



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, June 23, 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	Sharlene Drohomerski, President (left the meeting at 8:38 pm)
COTA	Alice Rees, President
COPVPA	Rhonda Ovelson, President
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President
DSC	Peter Davidson

### ORDER:

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

### AGENDA

Add	Action Item	7.7 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139-2 Shannon Lake Elementary School - 8 Classroom Addition
Add	Information for Scheduled Item	3.2 Presentation by Deborah Hughes - Rutland Community School
Add	Recognition/Presentation	3.3 Chris Bowen - Catherine Haldane Teacher of the Year Award 2010
Add	Action Item	7.8 Determination of Trustee Bursary for June 2011
Add	Action Item	7.9 Letter to the Ministry of Education regarding Chute Lake Elementary School Debt

Main  
10P-125

MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Agenda for June 23, 2010 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

## MINUTES

Main

10P-126

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Given,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 9, 2010 be adopted as distributed.**  
**CARRIED**

## RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

### The Dragon's Den Award winners

Deb Roseleine, Community Partnership Facilitator, who coordinated The Dragon's Den Competition, described this District-wide Entrepreneurial opportunity for middle and secondary school students. Tasks included setting up a business plan for a new, unique, and environmentally-friendly business. Forty-three teams participated this year with nine teams recognized as finalists.

The Board recognized the following students who received awards with Certificates of Recognition and School District No. 23 pins.

#### Secondary Schools:

"iTour Kelowna" - KSS

(Allie Lemoine, Kristen Valnicek, Kassia Vinci, Kayleigh Zinger-Harris)

OK Valley Beach Rentals - KSS (Innovation Award)

(Kelsey Marinov, Hilary Regnier, Brett Rothenburger)

Ogoyogo - KSS

(Ashton Miller, Josh Rampone, Courtney Verwold, Sabrina Waitkus)

#### Middle Schools:

Happy Hounds / Bowwow Buddies - CNB

(Isaac Massey, Brittany Dyck, Katya Hoodikoff)

Water Walkers - Dr. Knox (Innovation Award)

(Sagar Chopra, Robert Luo, Sarah Speight)

Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K-12, commended the Career Programs staff for providing unique opportunities for students. He also presented the latest edition of "What's Next" which is a student planning guide for graduation and life after high school. All grade 12 students will receive a copy of this guide in September 2010.

### Chris Bowen - Catherine Haldane Teacher of the Year Award 2010

Trustee Given presented Chris Bowen, recipient of the Catherine Haldane Teacher of the Year Award 2010 from the Kelowna Daily Courier, a Certificate of Recognition and a School District No. 23 pin for his accomplishments.

## **Presentation by Deborah Hughes - Rutland Community School**

Deborah Hughes, Executive Director from the Rutland Community School, presented information on the core purposes of the Rutland Community School. The underlying philosophy is to implement prevention strategies at the local community level through programs, services, community capacity building and various other actions. School District No. 23 has helped fund the Rutland Community School program through CommunityLINK funding. Deborah Hughes requested that the Board continue to provide funding to support the community school program.

The Board discussed the request to continue funding the Rutland Community School program and the importance of community schools.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **The Superintendent reported:**

- The Superintendent provided an overview of the 2009-2010 school year identifying challenging events the Board had to deal with such as: the West Kelowna fires; the cancellation of the \$3.7 million Annual Facility Grant (AFG); the subsequent lay-off of trade workers; the introduction of Full Day Kindergarten; the response to the threatened H1N1 Pandemic; changes to the School Calendar; the 2015 Canada Winter Games Bid; responding to critical incidences; and dealing with a \$4.7 million budget shortfall.
- The Superintendent identified the many achievements to be proud of including the opening of Chute Lake Elementary School, expanding the StrongStart Centres from 3 to 7, adding 2 more locally developed courses, 3 more dual-credit courses, and 7 new academies. Significant enrolment increases have also been shown in both Advanced Placement and French Immersion Programs. New programs were introduced including the SmartRisk-No Regrets and Heroes, the "Blast" program, and the replacement for the DARE curriculum. Additionally, a new Achievement Contract was developed to guide the District's work on improving student success.
- The Superintendent reported that gains were recognized in student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy, a six year Graduation Rate now at 83% compared to the provincial average of 79%, an Aboriginal Graduation Rate at 55% compared to the provincial average of 49%, and English as a Second Language (ESL) students graduating at a rate of 87.5%, compared to 81.4% for the province.
- Special events to be proud of included hosting the BC Student Leadership Conference with over 500 students participating, involving over 400 students in We Day 2009, celebrating Harmony Day, Education Week, and numerous other student-centered events. Over \$100,000 was raised for Free the Children and local service projects and over \$140,000 was raised by local schools in Cancer fundraisers.
- The Superintendent reported that in 2009/2010, the Business of the Board included: introducing 2 new policies and revising 8 others, conducting 42 on-site School Planning Council meetings, and completing 5 program reviews. In addition, the Board authored 88 letters advocating on behalf of public education, completed multiple reports for the Ministry, attended countless school and community-based events, and celebrated the retirements of 56 teachers, 8 administrators and 20 support staff.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

## TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

The Board discussed the Board of Education / MLA meeting that was held at Central School on Friday, June 18, 2010, and agreed to write a letter to the MLAs thanking them for their support. The Board also agreed to write a letter to Al Lalonde, Principal of Central School, commending him for organizing the meeting with community partners.

## ACTION ITEMS

### **District Achievement Contract for 2010/2011**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee - June 2, 2010

Trustee Watson, as chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, presented the District Achievement Contract for 2010/2011.

*Main*  
10P-127

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Achievement Contract 2010/2011, as presented at the Public Board Meeting on June 23, 2010;**  
**AND FURTHER THAT: By July 15, 2010, it be submitted to the Minister of Education and made available publicly by way of the District's website.**

The Superintendent presented the amendments to the District Achievement Contract for 2010/2011, as recommended by the Education and Student Services Committee on June 2, 2010.

**The question was called on Motion 10P-127.**  
**CARRIED**

### **Adoption - Annual Budget Bylaw 2010/2011**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee - June 16, 2010

*Main*  
10P-128

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The School District No. 23 Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2010/2011 (as attached) be given all three readings at the Public Board Meeting of June 23, 2010.**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*  
10P-129

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The School District No. 23 Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2010/2011, in the amount of \$176,007,973 be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2010.**  
**CARRIED**

**Recommended CommunityLINK Allocations for 2010/2011**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee - June 2, 2010

In attendance: Eileen Sadlowski, Director of Finance

*Main*  
10P-130 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Recommended CommunityLINK Allocations for 2010/2011, as attached and as presented at the June 23, 2010 Public Board Meeting.**

The Board discussed the Recommended CommunityLINK Allocations for 2010/2011, noting that due to increasing cost pressures such as additional school meals for Full Day Kindergarten students, the Board would no longer be able to provide funding to support Community School programs. The Board also discussed writing a letter regarding the cost of providing mental health support to the students, and the apparent “give/take” approach by the government to fund the program. Currently, the School District contracts the services of mental health clinicians to work in designated schools.

**The question was called on Motion 10P-130.  
CARRIED**

**School Planning Council Goals**

(attachment)

The following recommendations have been moved according to the Trustee who participated in the SPC visit:

*Main*  
10P-131 MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,  
**THAT: The Board approve the 2010/2011 School Planning Council reports and goals for Anne McClymont Elementary School, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, Glenrosa Elementary School, Glenrosa Middle School, Hudson Road Elementary School, Mount Boucherie Secondary School and Peachland Elementary School.**  
**CARRIED**

The Chairperson, Trustee Cacchioni, relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairperson, Trustee Given, in order that he could make a Motion.

*Main*  
10P-132 MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,  
**THAT: The Board approve the 2010/2011 School Planning Council reports and goals for A.S. Matheson Elementary School, Dr. Knox Middle School, Glenmore Elementary School, Okanagan Mission Secondary School, Quigley Elementary School, Rutland Elementary School and Watson Road Elementary School.**  
**CARRIED**

Trustee Cacchioni resumed the position as Chairperson.

*Main*  
10P-133 MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board approve the 2010/2011 School Planning Council reports and goals for Belgo Elementary School, Casorso Elementary School, Central Programs and Services/Storefront, KLO Middle School, Pearson Road Elementary School, South Kelowna Elementary School and Springvalley Elementary School.**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*  
10P-134 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,  
**THAT: The Board approve the 2010/2011 School Planning Council reports and goals for Bankhead Elementary School, North Glenmore Elementary School, Rutland Senior Secondary School, South Rutland Elementary School and Springvalley Middle School.**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*  
10P-135 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Board approve the 2010/2011 School Planning Council reports and goals for Black Mountain Elementary School, Davidson Road Elementary School, Ellison Elementary School, George Elliot Secondary School, Oyama Traditional School and Peter Greer Elementary School.**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*  
10P-136 MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Board approve the 2010/2011 School Planning Council reports and goals for Chute Lake Elementary School, Dorothea Walker Elementary School, Kelowna Secondary School and Raymer Elementary School.**  
**CARRIED**

*Main*  
10P-137 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,  
**THAT: The Board approve the 2010/2011 School Planning Council reports and goals for Chief Tomat Elementary School, George Pringle Elementary School, Helen Gorman Elementary School, Rose Valley Elementary School, Rutland Middle School and Shannon Lake Elementary School.**  
**CARRIED**

The Board discussed inviting members of School Planning Councils and Parent Advisory Councils to regional training sessions, as well as additional parents from PACs in order to help align the two groups.

**Amendments to Policy 335 - Occupational Health and Safety**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee - June 2, 2010

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as chairperson of the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee, presented the amendments to Policy 335 - Occupational Health and Safety.

*Main*  
10P-138 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,  
**THAT: The Board approve amendments to Policy 335 - Occupational Health and Safety, as attached and as presented at the June 23, 2010 Public Board Meeting.**  
**CARRIED**

**Amendments to Policy 208 - Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee - June 16, 2010

Trustee Given, as chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, presented the Amendments to Policy 208 - Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity.

*Main*

10P-139

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board approve amendments to Policy 208 - Confidential Disclosure: Reporting and Investigating Allegations of Financial Irregularity, as attached and as presented at the June 23, 2010 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139-2 - Shannon Lake Elementary School - 8 Classroom Addition**

(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139-2 - Shannon Lake Elementary School - 8 Classroom Addition.

*Main*

10P-140

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

**THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139-2 - Shannon Lake Elementary School - 8 Classroom Addition (as attached) at the June 23, 2010 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

*Main*

10P-141

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board of Education approve, Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139-2 - Shannon Lake Elementary School - 8 Classroom Addition, as attached and presented at the June 23, 2010 Public Board Meeting.**

The Board discussed the tender process for the Shannon Lake Elementary School - 8 Classroom Addition. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that in order to expedite the tendering process, contractors will be pre-qualified.

**The question was called on Motion 10P-141.**

**CARRIED**

**Determination of Trustee Bursary for June 2011**

Recommendation of the Coordinating Committee - June 15, 2010

The Board discussed the Determination of Trustee Bursary for June 2011 and agreed to defer the eligibility criteria to the Coordinating Committee in September 2010.

*Main*

10P-142

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

**THAT: The Board of Education provide a \$1,000.00 Board of Education Bursary.**

**CARRIED**

**Letter to the Ministry of Education regarding Chute Lake Elementary School Debt**

Recommendation of Trustee Baxter

Trustee Baxter recommended that the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the Chute Lake Elementary School Debt.

*Main*

10P-143

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board write to the Minister of Education requesting clarification on our financial obligation regarding the building of Chute Lake Elementary School, especially considering the Ministry's change in policy with respect to disposal of property and their commitment to Full Day Kindergarten and future Pre-Kindergarten and the resulting need for new classroom space.**

**CARRIED**

**Letter regarding the CommunityLINK Grant Funding Mental Health Services**

Referred from the CommunityLINK Allocations for 2010/2011 discussion by the Board.

*Main*

10P-144

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board write a letter to the Ministers of Education, Health, Children and Families and Finance, with a copy sent to MLAs and children's advocates, stating that we feel mental health services for our students should be fully funded and should not have to be purchased from CommunityLINK funding.**

The Board discussed referring the issue to the Coordinating Committee in September 2010 to table the motion at an upcoming BCSTA Okanagan Branch meeting.

**The question was called on Motion 10P-144.**

**CARRIED**

**Letter regarding Funding of Community Schools**

Referred from the CommunityLINK Allocations for 2010/2011 discussion by the Board.

*Main*

10P-145

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding the lack of funding for Community Schools, which contradicts the Ministry's mandate that schools are the hubs of the community and Neighbourhoods of Learning, and encourage the Minister to reconsider funding for Community Schools.**

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Clerical Assistance for the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC)** (attachment)

The Board discussed the process in order to provide clerical assistance to COPAC.

### **Report - Whistleblower Service** (attachment)

Referred from the Finance and Legal Committee - June 16, 2010

The Board discussed the recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee to have yearly reporting from the Whistleblower Service. To date, there have been no complaints to report.

### **Bankhead Community School Program** (attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that staff have been working with the City of Kelowna to update the Joint Use Agreement.

### **General Statement - June 9, 2010** (attachment)

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

### **Field Trips 2010/2011** (attachment)

The Board discussed having parents sign Informed Consent forms versus Field Trip Liability waivers. The Board also discussed the relative low cost per student (\$40) to attend the Me to We conference in Vancouver.

## **BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Sent:**

### **Received:**

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

Marilyn Green, Counsellor, Okanagan Mission Secondary School, a letter and photo regarding the School Trustee Bursary.

Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, a letter regarding Full Day Kindergarten Capital Approval.

Keith Fielding, Mayor, a letter regarding the School Community Connections Program.

Pauline Terbasket, Executive Director, Okanagan Nation Alliance, a letter regarding the Aboriginal Education Council.

Tara and Tom Sebulsky, Parents, Ecole Casorso Elementary, a letter regarding French Immersion Kindergarten classes.

Reg Volk, an email regarding Military Recruiting in schools.

Kari O'Rourke, Parent, Ecole Casorso Elementary, a letter regarding Overcrowding.

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

School District No. 39 (Vancouver) to Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, a letter regarding the pilot project for a shared system for business operations.

School District No. 39 (Vancouver) to Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, a letter regarding the Comptrollers General report.

School District No. 39 (Vancouver) to Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, a letter regarding the Report on the Vancouver School Board.

John Phipps, Field Experience Coordinator/Professor, Vancouver Island University, to School District No. 23, a letter regarding Student Teacher Placements 2009-2010.

School District No. 39 (Vancouver) to Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education, a letter regarding the Ministerial Directive Order.

Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education to School District No. 39 (Vancouver), a letter regarding the Comptroller General's report.

*Main*

10P-146

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

**THAT: At the June 23, 2010 Public meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

The Board discussed the letter from Keith Fielding, Mayor, District of Peachland, regarding the School Community Connections Program. The Board agreed to write a response letter to the District of Peachland, that should the grant application be successful, the Board will consider providing the staff to install the playground equipment at Peachland Elementary School.

**The question was called on Motion 10P-145  
CARRIED**

**SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS**

**ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION**

The Board of Education commended the Superintendent of Schools and School District staff for their hard work over the 2009/2010 school year.

**BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

**BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION**

**FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

**BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Finance and Legal Committee

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., School Board Office

Human Resources and Staff Services Committee

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES**

Coordinating Committee

Eligibility Criteria for Trustee Bursary

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at p.m. 8:53

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer