



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, April 28, 2010**
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, President
COPVPA	Rhonda Ovelson, President
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President (left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.)
DSC	Andrea Das-Wieczorek, Co-president

ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

AGENDA

Add	Declaration	3.1 National Day of Mourning for Workers - April 28, 2010
Add	Additional Correspondence	Dot Davies-Fuhrman, Ex-teacher, an email regarding budget cuts.
Add	Additional Action Item	7.5 Gravel Pit Updates from the Board Chair

AGENDA

Main
10P-069

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Agenda for April 28, 2010 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Amend Main 10P-065 SECONDED by Trustee ~~Scanlan~~ Baxter,

Main
10P-070

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 14, 2010 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED
Abstained: Trustee Scanlan (absent from meeting)

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

The Chairperson made the following Declaration:

The Board of Education declares April 28, 2010 as a Day of Mourning in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) and observes a moment of silence to honour those workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of doing their work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported:

- In partnership with the City of Kelowna, the Regional District of the Central Okanagan and Tigress Ventures, involved 365 students from ten schools to join the EECO Heroes this spring and had them pledge to do at least three actions to conserve water, energy, reduce waste, preserve our species and spaces or reduce traffic congestion.
- Bike to School Week is May 10-14, 2010. The Central Okanagan School District and the I-go Regional Active Transportation Program have partnered to deliver bike education programs to elementary schools throughout the region. This year, an estimated 2,500 students in elementary schools throughout the regional district will participate.
- All 42 of the District's School Planning Councils are meeting with School Trustees and senior staff to review their school goals and school improvement plans for the 2010-2011 school year. The Superintendent commended staff and parents for their involvement in the school planning process.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Watson

- Trustee Watson asked if teacher salaries were included in the cost of academies, and therefore recovered within the fees.
The Superintendent reported that teacher salaries were not included in the cost of academies. Teacher salaries are part of the block funding that is received on a per pupil basis from the Provincial Government and that the District must provide teacher time for students regardless of the educational program the students attend.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley

- Trustee Hunt-Binkley reported on the BC School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting and the lack of a Question and Answer period from individual BCSTA Committees. Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested that the General Affairs Committee write a letter to the BCSTA regarding its Annual General Meeting format.

ACTION ITEMS

Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139 - Full Day Kindergarten - Capital Requirements
(attachment)

Main

- 10P-071 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139 - Full Day Kindergarten Capital Requirements (as attached) at the April 28, 2010 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Trustee Horning presented the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139 - Full Day Kindergarten Capital Requirements. The Capital Project Bylaw must be adopted in order to access the \$382,176 in site planning and design work, of which 30% is being made available to begin the process.

Main

- 10P-072 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board of Education approve, Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139 - Full Day Kindergarten Capital Requirements, as attached and presented at the April 28, 2010 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Capital Project Bylaw No. 126129 - Helen Gorman Elementary School - Energy Efficient Mechanical Upgrade Project
(attachment)

Main

- 10P-073 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126129 - Helen Gorman Elementary School - Energy Efficient Mechanical Upgrade Project (as attached) at the April 28, 2010 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Trustee Horning presented the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126129 - Helen Gorman Elementary School - Energy Efficient Mechanical Upgrade Project. The Capital Project Bylaw must be adopted in order to access a provincial grant of \$325,000 under the Energy Efficient Mechanical Upgrade program. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) will partner with Terasen Energy Services for the geothermal energy upgrades to Helen Gorman Elementary School.

Main

- 10P-074 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board of Education approve, Capital Project Bylaw No. 126129 - Helen Gorman Elementary School - Energy Efficient Mechanical Upgrade Project, as attached and presented at the April 28, 2010 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Transportation User Charge

(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Transportation User Charge and additional information on ridership and subsidy requests to the Board. The Board discussed the Transportation User Charge that was implemented for the 2009/2010 school year and its ongoing implications for the students of School District No. 23.

Main

10P-075 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board of Education approve, the Transportation User Charge, as described in Policy 470 - Transportation Services Management for all students using the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) transportation system, be set at the same rate as for the 2009/2010 school year.

The Board discussed increasing the annual Transportation User Charge to \$210 and the affect of this change on the vulnerable students in School District No. 23.

Amendment

10P-076 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Board of Education approve, the Transportation User Charge, as described in Policy 470 - Transportation Services Management for all students using the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) transportation system, be set at \$210 for the 2010/2011 ~~the same rate as for the 2009/2010~~ school year.
DEFEATED
Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Trustee Given, Trustee Horning, Trustee Scanlan, Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Baxter.

The question was called on Main Motion 10P-075

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Baxter

The Board discussed an increase to the minimum number of eligible students required to establish a bus run from 7 to 14. This will ensure a minimum of 15% to 20% of the riders on the route are eligible before the District starts a new route or continues an existing route. It is anticipated that this change will have minimal impact on the current system.

Main

10P-077 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Board of Education approve to increase the minimum number of eligible students required to establish a run from 7 to 14.
CARRIED
Opposed: Trustee Baxter

The Board discussed capping the transportation assistance fee at \$530.00 per family per year. The current policy provides transportation assistance to parents of students that are eligible to receive transportation service but no bus route exists in the area the student resides. Some parents have been eligible to receive up to \$2000 per year. The cap would align the transportation assistance with the approximate funding per rider the District receives from the Ministry.

Main

10P-078 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Board of Education approve to cap the transportation assistance at \$530 per year per student.
CARRIED

The Board discussed providing only partial transportation subsidies to a maximum of 50% subsidy for all riders. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that there is currently no maximum subsidy limit in the Hardship Policy and the Transportation Subsidy follows the same guidelines.

Main

10P-079 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,
THAT: The Board of Education approve to cap the transportation subsidy to a maximum of 50% subsidy for all riders.
DEFEATED
Opposed: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Given, Trustee Scanlan, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Horning and Trustee Hunt-Binkley.

Finance and Legal Committee's 2010/2011 District Budget Recommendations

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee - April 21, 2010

The Superintendent presented the Finance and Legal Committee's 2010/2011 District Budget Recommendations. The Board discussed the implications of the budget recommendations on teacher staffing levels, district coordinators, support staff, student services, and various educational programs.

Main

10P-080 MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Board adopt the Preliminary 2010/2011 School District Budget, including the specific budget reductions, as presented at the April 28, 2010 Public Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the reduction to the Health Promoting Schools Coordinator to 0.5 FTE. The position would be funded from \$30,000 grant from Interior Health and \$15,000 from the operating budget. The Board discussed funding the Health Promoting Schools Coordinator from CommunityLINK funding instead of the operation budget.

Amendment

10P-081 MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board adopt the Preliminary 2010/2011 School District Budget, including the specific budget reductions, as presented at the April 28, 2010 Public Board Meeting;
AND FURTHER THAT: The Board direct staff to allocate \$30,000 from CommunityLINK funding toward Health Promoting Schools initiatives;
AND FURTHER THAT: No funds for the position of Health Promoting Schools Coordinator be taken from the operating budget.
DEFEATED
Opposed: Trustee Given, Trustee Watson, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Horning and Trustee Hunt-Binkley.

The Board discussed the challenges in deliberating the Operating and CommunityLINK budgets at different times and agreed to combine the deliberations of the two budgets for next year.

Amendment

10P-082 MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Board adopt the Preliminary 2010/2011 School District Budget, including the specific budget reductions, as presented at the April 28, 2010 Public Board Meeting;
AND FURTHER THAT: For the 2011/2012 year, the Board consider CommunityLINK budget deliberations at the same time as the District Operating Budget.
CARRIED

The question was called on Main Motion 10P-080

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Baxter

Gravel Pit Updates from the Board Chair

The Board discussed recent notices in local newspapers announcing new gravel pits in West Kelowna and Oyama. The Board discussed writing a letter to the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Energy requesting input into the location and operation of new gravel pits.

Main

10P-083 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,
THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Energy requesting that Boards of Education be included in the notification and consultation process regarding the location and operation of new gravel pits.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

Response to Trustee Query - Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) - Student Excused
(attachment)

The Board discussed the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) - Student Excused report as presented by the Superintendent.

Board Approved Registration Dates
(attachment)

The Superintendent presented the Board Approved Registration Dates for the 2010/2011 school year. The official closing date for registrations in the Central Okanagan School District for the 2010/2011 school year is September 1, 2010.

General Statement - April 14, 2010
(attachment)

Field Trips 2009/2010
(attachment)

Field Trips 2010/2011
(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Nicole Langlands-Kotnik, a response letter regarding the Reassignment of Robert McEwen - Helen Gorman Elementary School

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board:
Allyson Graf, General Manager, Community and strategic Initiatives, YMCA-YWCA, a letter regarding renting School District facilities during non-school days.
Linda Beaven, Adjudicator Kiwanis Music Festival, a letter regarding School District No. 23's support of the Arts.
Carol Millar and Deb Nicholson, Literacy Department Heads, Springvalley Middle School, a letter regarding funding cuts.
Dot Davies-Fuhrman, Ex-teacher, an email regarding budget cuts.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

Vancouver Board of Education to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, a letter regarding the Vancouver School Board's surplus.
Vancouver Board of Education to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, a letter regarding surplus student spaces.

Main
10P-084

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: At the April 28, 2010 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

General Affairs Committee
Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

Education and Student Services Committee
Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., School Board Office

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

General Affairs Committee write a letter to the BCSTA regarding its Annual General Meeting format.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

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

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer