



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 22, 2010
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

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 Drohomereski, President
COTA	Alice Rees, President (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)
COPVPA	No representative
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President (left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.)
DSC	No representative

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add	Additional Information for Scheduled Item	4.1 School Opening Report - Part 2
Add	Additional Action Item	7.5 Tender Award - Project No. 126139 - Construction of an Eight Classroom Addition at Shannon Lake Elementary School
Add	Additional Information Item	9.4 BCeSIS Motion to the BCSTA Provincial Council

Main

10P-154

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Agenda for September 22, 2010 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 8, 2010 (attachment)

Main

10P-155 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 8, 2010 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Declaration:

International Walk to School Week - October 4 - 8, 2010

Main

10P-156 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares October 4 - 8, 2010 as “International Walk to School Week” in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

World Teachers’ Day - October 5, 2010

Main

10P-157 MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares October 5, 2010 as “World Teachers’ Day” in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Recognition:

Introduction of New Administrator

The Superintendent introduced Thomas Gruenenwald as the Vice-Principal of Rutland Senior Secondary School, and the Board welcomed him to the District by presenting him with a School District pin.

Thomas Gruenenwald, Vice-Principal, Rutland Senior Secondary School

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Opening Report - Part #2

(to be provided at meeting)

The Superintendent presented Part #2 of the School Opening Report. The school-opening processes have run very smoothly into the third week in September. The single exception to this being the challenges experienced with the poor performance of the British Columbia enterprise Student Information System; making it difficult for many of the schools, especially at the middle and secondary levels, to complete the balancing of their timetables and meeting the requirements of Bill 33.

The Superintendent reported that the District had very accurate enrolment projections. The total enrolment for the 2010/2011 school year was projected to be 21,777. By September 17, 2010, schools declared a total of 21,879 students, which represents an increase of 102 over projection. Of note is the fact that the number of students in our 30 elementary schools (10,692) is very close to the combined number of students in our 6 middle and 6 secondary schools (11,187). As a result of the accuracy of our projections, we were able to support the staffing levels that had been previously assigned to all school in our District and no staff were declared surplus.

A significant challenge for the 2010/2011 school year is the preparation that is required to add Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) in all 30 of our elementary schools for next September. This will result in the addition of approximately 300 more Full Time Equivalent (FTE) students to our District. In preparation for next year, 13 modular classrooms will be added at designated sites to support FDK, as well as building an 8 classroom addition at Shannon Lake Elementary, and opening the Anne McClymont Primary building for the 2011/2012 school year.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The purpose of this public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any items on the agenda. The total time for this period shall normally be 15 minutes. A person wishing to speak is requested by the Chairperson of the Board to state his/her name and provide, if possible, a written copy of the comments.

Alice Rees, President, COTA

The Central Okanagan Teachers' Association Executive thanked the Board of Education for its position on the recent BCeSIS system meltdown by understanding the frustrations of teachers and being resoundingly supportive.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested further discussion on the Okanagan Life magazine article regarding lunches at Chute Lake Elementary School.

ACTION ITEMS

Proposed Changes to the Federal Census Data Collection

Notice of Motion from Trustee Hunt-Binkley at the Public Board Meeting - September 8, 2010

Trustee Hunt-Binkley presented the Proposed Changes to the Federal Census Data Collection and the Board discussed the importance of accurate data collection to the District. The Board agreed to send the following motion to the BCSTA :

Main

10P-158

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

THAT: The Board of Education forward the following motion to the BCSTA Provincial Council:

THAT: The BCSTA advise the Minister of Industry of the importance to School Boards of the data provided by the mandatory long form census, in their planning and operation, and request that it be reinstated.

CARRIED

Addendum to the Master Joint Use Agreement with the District of West Kelowna

(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Addendum to the Master Joint Use Agreement with the District of West Kelowna. The Master Joint Use Agreement is an overarching agreement that spells out the processes for the District of West Kelowna and the School District to share their properties for all community members and students. The new Addendum is to give the Constable Neil Bruce Middle School Hockey Academy ice time in exchange for use of school facilities.

Main

10P-159

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Site Specific Joint Use Agreement For Constable Neil Bruce Middle School and Mount Boucherie Community Centre, as attached and as presented at the September 22, 2010 Public Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the Addendum as attached and presented at the Public Board Meeting, and requested amendments to Sections 7 and 9. The Board also requested that the Addendum Guidelines be attached for further review.

The Board agreed to table Main Motion 10P-159 until the Secretary-Treasurer could make the amendments to the Addendum and provide the information as requested.

Tabling

10P-160

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

THAT: Motion 10P-159 be tabled until further information is provided on the Addendum.

CARRIED

2009/2010 Audited Financial Statements

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee - September 15, 2010

Trustee Given presented the copy of the 2009/2010 Audited Financial Statements, highlighting the Statement of Changes in Fund Balances, Statement of Cash Flows, Notes to the Financial Statements, as a clean audit. It was noted by the Board that the right hand column heading on Page 41 under Capital Leases, should read 2009 and not 2010.

Main

10P-161

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board of Education receive and ~~accept~~approve the 2009/2010 Audited Financial Statements, as attached, and as amended on Page 41, at the September 22, 2010 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Letter to the District of West Kelowna regarding the School Site Acquisition Charge

Recommendation of Trustee Baxter

Trustee Baxter reported that the District of West Kelowna had tabled the motion at their Council Meeting on September 14, 2010 approving the School Site Acquisition Charge, until School District staff have had the opportunity to request that the Westbank First Nation voluntarily collect the Charge as well.

Main

10P-162

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Board of Education request the District of West Kelowna to reconsider their motion delaying the decision regarding the School Site Acquisition Charge.

The Board discussed the actions of the District of West Kelowna, and agreed to write a letter requesting that they reconsider delaying their decision to approve the School Site Acquisition Charge, as municipalities are not exempt from the Charge, whereby First Nation's communities are. The Board also discussed that it is not the municipalities that pay the School Site Acquisition Charge, but the developers in their communities. The School Site Acquisition Charge is a legislated fee that allows School Districts to collect from developers to help fund land purchases for schools.

The question was called on Motion 10P-162.

CARRIED

Tender Award - Project No. 126139 - Construction of an Eight Classroom Addition at Shannon Lake Elementary School

(attachment)

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Tender Award - Project No. 126139 - Construction of an Eight Classroom Addition at Shannon Lake Elementary School.

Main

10P-163

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Board of Education authorizes the award of contract to Sawchuk Developments Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$2,195,551.00 plus HST for the completion of Project No. 126139: Construction of an Eight Classroom Addition at Shannon Lake Elementary School.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

This public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any matter pertaining to public education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

French Immersion Review 2010 Timeline

(attachment)

The Superintendent provided an overview of the review timeline including notice of a Public Consultation Meeting regarding the French Immersion Program on October 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Hollywood Road Education Services (Room 1). The Superintendent anticipated that any changes to the French Immersion Program for the 2011/2012 school year will be finalized at the December 8, 2010 Public Board Meeting.

General Statement

(attachment)

Field Trips 2010/2011

(attachment)

Trustee Watson asked if District funds were being used to send two students to the Student Leadership Training in Montreal, Quebec.

The Superintendent confirmed that District funds were allocated for this initiative.

British Columbia enterprise Student Information System (BCeSIS)

The Board reviewed the Motion to be sent to the BCSTA Provincial Council from the Public Board Meeting on September 8, 2010. The Board discussed including reference to the additional staffing costs that have been incurred by the District due to the poor functioning of the BCeSIS system in the Motion.

Main

10P-163

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

THAT: The Motion to be sent to the BCSTA Provincial Council read as follows:

THAT: BCSTA write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding the issues of continued poor performance of the BCeSIS system, especially at school opening time, and request immediate action to remedy the situation; along with reimbursement to all School Districts for the ongoing additional costs associated with the malfunctioning of BCeSIS.

CARRIED

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Hunt-Binkley reported that the Health Promoting Schools Committee had received a presentation by Harold Schock on Environmental Sustainability in School District No. 23.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley reported that the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee had received a presentation by Jon Rever, Director of Instruction K-12, on the School District No. 23 Data Warehouse.

Trustee Watson reported that the Education and Student Services Committee meeting scheduled for October 6, 2010 had been cancelled.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

- The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Industry, regarding Proposed Changes in Federal Census.
- The Honourable Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, regarding the continued poor performance of the BCeSIS system.
- Heather Schneider, Chair, International Children's Winter Games Kelowna 2011, letter of support by the Board.
- PAC Presidents, Executive and Members, a welcome letter from the Board of Education.
- Tim Trottier, an email acknowledging receipt of email.

Received:

Correspondence Directed to the Board:

- Heather Schneider, Chair, International Children's Winter Games Kelowna 2011, thanking the Board of Education for supporting the Games coming to Kelowna in January 2011.
- Musa V. Sheriff, President, Future Africa Society, a letter requesting books for students in Liberia and other parts of the Mano River Basin.

Main

10P-165

MOVED by Trustee Given , SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: At the September 22, 2010 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Superintendent reported that further to Trustee Hunt-Binkley's query at the Public Board Meeting on September 8, 2010, the 'School Completion Certificate' had been renamed 'the Evergreen Certificate'.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

2010 Symposium - Insight and Opportunities - November 4-5, 2010 Vancouver, BC

Attendees: Trustee Scanlan, Trustee Given, Trustee Hunt-Binkley and Trustee Baxter.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Branch Meeting

Date: October 15 & 16, 2010

Location: Lillooet, BC

Attendees: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Horning, Trustee Scanlan and Trustee Cacchioni

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting / Board Chair Meeting

Date: October 22 & 23, 2010

Location: Vancouver, BC

Attendees: Trustee Baxter and Trustee Hunt-Binkley (alternate) / Trustee Cacchioni

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: December 9 - 11, 2010

Location: Westin Bayshore
Vancouver, BC

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

General Affairs Committee
Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

Coordinating Committee - October 5, 2010

Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested further discussion on the Okanagan Life magazine article regarding light lunches at Chute Lake Elementary School.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer