



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, February 24, 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 (left the meeting at 6:56 p.m.)
COPVPA	Vianne Kintzinger
CUPE	No representative
DSC	Jessica Lenoble

### ORDER:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

### AGENDA

Add	Additional Action Item	7.13 Letter to the Minister of Education regarding the 2010/11 Annual Facility Grant
Add	Additional Action Item	7.14 Letter from the Minister of Education regarding a Change to the Trustee Electoral Area Boundaries
Add	Additional Material for Action Item	7.12 Permission to Utilize Capital
Amend	Scheduled Action Item	7.4a Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy) - MBSS
Amend	Scheduled Action Item	7.4b Proposal for Substantive Change (Girls' Soccer Academy) - MBSS

### AGENDA

Main  
10P-031

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,  
**THAT: The Agenda for February 24, 2010 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

## MINUTES

Main

10P-032

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 10, 2010 be adopted as distributed.**

**CARRIED**

**Abstain: Trustee Hunt-Binkley**

## RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

### Recognition:

**“Harmony Day Video Contest” - Rose Valley Elementary Grade 6 Students**

Students: Baylie Beselt, Rachael Dunlop, Jacob Overton, Joshua Russell, Lydia Sicotte

Teacher: Jim Bradshaw

Trustee Watson, presented the students and teacher involved in the Harmony Day Video Contest with a Certificate of Recognition and School District No. 23 pins for their accomplishment.

**School District No. 23 Employee Wellness Month - Recognition of the Organizers of:**

School District No. 23 Volleyball League

Enzo DeLaurentiis, Barb Danielsen and Mona Essler

School District No. 23 Curling League

Bev Conzevoy

Trustee Hunt-Binkley recognized Enzo DeLaurentiis and Barb Danielsen with a Certificate of Recognition and School District No. 23 pins for their organization of the District Volleyball League. Mona Essler (District Volleyball League) and Bev Conzevoy (District Curling League), who were unable to attend the meeting, were also recognized for their commitment to Employee Wellness.

### Presentation:

**School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2009 Safety Review**

(attachment)

Presentation by Ken Emmons, District Health and Safety Manager

Ken Emmons, District Health and Safety Manager, presented the 2009 Safety Review. The District offers claims management services to 21 Districts or 33.3% of the Province which equates to providing services to over 15,000 employees. Over the past year, these partnerships have resulted in a net revenue of \$152,455.00 to our District. The Board recognized Ken Emmons and his department for continuing to generate substantial revenue for the District.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- The Superintendent commended Kelsey Serwa, recent graduate of Kelowna Secondary School, for achieving a notable fifth place finish in the 2010 Olympic Games.
- The Superintendent recognized Trustee Gail Given and Assistant Superintendent Terry-Lee Beaudry along with the District's Education Week Committee for organizing and supporting several of the Education Week events planned for the week of March 1-5, 2010.
- The Superintendent reported that the Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarians' Association will be bringing award-winning author Kenneth Oppel to Kelowna for Education Week 2010. During his visit, Mr. Oppel will speak to more than 4000 students. The public is invited to a free evening presentation on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Kelowna Community Theatre (starting at 7:00 p.m.) to hear Mr. Oppel.
- The Superintendent also invited the public to view the District's Science Fair, hosted at Okanagan College-Centre for Learning, on March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- The Superintendent also reported that the District's flag is currently at half mast in recognition of the passing of recent Kelowna Secondary School graduate, Bryce Essler. Bryce was tragically lost while swimming in Maui. The service for Bryce Essler is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Trinity Baptist Church.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

### **TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS**

#### **Trustee Scanlan**

- Trustee Scanlan requested information on the points raised by Nicki Hokazono and Stacey Lea, Teachers, regarding the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten.  
*The Superintendent reported that the Board Chair had written a comprehensive letter responding to the concerns brought forward by the teachers.*

#### **Trustee Baxter**

- Trustee Baxter requested a copy of the letter to Nicki Hokazono and Stacey Lea.  
*The Board Chair reported that it would be distributed to Trustees on February 25, 2010.*
- Trustee Baxter asked if the District is using the Foundation Skills Assessment data.  
*The Superintendent reported that yes, the District uses the FSA data as well as other data sources for assessment purposes. However, the Superintendent also reported that with the controversy around FSA testing and more and more students opting out, the validity of the data is becoming compromised.*

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

- Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested that the Board be provided with the number of students who opted out of the Foundation Skills Assessment.  
*The Superintendent reported that the information would be available at the end of March or early April after the testing cycle is completed.*

## ACTION ITEMS

### **Amended Annual Budget Bylaw** (attachment)

*Main*

10P-033 MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,  
**THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2009/2010 (as attached) be given all three readings at the Public Board Meeting of February 24, 2010.**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*

10P-034 MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2009/2010 in the amount of \$174,023,627 be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.**  
**CARRIED**

### **Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy) – Rutland Senior Secondary School** (attachment)

*Main*

10P-035 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy, to include the following partnerships: 1) British Columbia Institute of Technology: Electronics Technician - Common Core, Aircraft Structures Technician, Power Equipment Mechanic, Motorcycle Mechanic, Diesel Engine Mechanic and Electricity and Industrial Electronics; 2) Okanagan College: Residential Construction, and Administrative Assistant Fundamentals; 3) Electrical Industry Training Institute: Forestry - Utility Arborist; and 4) Justice Institute of British Columbia: Emergency Medical Responder), as attached and presented at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Rutland Senior Secondary School starting September 2010.**  
**CARRIED**

### **Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy) – Kelowna Secondary School** (attachment)

*Main*

10P-036 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy, to include the following partnership: Automotive Training Standards Organization - Automotive Service Technician (Level 1)), as attached and presented at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Kelowna Secondary School starting September 2010.**  
**CARRIED**

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy) – Mount Boucherie Secondary School**  
(attachment)

Main

10P-037 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Dual Credit Academy, to include the following partnerships: 1: Okanagan College - Culinary Arts Program; 2) Justice Institute of British Columbia - Firefighting; and 3) Industry Training Authority & Cosmetology Industry Association of British Columbia - Hairdressing Program), as attached and presented at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Mount Boucherie Secondary School starting September 2010.**  
**CARRIED**

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Girls' Soccer Academy) – Mount Boucherie Secondary School**  
(attachment)

Main

10P-038 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Girls' Soccer Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Mount Boucherie Secondary School starting September 2010.**

The Board discussed that the Proposal for Substantive Change did not include a clause on Financial Hardship, possibly resulting in students being excluded from the program.

Amendment

10P-039 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Girls' Soccer Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24th Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Mount Boucherie Secondary School starting September 2010 on a one year basis pending proper notification to parents of the District's Financial Hardship Policy.**

The Board discussed including the “**on a one year basis, pending proper notification of the District's Financial Hardship policy**” to each Proposal for Substantive Change motion. Upon review of the District's policy on Substantive Change, it was determined that School Administration had followed procedure and that the template for the proposals would be amended to include the language in newsletters, course guides etc., in the future.

The Amendment motion 10P-0139 was withdrawn with unanimous consent of the trustees.

**The question was called on Main Motion 10P-038.**

**CARRIED**

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

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Soccer Skills Academy) – Dr. Knox Middle School**  
(attachment)

Main

- 10P-040 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Soccer Skills Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Dr. Knox Middle School starting September 2010.**  
**CARRIED**  
**Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley and Trustee Baxter**

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Baseball Skills Academy) – Rutland Senior Secondary School**  
(attachment)

Main

- 10P-041 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Baseball Skills Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Rutland Senior Secondary School starting September 2010.**

The Board discussed a future partnership between the Rutland Senior Secondary School - Baseball Skills Academy and Baseball BC and the expectation that students play baseball in an organized league outside of school.

**CARRIED**  
**Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley and Trustee Baxter**

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Swimming Academy) – OKM Secondary School**  
(attachment)

Main

- 10P-042 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Swimming Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at OKM Secondary School starting September 2010.**

The Board discussed the statement within the proposal that there would be no additional costs to OKM or the District to operate the Swimming Academy.

*The Superintendent reported that some of the Academies have outside sponsorship from local businesses and sporting associations.*

**CARRIED**  
**Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley and Trustee Baxter**

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Visual and Performing Arts Academy) – OKM Secondary School**  
(attachment)

Main

- 10P-043 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Visual and Performing Arts Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at OKM Secondary School starting September 2010.**

The Board confirmed that participation in the OKM Theater program was not limited to being registered in the Visual and Performing Arts Academy.

*The Superintendent confirmed that registration in the Academy was not mandatory for participation in the OKM Theater productions.*

**CARRIED**

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

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Outdoor Education Academy) – Springvalley Middle School**  
(attachment)

The Board discussed the positive impact the Outdoor Education Academy could have on some of the vulnerable students at Springvalley Middle School.

Main

- 10P-044 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Outdoor Education Program), as attached and presented at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Springvalley Middle School starting September 2010.**

**CARRIED**

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Skills Academy) – Constable Neil Bruce Middle School**  
(attachment)

Main

- 10P-045 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Skills Academy), as attached and presented at the February 24<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School starting September 2010.**

**CARRIED**

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

## Informing Parents of Equitable Access to Substantive Change Programs/Academies

*Main*

- 10P-046 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,  
**THAT: The Board requires schools to inform parents/caregivers through newsletters, notices to parents, course selection handbooks, and at the time of registration of the District's Financial Hardship clause (see Policy 425 and 425R), ensuring that students will not be excluded from any educational program/academy due to financial hardship.**  
**CARRIED**

### **Permission to Utilize Capital** *(attachment)*

*Main*

- 10P-047 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,  
**THAT: The Board of Education request permission from the Minister of Education to utilize the Capital Reserve to offset the AFG shortfall.**

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that many School Districts throughout the Province have successfully requested permission from the Minister of Education to utilize the Capital Reserve to offset the AFG shortfall. The Ministry has requested that we also address the Chute Lake Elementary debt with the School District's Capital Reserve.

**CARRIED**

### **Letter to the City of Kelowna regarding adding the Okanagan Mission Secondary expansion to the 10 Year Capital Plan**

*Main*

- 10P-048 MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,  
**THAT: The Board write a letter to the City of Kelowna requesting that funding support for the expansion of Okanagan Mission Secondary be included within the City's 10-year Capital Plan.**  
**CARRIED**

### **Letter to the Minister of Education regarding the 2010/11 Annual Facility Grant** *(attachment)*

*Main*

- 10P-049 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education, regarding the cancellation of the Annual Facility Grant and the concerns that the lack of funds are impacting the condition of School District facilities resulting in Health and Safety issues;**  
**AND FURTHER THAT: The letter be copied to all School Districts, all Partner Groups, the local MLA's, the Leader of the Opposition, and the Opposition's Education Critic.**  
**CARRIED**

## **Letter from the Minister of Education regarding a Change to the Trustee Electoral Area Boundaries**

The Board discussed the letter from the Minister of Education requesting additional information to change the Trustee Electoral Area Boundaries.

*Main*

10P-050 MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,  
**THAT: The Board contact Terry Stewart, Senior Legislative Analyst, Minister of Education, to ascertain exactly what information they require to obtain approval to adjust the trustee electoral area boundaries and what information is already on file with the Ministry of Education.**  
**CARRIED**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Education Week - March 1 - 5, 2010**  
(attachment)

**Month End Enrolment – January 2010**  
(attachment)

**General Statement**  
(attachment)

**Field Trips for 2009/2010**  
(attachment)

## **BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**Sent:** The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Transportation, regarding Gravel Pit Traffic Safety concerns  
A Joint Statement - Central Okanagan Board of Education and Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment data to rank schools

**Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board:**  
Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding the cancellation of the 2009/2010 Annual Facility Grant (AFG)  
Norman J Mould, President, Coalition for Music Education in BC, regarding the importance of music in education  
The Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding trustee electoral area boundaries

Nicki Hokazono and Stacey Lea, Teachers, regarding the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten

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

Janelle Taylor, Regional District of Central Okanagan, a letter to Al Ludwig, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, regarding a Proposed Sand and Gravel Extraction Site in the vicinity of Highway 33, Goudie Rd. and Pyman Rd.

School District No. 63 (Saanich), a letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, regarding budget challenges

School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North), a letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, regarding budget challenges

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha), a letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, regarding Foundation Skills Assessment

*Main*

10P-051

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

**THAT: At the February 24, 2010 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

**SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS**

**BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

**BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

**BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION**

**Report from the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting - February 19 - 20, 2010**

*Trustee Baxter provided the following report on the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting - February 19 & 20, 2010 in Victoria, BC:*

- *Private School Funding motion was deferred to the BCSTA AGM in April 2010*
- *New motion on Full Day Kindergarten flexibility was passed*
- *The Deputy-Minister did not attend the meeting*
- *There was discussion with the BCCPAC regarding partner group involvement at Board Meetings*
- *Information was provided by the Auditor General on Public Participation -Principles and Best Practices for BC and What to expect from a Performance Audit*
- *BCSTA.org has further information and reports*

**Nominations for BCSTA Officers**

(attachment)

Deadlines for:

Nominations - Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Candidate Statements and Photographs - Thursday, April 1, 2010

**BCSTA Annual General Meeting – April 22-25, 2010 – Victoria, BC**

**FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

**CANCELLED** - Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES**

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

---

Chairperson

---

Secretary-Treasurer