

**THAT: The Board reconsider Motion 09P-172.**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley and Trustee Watson**

*Main*

09P-172

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

**THAT: \$3,000 be forwarded to BC School Sports for the 2009/2010 school year.**

The Board discussed the possibility of requesting schools to provide the \$3,000 from individual school funds.

**The question was called on 09P-172.**

**DEFEATED**

**Opposed: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Trustee Watson and Trustee Scanlan**

Main  
09P-177

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 send a letter to every school regarding the request of BC School Sports for supplemental funding of \$3,000, to explain why the Board of Education has declined to provide this funding.**  
**CARRIED**  
**Opposed: Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Given and Trustee Horning**

Main  
09P-178

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,  
**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 write a letter to the provincial government outlining their displeasure of the cuts to BC School Sports, and advising them of the implication to staff, volunteers and students.**  
**CARRIED**

A copy of this letter is to be sent to BC School Sports, OCSSA and OVSSA.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

**Draft Letter to The Honourable Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding 2009/10 Annual Facility Grant – Health and Safety Projects**

(attachment)

The letter was amended and an itemized statement will be added to the letter.

**General Statements**

(attachment)

**Field Trips for 2009/2010**

(attachment)

## BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

## BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

**Sent:** The Honourable Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding Trustee Electoral Areas

**Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board:**  
Keith Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education – Annual Facility Grant (AFG) – follow up

**Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:**

School District No. 57 (Prince George) – copy of letter directed to The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, regarding GST and Boards of Education

School District No. 72 (Campbell River) – copy of letter directed to The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding Annual Facility Grant funding

School District No. 38 (Richmond) – copy of letter directed to The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding Annual Facility Grant funding

School District No. 38 (Richmond) – copy of letter directed to Mayor Malcolm Brodie and City Council, regarding Union of BC Municipalities Motions related to the disposal of school land

School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) – copy of letter directed to The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid and The Honourable Colin Hansen, regarding Annual Facility Grant funding

*Main*

09P-179

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

**THAT: At the September 23, 2009 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

### **FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

### **SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS**

### **BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

September 30, 2009

3:30 General Affairs Committee

October 7, 2009

4:30 General Affairs Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee

October 21, 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**

### **BCSTA Okanagan Branch Meeting**

Date: October 16 and 17, 2009  
Location: Penticton Lakeside Resort & Conference Centre  
21 Lakeshore Drive West  
Penticton, B.C. V2A 7M5

### **BCSTA Provincial Council**

Date: October 23 and 24, 2009  
Location: Morris J. Wosk Centre  
Vancouver, B.C.  
Deadline for submission of Motions: September 28, 2009  
Trustee Baxter is attending as the Board representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council.

### **BCSTA Trustee Academy**

Date: December 3-5, 2009  
Location: Westin Bayshore  
Vancouver, B.C.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES**

## **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer