



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2011
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Trustee R. Cacchioni
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 (absent)
K. Hannigan, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC No representative
COTA Alice Rees, President (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)
COPVPA Derek Lea, President
CUPE Wendy Johnson, Vice-President (left at 8:06 p.m.)
DSC No representative - sent regrets

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add	Action Item - Additional Material	7.4 Trustee Indemnity for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year
Amend	Information Item	9.3 Field Trips 2010/2011
Delete	Recognitions	3.3.1 BCSTA - Trustee Long Service Recognition

Main

11P-075 **MOVED** by Trustee Watson, **SECONDED** by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Agenda for April 27, 2011 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - April 13, 2011 (attachment)

Main

11P-076 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of April 13, 2011 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Declarations:

Day of Mourning - April 28, 2011

Declaration by the Chairperson:

The Board of Education declares April 28, 2011 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.

Asian Heritage Month - May 2011

(attachment)

Declaration by the Chairperson:

The Board of Education declares the month of May, 2011 as “Asian Heritage Month” in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

Trustee Baxter presented information on “Asian Heritage Month” at the Kelowna Public Library and Rotary Centre for the Arts.

Presentations:

Secondary School Apprenticeship Scholarship Recipient Awards

Presented by Ryan Ward, Dual Credit Programs and Secondary School Apprenticeship Coordinator to the following recipients:

Bryce Bullach - Rutland Senior Secondary - Commercial Transport
Dale Oxford - Mount Boucherie Secondary School - Cabinet Making and Joinery
Josip Pintaric - George Elliot Secondary School - Auto Service Technology
Charles Sherman - Mount Boucherie Secondary School - Culinary Arts Program
Kale McMahan - Okanagan Mission Secondary School - Carpentry

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported that:

- The School Planning Council process was underway, and staff had received positive feedback on the impact of Full Day Kindergarten.
- The construction of the new modular classrooms that will be coming to our District to accommodate Full Day Kindergarten is taking place at the Freeport Plant in West Kelowna.
- Part of the workplan for next year will be to do a complete review of the Facility Plan along with School Catchment areas, especially considering the projections for the increase in the size of the incoming cohorts of Kindergarten students for the foreseeable future. This will put pressure on our elementary schools, at the same time that our middle and secondary schools will be experiencing a gradual decline in their enrolments.

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, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Supreme Court decision on Bills 27 & 28 - Class Size/Class Composition, and requested that the Board support the COTA by petitioning the government to settle the matter before the one year deadline as prescribed in the Court ruling.

Michelle Davies, Teacher, Rutland Secondary School, requested that the Board set aside money in the budget to cover the increased costs associated with the Supreme Court ruling on Bills 27 & 28. Michelle Davies also requested information on the number of classes in the 2010/2011 school year that have been affected by the Bill 27 & 28 guidelines.

The Director of Instruction - Human Resources reported that the information was not readily available as the School District does not maintain that data and the classroom configurations are constantly changing.

Michelle Davies also asked for clarification on the amendments to Policy 320 - Evaluation of Teachers.

The Board reported that the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee had been in the process of reviewing all Human Resources Policies and have been updating and making the policies consistent with each other. Scott Smillie from the COTA was also on the Committee which was reviewing policies.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Watson asked if the School District had the ability to eliminate the second language requirement in Grades 4-7, as the Calgary Public Schools had recently done.

The Superintendent reported that the Ministry of Education sets minimum curricular requirements and therefore, the School District does not have the ability to eliminate the courses.

Trustee Horning requested that the Board recognize the students who won the Rotary Club / School District No. 23 Public Speaking Contest.

The Board referred the item to the Coordinating Committee.

Trustee Horning reported on the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting with the District of West Kelowna to review the Highway 97 / Daimler Road intersection. Trustee Horning requested that the Superintendent remind schools, students, and parents to take extra precautions on the roads surrounding schools.

ACTION ITEMS

School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report - February 2011

(attachment)

The Director of Instruction - Human Resources, presented the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of February, 2011.

Main

11P-077

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The Board approve the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of February, 2011 as presented at the April 27, 2011 Public Board Meeting, and the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.

CARRIED

School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report - March 2011

(attachment)

The Director of Instruction - Human Resources, presented the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of March, 2011.

Main

11P-078

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

THAT: The Board approve the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of March, 2011 as presented at the April 27, 2011 Public Board Meeting, and the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.

The Board discussed the classes that are specifically targeted to special needs students and the possible implications of the recent Supreme Court ruling on Bills 27 & 28.

The question was called on Motion 11P-078

CARRIED

Superintendent's 2011/2012 District Budget Recommendations

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee - April 20, 2011

Trustee Given, Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, presented the Superintendent's 2011/2012 District Budget Recommendations outlining that provincial funding has resulted in a \$1.4 million increase over this year's final budget. This increase in the operating grant, combined with locally generated funds, provides a \$1,535,000 increase to revenue for the coming year. However, the total increase in operating expenses due to the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten, and to maintain programs, services, personnel, resources and materials has risen by an estimated \$1,930,000. The end result is that a balanced budget can be achieved for the upcoming year, by allocating \$395,000 of the existing \$1.8 million surplus funds that were generated through the 2010/2011 Provincial Recalculation process.

Main

11P-079

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board adopt the specific budget allocations and decisions, pertaining to the 2011/2012 Preliminary School District Budget, as presented.

The Superintendent further explained that the additional money from Provincial Recalculation process had added to the positive impact on the School District budget, however, a \$292,000 surplus is relatively small on a \$180 million budget.

The Board discussed the Budget Recommendations and impact of the Transportation User Fee on the budget. A recommendation on the Transportation User Fee, as well as all other school fees, will be reviewed at the May 11, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

The question was called on 11P-079

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Baxter

Trustee Indemnity for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year

(attachment)

Trustee Given, as Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, presented a recommendation that the trustee indemnity be increased by 1.012%.

Main

11P-080

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board of Education increase the Trustee Indemnity by 1.012% for the period effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

The Board discussed the recommendation to increase the Trustee Indemnity.

The question was called on Motion 11P-080

DEFEATED

Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Trustee Cacchioni, Trustee Baxter, and Trustee Watson

Main

11P-081

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity using the weighted average of all employees groups, which results in a zero increase, for the period effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

The Board discussed providing health insurance benefits to trustees, as is practice in other School Districts in the province.

Main

11P-082

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: Trustee health insurance benefits be referred to the Finance and Legal Committee to review and report back to the Board at a future date.

CARRIED

Capital Project Bylaw No. 126286 - 2011/2012 Annual Facilities Grant

(attachment)

Trustee Horning, as Chairperson of the Planning and Facilities Committee, presented the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126286 - 2011/2012 Annual Facilities Grant as a new process from the Ministry of Education.

Main

11P-083

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: At the April 27, 2011 Public Board Meeting, the Board gives first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126286 -Annual Facilities Grant, in the amount of \$2,350,325.

CARRIED

Main

11P-084

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126286 - Annual Facilities Grant, be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 27th day of April, 2011.

CARRIED

Amendment of Policy 330 - Retirement

(attachment)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, Chairperson of the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee, presented the amendments to Policy 330 - Retirement.

Main

11P-085

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

THAT: The Board of Education amend Policy 330 - Retirement, as attached and as presented at the April 27, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the amendments to Policy 330 - Retirement, and the requirement by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles for bus drivers to have regular medical examinations.

The question was called on Motion 11P-085

CARRIED

Amendment of Policies - Section 3 - Staff (Policy 250 to Policy 325)

(attachment)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Chairperson of the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee, presented the amendments to Policies 250, 305, 315, and 320.

Main

11P-086

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

THAT: The Board of Education amend the following Policies, as attached and as presented at the April 27, 2011 Public Board Meeting:

Policy 250 - Directors: Selection and Appointment

Policy 305 - Assignment and Recruitment of Staff

Policy 315 - Job Sharing

Policy 320 - Evaluation of Teachers

The Board discussed the additional costs for employee benefits associated with job sharing arrangements.

**The question was called on Motion 11P-086
CARRIED**

Deletion of Policy 310 - Teachers on Call and Regulations 310R - Teachers on Call (Regulations)
(attachment)

The Board agreed to delete Policy 310 - Teachers on Call and Regulations 310R - Teachers on Call (Regulations), which is no longer required.

Main

11P-087

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,
THAT: The Board of Education delete Policy 310 - Teachers on Call and Regulations 310R - Teachers on Call (Regulations), as attached and as presented at the April 27, 2011 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

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INFORMATION ITEMS

Proposal for Substantive Change - Early College High School (ECHS) District Career Life Programs
(attachment)

Trustee Watson, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, presented the possible Proposal for Substantive Change - Early College High School (ECHS) District Career Life Programs as an information item.

The Board discussed the proposal and deferred it back to the Education and Student Services Committee for further review and development.

S.D. No. 23 Student Readiness Annual Report
(attachment)

Trustee Watson, as Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, presented the School District No. 23 Student Readiness Annual Report highlighting a rise in the six year graduation rate to 84.7%.

Field Trips 2010/2011
(attachment)

General Statements
(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Mayor and Council, District of Lake Country, a letter *thanking them for their letter to the Ministry* regarding Underfunding of Secondary School Elective Programs.

Received: **Correspondence Directed to the Board**
Karen Longhurst, Southern Interior Peace Coalition, an email regarding non-violent conflict resolution.
Danyta Welch, Policy & Program Officer, Union of British Columbia Municipalities, a letter regarding 2010 School Community Connections (Round 2) - Supporting Neighbourhood Learning Centres.
Doug Findlater, Mayor, District of West Kelowna, a letter regarding the School Site Acquisition Charge.

Main

11P-088

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: At the April 27, 2011 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services Committee
Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., School Board Office

General Affairs Committee
Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

Education and Student Services Committee
Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., School Board Office

NOTICES OF MOTION

Referred from the Coordinating Committee - April 19, 2011
Notice of Motion by Trustee Hunt-Binkley

THAT: Until such time as COPAC has regular committee meetings with a minimum of one half of School District No. 23 schools represented by a COPAC representative in attendance, that the Board communicate directly with School PAC's and SPC's for the purpose of providing information and soliciting feedback.

Notice of Motion by Trustee Baxter - Public Board Meeting - April 27, 2011

THAT: The Board express its reluctance on having to charge a transportation fee, and that the Minister of Education be informed of the environmental and social effects of the implementation of this fee.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Public Board Meeting - May 11, 2011
Student Transportation Charge

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Coordinating Committee

12th Annual Rotary Club / School District No. 23 Public Speaking Award Winners

Finance and Legal Committee

Trustee Health Insurance Benefits

Education and Student Services Committee

Proposal for Substantive Change - Early College High School (ECHS)
District Career Life Programs

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer