



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2008**
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill Street
Kelowna, B.C.

Attending:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee W. Horning
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley
Trustee S. Nicholl
Trustee G. Scanlan
Trustee C. Wiebe

Staff:
M. Roberts, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Absent: H. Gloster, Assistant Superintendent

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Sharlene Drohomereski, Vice-President (arrived at 6:45)
COTA	Carole Gordon, Second Vice-President
COPVPA	Sylvain Guignard, Executive Member
CUPE	Deb Roseleine, Executive Member
DSC	No representative

ORDER:

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

AGENDA

Change in order of Agenda items – move item 4 - Recognition/Presentations/Delegations after item 2 – Minutes.

AGENDA

Main

08P-186 **MOVED** by Trustee Scanlan, **SECONDED** by Trustee Wiebe,
THAT: The Agenda for November 26, 2008 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Main

08P-187

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board meeting of November 12, 2008 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

Abstained: Trustee Scanlan (absent from meeting)

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

Presentation to Trustees

On behalf of the Board of Education, Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Vice-Chairperson of the Board, presented the “Spirit of Sails” to Trustee Nicholl, as a token of thanks for the past three years of service as a Trustee.

Oh behalf of the Board of Education, Trustee Baxter, as Chairperson of the Board, presented the “Spirit of Sails” to Trustee Wiebe, as a token of thanks for the past six years of service as a Trustee.

Both Trustee Wiebe and Trustee Nicholl chose not to run for re-election.

2008 Chairperson’s Report to the Board

Trustee Baxter delivered the Chairperson’s Report, which is attached to and which forms part of the Minutes.

Main

08P-188

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Wiebe,

THAT: The Board accept the Chairperson’s Report to the Board for 2008.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

As this is the last Board Meeting for Trustee Nicholl and Trustee Wiebe, the Superintendent expressed appreciation to Trustee Nicholl and Trustee Wiebe for their commitment to the Board of Education and the students of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan).

College Board of Canada – Advanced Placement Report 2008

The Superintendent provided to the Board a memo dated November 10, 2008 - College Board of Canada – Advanced Placement Report 2008. Advanced Placement courses are a form of enrichment courses offered at Secondary Schools. Advanced Placement courses provide students with an opportunity to take first year College/University courses and write an Advanced Placement exam to receive College/University credits. The number of students writing Advanced Placement Exams in 2004 was 152 and the number of students writing the Exams in 2008 was 367. The cost of writing an Advanced Placement Exam is \$80.00 U.S. per course per student.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

Deb Roseleine, Executive Member, CUPE

On behalf of CUPE Local 3523 congratulated all of the newly elected Trustees and acknowledged the hard work of Trustee Nicholl and Trustee Wiebe.

Carole Gordon, Second Vice-President, COTA

On behalf of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association thanked Trustee Nicholl and Trustee Wiebe for their work on behalf of the students in School District No. 23.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

All trustees were provided with an opportunity to comment on their involvement, since the previous Board meeting, in District activities.

All Trustees provided an overview of their past three years on the Board of Education.

6:45 Sharlene Drohomereski, Vice-President of COPAC, arrived.

ACTION ITEMS

Chute Lake Elementary – Establishment of Catchment Area (attachment)

The Superintendent provided a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached to the Agenda of November 26, 2008. The presentation reviewed the three options for the determination of the catchment area and provided a synopsis of each option. The recommendation is for the approval of the catchment area as presented in option 'B'. Option 'B' will serve the School District and parents needs for a number of years. The catchment boundaries in option 'B' are the students living North of Frost Road and Rembler Creek, the Lakeshore Road panhandle and Crawford Estates, would attend Anne McClymont Elementary School. Students living South of Frost Road and Rembler Creek, except the Lakeshore Road panhandle, would attend Chute Lake Elementary School. The Superintendent and Clara Sulz, Director of Instruction K-12, attended parent meetings at Anne McClymont Elementary School and Dorothea Walker Elementary School on Monday, November 17, 2008. Trustee Baxter also attended both meetings. The purpose of the meetings was to outline for parents the proposed catchment boundaries and to provide answers to other concerns. There were few questions from parents on the proposed catchment boundaries and questions were mainly on the ability to transfer to another school and the continuation or start of new programs (i.e. Band).

Main

08P-189

MOVED by Trustee Wiebe, SECONDED by Trustee Nicholl,

THAT: The Board approve Chute Lake Elementary School catchment boundary option 'B' as presented at the Board meeting of November 26, 2008.

CARRIED

Amendment to Policy 490 – Admission of Exchange Students

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – November 5, 2008

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Acting Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee on November 5, 2008, introduced the recommendation.

Main

08P-190

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

THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 490 – Admission of Exchange Students, as attached and as presented at the November 26, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Board/Authority Authorized Courses

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Education and Student Services Committee – November 5, 2008

In attendance: Norm Bradley, Director of Instruction K-12

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Acting Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee on November 5, 2008, introduced the recommendation.

Main

08P-191

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

THAT: The Board approve the new Board/Authority Authorized Courses for use in School District No. 23, as attached and as presented at the November 26, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Notice of Motion served by Trustee Baxter – November 12, 2008

Amendment to Policy 135 – School Board Operation

(attachment)

Trustee Baxter advised that this amendment is to provide clarification for the Public Question/Comment Period provided at the Public Board Meetings. The first Public/Question Comment Period is provided as an opportunity for members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any items on the Agenda. The second Public/Question Comment Period is an opportunity for the gallery to ask a question or comment on any matter pertaining to public education.

Main

08P-192

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

THAT: The Board amend Policy 135 – School Board Operation (8. Public Question Period and/or Comments) by changing 8.1.2 to read:

8.1.2 The second period shall be scheduled near the end of the meeting and shall be confined to comments and questions to the Board of School Trustees to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any matter pertaining to public education.

CARRIED

**Recommendation to the BCPSEA 2009 Annual General Meeting
Teachers' Freedom of Expression
BCPSESA Recommendation for Board Policy Change**

Recommendation of the General Affairs Committee – November 5, 2008:

Trustee Cacchioni advised that this recommendation for a resolution to BCPSEA is requesting BCPSEA to consider provincial Guidelines for Board of Education policies for use by all School Districts in the Province. The deadline date for submission of the Resolution to BCPSEA is December 4, 2008.

Main

08P-193

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: The Board send the following resolution to the BCPSEA January 2009 Annual General Meeting:

“That BCPSEA ask the Ministry of Education to consider provincial Guidelines for Board of Education policies regarding ‘Freedom of Expression By Teachers’, as determined by Arbitrator John Kinzie in his Arbitration award dated May 2, 2008.”

CARRIED

**Recommendation to the BCPSEA 2009 Annual General Meeting
Study of Executive Compensation**

Referral from the Incamera Board Meeting of November 12, 2008.

Trustee Cacchioni advised that this recommendation for a Resolution to BCPSEA regarding executive compensation would provide School Districts with the necessary comparative information. The deadline date for submission of the Resolution to BCPSEA is December 4, 2008.

Main

08P-194

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: At the November 26, 2008 Incamera Board meeting the Board approve a Resolution be forwarded to the BCPSEA Annual General Meeting in January 2009 that BCPSEA initiate a study of executive compensation in concert with other Districts of similar size.

CARRIED

**Amendment to Policy 370 – Expenses: Auto and Travel
Review of Travel Reimbursement Rates**

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – November 19, 2008

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, introduced the recommendation. The review of travel reimbursement rates has traditionally been established at the Annual General Meeting or Inaugural Meeting. The amendment is to have the reimbursement for automobile travel to the Fraser Valley and the Lower Mainland reviewed when the per kilometer reimbursement rate is changed and adjusted as required, and not solely at the time of the Annual General Meeting or Inaugural Meeting. Any changes to the reimbursement for automobile travel will be forwarded as an information item to the Finance and Legal Committee.

Main

08P-195

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 370 – Expenses: Auto and Travel, as attached and as presented at the November 26, 2008 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

The Review of Travel Reimbursement Rates will be removed from future Annual General Meeting and Inaugural General Meeting Agendas.

Amendment to Policy 115 – Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings

(attachment)

Recommendation of the Finance and Legal Committee – November 19, 2008

Trustee Hunt-Binkley advised that the amendment to Policy 115 – Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings is necessary to reflect Motion 08P-195.

Main

08P-196

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: The Board approve the amendments to Policy 115 – Inaugural and Annual Board Meetings, as attached and as presented at the November 26, 2008 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

INFORMATION ITEMS

Policy 631 – School Closures/Consolidation

In accordance with the requirement in Policy 631 – School Closures/Consolidation, the Superintendent advised that he is not recommending any school closures or consolidations for the 2009/2010 school year.

Summary of School Planning Council Reports and School Goals Related to Health Promoting Schools – 2007/2008

(attachment)

Referred to the Board from the District Health Promoting Schools Committee – September 11, 2008.

Improvements in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Elementary School Vending Choices

(attachment)

Referred to the Board from the District Health Promoting Schools Committee – September 11, 2008.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley confirmed that six of the nine recommendations from the 2006 audit that were relevant to elementary schools were met. The three recommendations not yet met included: the portion sizes of beverages should not exceed the recommendations in the Guidelines, schools should seek out suppliers that have access to multiple brand name items to ensure broader range of CM and CS product choices, and vendors should use the pricing and stocking strategies outlined in

the Guidelines consistently in all machines. Although there is more work to be done on these three recommendations, there has been great progress. Trustee Hunt-Binkley will bring forth the issue of the portion sizes of the beverages at the next District Health Promoting Schools Committee.

CUPE Local 3523 Executive 2008/2009

(attachment)

Superintendent's Response to Questions of the Advisory Council for Exceptional Students (ACES) Committee

In April of 2008 the ACES Committee presented to the Board three recommendations. The Superintendent met with the President of the ACES Committee at that time to address and respond to the recommendations/questions. Subsequently the Superintendent met with the current President of ACES for further review and response to the recommendations/questions. All questions have been responded to and the Superintendent will continue to communicate with the ACES Committee on a regular basis as other questions/queries arise.

Month End Enrolment – October 2008

(attachment)

General Statement

(attachment)

Field Trips for 2008/2009

(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Affairs Committee – November 5, 2008

Need for Guidelines, Policy or Board Approval of Donations to Deal with Equity Issues

Outcome: By consensus, it was agreed that the Committee Chair will inform the Board that:

- Neither new policy, nor amendment to existing policy is needed to deal with charitable donations.
- The Superintendent will continue to monitor large donations in cash or in kind.
- Recognizing that there are ongoing challenges faced by individual PACs in their fundraising endeavours, the Chairperson has suggested that COPAC might wish to discuss possible solutions.

Finance and Legal Committee – November 19, 2008

Planning and Facilities Committee – November 19, 2008

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Al Horning, MLA, request for a meeting
Rick Thorpe, MLA, request for a meeting
Sindi Hawkins, MLA, request for a meeting
Ron Cannan, MP, letter of congratulations
The Honourable Stockwell Day, MP, letter of congratulations
City of Kelowna, The Corporation of the District of Peachland, District of Westside and the District of Lake Country, regarding Update on Transportation Services in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board:
Mayor Sharon Shepherd, City of Kelowna, Transportation Services in School
District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board:

Main

08P-197

MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
**THAT: At the November 26, 2008 Public meeting, the Board receive the
correspondence listed above.**
CARRIED

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

December 3, 2008
4:30 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee (cancelled)
6:30 Education and Student Services Committee (cancelled)

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Inaugural Meeting

Date: Monday, December 8, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Board Room
School Board Office

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA 15th Annual General Meeting

Date: January 23 and 24, 2009
Location: Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites
Vancouver, B.C.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD COMMITTEES

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

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

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer