



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

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| COPAC | No representative |
| COTA | Alice Rees, President |
| COPVPA | No representative |
| CUPE | Bill Zeman, President |
| DSC | No representative |

ORDER:

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

AGENDA

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| Add | Material | Material for Item 4.1 – School Opening Report |
| Defer | Recognition | Item 3.1.1 deferred to September 23, 2009 Public Board Meeting |
| Add | New Action | Item 7.2 – Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) AGM Motions – Disposal of School Land |

AGENDA

Main

09P-157

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, **SECONDED** by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Agenda for September 9, 2009 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

09P-158

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of June 24, 2009 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Given (absent from meeting)

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Recognition:

Renee Burgess and Karen Kranabetter
Kelowna Art Gallery School Tour Program 2008/2009

(attachment)

Deferred to the September 23, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

Introduction of New Administrators

The Superintendent introduced the following new administrators, and the Board welcomed the new Administrators to the District by presenting them with a School District pin:

Rod Baruta, Vice-Principal, Rutland Middle School

Jesse Bruce, Vice-Principal, North Glenmore Elementary School

Ross Hett, Principal, Oyama Traditional School

Jim Laird, Vice-Principal, Glenrosa Middle School

Terrilynn Scarcelli, Vice-Principal, Shannon Lake Elementary School

The following new administrators were unable to attend the September 9, 2009 Public Board Meeting and will be recognized at the September 23, 2009 Public Board Meeting:

Kevin Kaiser, Vice-Principal, George Pringle Elementary School

Janet Williams, Principal, Bankhead Elementary School

Introduction of New District Staff

The Superintendent introduced the following new District staff, and the Board welcomed the new District staff by presenting them with a School District pin:

Marsha Boyle, Supervisor of International Education Programs

Peter Hill, Energy and Sustainability Manager

Dave Norrish, Manager, Learning Technology Department

Presentation:

SMARTRISK

- No Regrets and HEROES Programs

Presenters: Hugh Gloster, Superintendent of Schools

Marion Stolze, SMARTRISK Volunteer

The Superintendent and Marion Stolze provided an overview of the SMARTRISK – No Regrets and HEROES Programs. A video of the SMARTRISK organization was shown. SMARTRISK is a national non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to preventing injuries and saving lives by helping Canadians to see and manage the risks in their lives. The commitment from the schools would entail the recruitment of a lead teacher from every secondary school, as well as students who would initiate the coordination of the

programs at the schools. Training for the lead teacher and students would be provided in November.

Main

09P-159

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

THAT: The Board endorse and support the implementation of the SMARTRISK – No Regrets and HEROES Program.

In response to a Trustee query, the Superintendent confirmed that the SMARTRISK – No Regrets and HEROES Program would be offered to the five secondary schools in the District.

The question was called on 09P-159.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

School Opening Report

(information provided at meeting)

The Superintendent provided part 1 of the Superintendent's School Opening Report. As the first Public Board Meeting is taking place the first week of school, the enrolment data for the School Opening Report is not yet available. Part 2 of the Superintendent's School Opening Report, including detailed demographic information, will be presented at the September 23, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

The areas covered in part 1 of the Superintendent's School Opening Report included District Enrolment Trends, Student Migration and Transfers, opening of Chute Lake Elementary School, Transportation, Teacher Hirings and Shortages, Special Education, Budget, Career Preparation, Portables and Vacant Classrooms, Extra Curricular, 2007/2008 District Achievement Results, Ministry of Education Updates, and an expression of appreciation to all school and District staff who volunteered their services in support of the wildfires in the Summer of 2009.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Bill Zeman, President, CUPE Local 3523

- Mr. Zeman provided an update to the Board on the effect on CUPE Local 3523 of the Ministry of Education's decision to not provide funding for the Annual Facility Grant (AFG). There are twenty CUPE Local 3523 employees who no longer have positions with School District No. 23. Mr. Zeman referred to the recent meeting as between the Board and the area MLAs and whether there was discussion on the Ministry of Education not providing funding for the AFG.
- *The Board Chairperson confirmed that the Board discussed with the area MLAs the Ministry of Education's decision to not provide funding for the AFG. The MLAs were provided with the Annual Facility Grant Plan. MLAs indicated if there were any health and safety concerns as a result of School Districts not being able to proceed with AFG projects, they were to advise the Ministry.*

Mr. Zeman further requested information from the Superintendent on the new position of the Manager of the Learning Technology Department.

The Superintendent advised that this was not a new position. This position has been vacant for some time. The Superintendent will provide information to Mr. Zeman on the Manager of the Learning Technology Department position at a later date.

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

Draft New Policy 208 – Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – June 17, 2009

Trustee Given, as Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, introduced the recommendation. Trustee Hunt-Binkley provided background information on the formation of the Policy. The independent third party Whistleblower Service will be provided by an area law firm on a fee for service basis. The Whistleblower Service will provide a report to the Board twice yearly, in December and June, or whenever deemed necessary. The Board suggested one amendment to the Policy. The first line of 7 should read as follows:

7. *Confidentiality* on a ‘need to know basis’ shall be maintained for both the individual(s) reporting the suspected financial misconduct and for any individual(s) identified for investigation.

Main

09P-160

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

THAT: The Board approve new Policy 208 – Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity as amended and presented at the September 9, 2009 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) AGM Motions - Disposal of School Land

The Board Chairperson read to the Board a Policy Background as prepared by the British Columbia School Trustees Association on the UBCM AGM Motions regarding disposal of school lands. The Motions, if passed by the assembly at the AGM, would direct UBCM to advocate for changes in legislation to require Boards of Education to get approval from local government prior to disposal/lease of school lands and assets, and give local government the first opportunity to acquire surplus school lands and facilities at minimal or no cost.

Main

09P-161

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board inform the area Municipalities and Regional Districts that the Board is opposed to the Motions to be put forward at the UBCM AGM on September 30, 2009 to October 2, 2009 and would like an opportunity to meet and discuss our concerns.

CARRIED

The Board discussed the contacting of the area Municipalities and Regional Districts as follows:

Trustee Hunt-Binkley – Mayor of Lake Country

Trustee Baxter – Mayor of Peachland

Trustee Watson – Mayor of West Kelowna

Trustee Scanlan – Mayor of the City of Kelowna

Trustee Cacchioni – Chair of the Regional District

Trustee Horning – Regional Director for Central Okanagan East

Trustee Given – Regional Director for Central Okanagan West

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Bill Zeman, President, CUPE Local 3523

- Mr. Zeman suggested that the Board communicate the new Policy 208 – Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity by posting the Policy on *All Staff* in *FirstClass*.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Annual Facility Grant 2009/2010

(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed, and the Board discussed, the effects on the School District of the Ministry of Education's decision to not provide funding for the Annual Facility Grant for 2009/2010. The Board referred to the Coordinating Committee the issue of sending a letter to the Minister of Education outlining the health and safety concerns in not providing the funding for the AFG which would allow the necessary maintenance to schools.

Pandemic Planning

(attachment)

The Superintendent provided a review of the School District's proactive plan in responding to an outbreak of H1N1 or other communicable diseases. The Quick Response Team includes Hugh Gloster, Superintendent; Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K-12; and Ken Emmons, District Health & Safety Manager.

Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

(attachment)

The Board referred this item to the Coordinating Committee for scheduling as an Action Item on a future Agenda. Additional information will be obtained to ascertain the position of other School Districts.

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Facility Plan

(attachment)

The Ministry of Education in the Spring of 2009 issued directions with the Capital Plan instructions which included the requirement for each District to complete a comprehensive School District Facility Plan. The draft School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Facility Plan will be reviewed at the October Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

Report of the Fact Finder for School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

Trustee Electoral Boundaries

(attachment)

The Board discussed the letter of August 10, 2009 from The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education. Included with the letter was the Report of the Fact Finder as prepared by Gary Graf. The Minister of Education formally asked the current Board if changing the Trustee Electoral Areas continues to be a priority. The Board discussed forwarding a response letter to the Minister of Education requesting clarification of her request.

Main

09P-162

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

THAT: The Board write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting clarification on what she wishes from this Board.

CARRIED

General Statement

(attachment)

Month End Enrolment – June 2009

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2009/2010

(attachment)

The Board discussed the possibility of schools making a presentation to the Board, on unique field trips, to explain the field trip prior to departure, and then providing a presentation to the Board upon their return. The Superintendent advised that once the application comes forward for approval, a presentation to the Board could be discussed at the Coordinating Committee for placement on a future Board Meeting Agenda.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: British Columbia School Trustees Association regarding Status Quo Budget 2009/2010

The Honourable Steve Thomson regarding Meeting with the Board of Education

The Honourable Norm Letnick regarding Meeting with the Board of Education

The Honourable Ben Stewart regarding Meeting with the Board of Education

The Honourable Bill Barisoff regarding Meeting with the Board of Education

Mayor Sharon Shepherd, City of Kelowna, regarding School District No. 23 bus tour

Mayor Keith Fielding, The Corporation of the District of Peachland, regarding School District No. 23 bus tour
Mayor James Baker, District of Lake Country, regarding School District No. 23 bus tour
Mayor Doug Findlater, District of West Kelowna, regarding School District No. 23 bus tour
Jim Edgson, Director, Regional District of Central Okanagan, regarding School District No. 23 bus tour
Kelly Hayes, Director, Regional District of Central Okanagan, regarding School District No. 23 bus tour
MLA Ben Stewart regarding Annual Budget for 2009/2010
MLA Steve Thomson regarding Annual Budget for 2009/2010
MLA Bill Barisoff regarding Annual Budget for 2009/2010
MLA Norm Letnick regarding Annual Budget for 2009/2010

Received:

Correspondence Directed to the Board:

Liz Talbott, Executive Director, NOW Canada Society, regarding Tutt Street Place
Irene Lanzinger, British Columbia Teachers' Federation, regarding Federation Brief to the Minister of Education – Standardized Testing Moratorium and Task Force
The Rutland Senior Secondary School Counsellors regarding Board of Education Bursary/Scholarship Donation
The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding three-year budget planning cycle
Ombudsman regarding Files Closed from April 1 to June 30, 2009
Stephen Hansen, Executive Director, British Columbia School Trustees Association AGM Resolutions
The Secretary-Treasurer's office will request the attachment to Stephen Hansen's letter regarding Safe Drinking Water.
The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding election to Minister of Education
The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding 15-passenger vans

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

Doug Findlater, Mayor, District of West Kelowna – copy of letter directed to The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding School District No. 23 Boundaries Report – Trustee Representation
School District No. 39 (Vancouver) – copy of letter directed to The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) 2009/10
School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) – copy of letter directed to The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding provincial funding
Connie Denesiuk, President, British Columbia School Trustees Association – copy of letter directed to Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) regarding refund on 2008/2009 membership fees
School District No. 28 (Quesnel) – copy of letter directed to The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid regarding Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) Funding

Main

09P-163

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: At the September 9, 2009 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 16, 2009

1:00 Finance and Legal Committee

September 30, 2009

3:30 General Affairs Committee

October 7, 2009

4:30 General Affairs Committee

6:30 Education and Student Services 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
Penticton, B.C. V2A 7M5

The letter from Butch Morningstar, Executive Director, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources in response to the BCSTA Okanagan Branch Resolution regarding Gravel Pit Applications, to be referred to the next Public Board Meeting.

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

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: December 3-5, 2009

Location: Westin Bayshore
Vancouver, B.C.

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Coordinating Committee

- Letter to Minister of Education regarding health and safety concerns in not providing AFG Funding
- Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

- Draft School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Facility Plan

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Recognition

- Introduction of New Administrators
- Renee Burgess and Karen Kranabetter of the Kelowna Art Gallery
- Letter from Butch Morningstar, Executive Director, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, dated June 23, 2009, regarding BCSTA Okanagan Branch Resolution on Gravel Pit Applications

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer