



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 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 (present by  
telephone)

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 Robin Gabert (arrived at 6:24 p.m.)

COTA

COPVPA Rhonda Ovelson

CUPE Ryan Miller

DSC Andrea Das-Wieczorek

### ORDER:

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

### AGENDA

Add	Material for Scheduled Item	3.3.1 Kelowna Peace Group - Amber Nedelec and Karen Longhurst
Add	Information Items	9.2 Employee Wellness Month
Add	New Action Item	7.4 Employment Standards Act: Pregnancy/Parental Leave Entitlement
Add	New Action Item	7.5 Letter from Central Okanagan Teachers' Assoc. regarding Foundation Skills Assessment
Amend	Removal of Future Meeting	15 Board Standing Committee Meetings

### AGENDA

#### Main

10P-013 **MOVED** by Trustee Watson, **SECONDED** by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Agenda for January 27, 2010 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

## MINUTES

**Add Page 9** - Trustee Hunt-Binkley reported *from the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council meeting* that a Parenting with Pizzazz session was being held on February 6, 2010 and Boys Smarts Forum will be held in March in Vernon, BC.

### *Main*

10P-014      MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Given,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 13, 2010 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**  
**Abstained: Trustee Horning (absent from meeting)**

## RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

### **Recognition:**

#### **The Learning Partnership - Canada's Outstanding Principals**

- **Lisa McCullough, recognized for her accomplishments at Mount Boucherie Secondary School**
- **Rhonda Ovelson, recognized for her accomplishments at AS Matheson Elementary School**

The Board recognized Lisa McCullough and Rhonda Ovelson, for being selected by the National Selection Committee of The Learning Partnership to be two of Canada's Outstanding Principals. Trustee Horning and Trustee Watson presented the Principals with Certificates of Recognition and School District No. 23 pins for their accomplishments.

### **Introduction:**

#### **Lisa McCullough, Director of Instruction - K-12**

The Board welcomed Lisa McCullough as the new Director of Instruction K-12, by presenting her with a School District No. 23 pin.

### **Presentation:**

#### **Kelowna Peace Group – Amber Nedelec and Karen Longhurst**

Amber Nedelec and Karen Longhurst, members of the Kelowna Peace group, provided a presentation which included a request to the Board of Education to remove Military from all schools. The Board of Education received the presentation.

**Proclamation/Declaration:**

**Harmony Day – February 8, 2010**

The Chairperson made the following proclamation:

- WHEREAS** Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan come from all over the world; and,
- WHEREAS** Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the School District No. 23 community to celebrate cultural diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,
- WHEREAS** Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,
- WHEREAS** Harmony Day allows School District No. 23 to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment where every student develops the knowledge and skills to be a lifelong learner and a healthy productive member of the global society; and,
- THEREFORE** I, Rolli Cacchioni, as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), do hereby proclaim February 8, 2010 as Harmony Day in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

**School Bus Safety Week – February 1, 2010 through to February 5, 2010**

(attachment)

The Chairperson made the following proclamation:

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declare the week of February 1, 2010 through to February 5, 2010 as “School Bus Safety Week” in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) supporting the theme “Cross in View, it’s the Right Thing to Do!”.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- The Superintendent recognized Trustees and staff who attended the Full Day Kindergarten community meetings as well as the School Planning Council orientation sessions in the month of January.
- The Superintendent acknowledged the involvement of staff, students, and parents in the recent Olympic Torch celebrations.
- The Superintendent reported that budget working sessions continue to be facilitated to solicit input from staff and partner groups prior to next year’s budget. The next public presentation will be held on Monday, February 1, 2010 at Hollywood Road Education services.

## PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

**Ryan Miller, Vice-President, CUPE Local 3523, expressed concern that the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) transportation policy and regulations were not being strictly followed.**

*The Board Chair responded that the Superintendent would follow up with the Transportation Department regarding his concerns.*

## TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

### Trustee Cacchioni

- Trustee Cacchioni provided an update on the Board's request to the Minister of State for Mining to limit Gravel Pit traffic during peak school hours. Trustee Cacchioni reported that it was not the jurisdiction of the Ministry of State and Mines to regulate traffic hours and that the Board would need to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation.

### Trustee Baxter

- Trustee Baxter requested information on the duration of the Catchment Area Survey.  
*The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the online Catchment Area Survey would close on February 15, 2010.*

## ACTION ITEMS

### **Rutland Secondary School Residential Construction Program Dilworth Quality Homes Inc. Partnership** (attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer presented to the Board a partnership between the Rutland Secondary School Residential Construction Program and Dilworth Quality Homes Inc. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Residential Construction Program had been challenged in finding appropriate building lots close to the school that fit the needs of the program. Dilworth Quality Homes Inc. was willing to partner with the Residential Construction Program in having the students build part of a home in the Tower Ranch subdivision and in return Dilworth Quality Homes Inc. would pay the School District the net proceeds of the student's portion of the work on the house. The partnership would eliminate the financial risk to the School District and the need for Ministry approval during the current land sale freeze.

*Main*

10P-015      **MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Given,  
THAT: The Board approve staff to enter into a Memorandum of  
Understanding with Dilworth Quality Homes Inc. to allow the students of the  
Rutland Residential Construction Program to construct a home at the Tower  
Ranch development.  
CARRIED**

**Notice of Motion – Trustee Baxter – January 13, 2010**  
**Amendment to Policy 115 – Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings**  
**Section 2.5 - Election of Vice-Chairperson**  
(attachment)

*Main*

10P-016      MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,  
**THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 115 - Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings Section 2.5 - Election of Vice-Chairperson as follow:**

**Two trustees' names shall be drawn from those who wish to act as vice-chairperson during the current year. In subsequent years of the term, at the annual general meeting, two names shall be drawn from the remaining trustees wishing to act as vice-chairperson. Should a trustee/trustees not want to serve in the vice-chairperson role, and all trustees who indicated an interest to serve have completed a term, those previously serving would be permitted to resubmit their name/names for inclusion in the draw for the position of vice-chairperson.**

**CARRIED**

**Trustee Baxter - January 27, 2010**  
**Amendment to Policy 115 - Section 4 - Chair of the Meeting**

Trustee Baxter requested that Policy 115 - Section 4 - Chair of the Meeting, be amended to be consistent with the School Act, that the meeting shall be chaired by the Secretary-Treasurer, and not the Superintendent.

*Main*

10P-017      MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,  
**THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 115 - Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings Section 4 - Chair of the Meeting as follow:**

**The meeting shall be chaired by the ~~Superintendent~~ *Secretary-Treasurer or designate*, until a chairperson of the Board is elected by secret ballot or by acclamation.**

**CARRIED**

## **Breakfast Clubs of Canada – Breakfast Program**

(attachment)

Lisa McCullough, Director of Instruction K-12, presented the Breakfast Clubs of Canada - Breakfast Program to the Board. The Director reported that the Breakfast Program would be a 14 week pilot project at George Pringle Elementary School with the possibility of extending the program at the school and expanding to other schools in the District, if successful. The Board discussed the Breakfast Clubs of Canada mandate and the pilot project at George Pringle Elementary.

*Main*

10P-018

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board approve that School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) enter into an agreement with Breakfast Clubs of Canada to offer a pilot breakfast program at George Pringle Elementary School.**

**CARRIED**

## **Employment Standards Act: Pregnancy/Parental Leave Entitlement**

(attachment)

The Board discussed the changes to the Pregnancy/Parental Leave Entitlement in the Employment Standards Act.

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10P-019

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

**THAT: The Board of Education write a letter to BCPSEA and BCSTA to ascertain whether changes to the Employment Standards Act has caused challenges for other school districts and if so, have those districts been able to reach a resolution;**

**AND FURTHER THAT: It be made clear that the Board of Education's intention is to find a solution that is in the best interest of our students and our employees.**

**CARRIED**

**Letter from the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association regarding Foundation Skills Assessment**  
(attachment)

The Board discussed the letter from the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association (COTA) requesting that staff supervise students who have opted out of the Foundation Skills Assessment. The Board denied the request of COTA, citing that Ministry regulations do not permit parallel programs during Foundation Skills Assessment testing. If a parent chooses to remove their child from FSA testing, it is the parent's responsibility to provide supervision at that time.

*Main*

10P-020      **MOVED** by Trustee Baxter, **SECONDED** by Trustee Hunt-Binkley,  
**THAT: The Board reply to the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association confirming that the Board supports the present Foundation Skills Assessment process that is in place.**  
**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

**Karen Bernath, Teacher, requested information on the position of other BC School Districts regarding supervision during the Foundation Skills Assessment.**

*The Superintendent reported that of the seven Okanagan districts queried, the position on non-participating student supervision during the Foundation Skills Assessment testing was not unanimous.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**District Student Council 2009-2010**  
(attachment)

Trustee Cacchioni noted that there was not a member from George Elliot Secondary on the District Student Council. The Board would like to have representatives from all Secondary Schools.

*The Superintendent reported that staff would follow up on the request.*

**Employee Wellness Month**  
(to be provided)

**General Statements**  
(attachment)

**Field Trips for 2008/2009**  
(attachment)

## BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

**Sent:** Chief Fabian Alexis, Okanagan Indian Band, regarding meeting with the Board of Education.  
Dr. Doug Owsram, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of British Columbia Okanagan, regarding meeting with the Board of Education.  
Mayor Keith Fielding, The Corporation of the District of Peachland, regarding meeting with the Board of Education.  
Mayor Doug Findlater, District of West Kelowna, regarding meeting with the Board of Education.  
Jim Hamilton, President, Okanagan College, regarding meeting with the Board of Education.  
Mayor James Baker, District of Lake Country, regarding meeting with the Board of Education.  
Bill Zeman, President, CUPE Local 3523, regarding meeting with the Board of Education.  
Alice Rees, President, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, regarding meeting with the Board of Education.  
Rhonda Ovelson, Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, regarding meeting with the Board of Education.  
Mayor Sharon Shepherd, City of Kelowna, regarding meeting with the Board of Education.  
Mayor Sharon Shepherd, City of Kelowna, regarding Harmony Day.  
Chief Robert Louie, Westbank First Nation, regarding Harmony Day.  
Robert Hobson, Chairperson, Regional District of Central Okanagan, regarding Harmony Day.  
Mayor Doug Findlater, District of West Kelowna, regarding Harmony Day.  
Mayor Keith Fielding, District of Peachland, regarding Harmony Day.  
Mayor James Baker, District of Lake Country, regarding Harmony Day.

**Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board:**

Randy Hawes, Minister of State for Mining, regarding gravel pits in the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

*Referred to the February 2, 2010 Coordinating Committee - to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation regarding limiting Gravel Pit traffic during peak school times.*

Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding the joint letter on education funding.

Leah Thodarson, Executive Director, Westbank & District Chamber of Commerce, regarding Chamber of Commerce memberships.

Dr. Andrew Larder, Senior Medical Health Officer, Interior Health, regarding the H1N1 immunization campaign.

Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, regarding the Foundation Skills Assessment.

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

School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith), a letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, regarding funding to BC School Parent Advisory Councils.

School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia), a letter to Katrine Conroy, MLA, West Kootenay/Boundary, regarding child poverty.

School District No. 22 (Vernon), a letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, regarding School District Budgets.

School District No. 38 (Richmond), a letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, regarding Budget Adjustments for 2009/2010.

School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia), a letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, regarding the cancellation of the K-12 Literacy Innovation Grant.

School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows), a letter to the Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid, regarding the Foundation Skills Assessment.

*Main*

10P-020

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

**THAT: At the January 27, 2010 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

**SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS**

**BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

February 3, 2010

4:30 ~~Human Resources and Staff Services~~

6:30 Education and Student Services

**ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

**Trustee Scanlan** reported that the Women's and Community Advisory Committee has been restructured and has a newly elected Chairperson, Micki Smith, and a newly elected Vice-Chair, Mary Ann Graham.

**Trustee Baxter** requested that the Board review the practice of having staff present at Public Board Meetings, as it is often not necessary for staff to stay late after work to present their items.

*The Board Chair reported that the practice would be forwarded to the next Board Interchange for discussion.*

## **BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

Trustee Hunt-Binkley reported on the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual BC Public School Employers' Association AGM where the focus was on the upcoming contract negotiations.

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION**

**BCSTA Okanagan Branch Meeting – February 12-13, 2010 – Vernon, BC**

**BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting – February 20, 2010 – Victoria, BC**

Deadline for Motion submissions:

Provincial Council Motions – January 22, 2010

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

Deadline for Motion submissions:

Extraordinary Motions – February 11, 2010

Substantive Motions – February 19, 2010

## **FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES**

### **Correspondence Directed to the Board**

*Referred to the Coordinating Committee February 2, 2010 - to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation regarding limiting Gravel Pit traffic during peak school times*

**Items Requiring Special Mention**

*Referred to the Board Interchange Meeting - to review the practice of staff attendance at Public Board Meetings*

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

**Information Item - District Student Council**

*Follow up to Trustee Cacchioni's request for a representative from George Elliot Secondary on the District Student Council.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer