



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Date:** Wednesday, April 28, 2010

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## **Declaration:**

The Board Chairperson declared the following:

The Board of Education declares April 28, 2010 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.

The Board meeting started with one minute of silence to recognize the Day of Mourning.

## **Superintendent's Report:**

The Superintendent recognized the following initiatives currently happening in Central Okanagan schools:

**Environmental Educators of the Central Okanagan (EECO) Heroes Initiative** – In partnership with the City of Kelowna, the Regional District of the Central Okanagan and Tigress Ventures, 365 students from ten schools joined the EECO Heroes this spring by pledging to do at least three actions to conserve water, energy, reduce waste, preserve our species and spaces or reduce traffic congestion.

**Bike to School and Bike to Work Week** – Bike to School Week will take place May 10-14, 2010. The Central Okanagan School District and the i-go Regional Active Transportation Program have partnered to deliver bike education programs to elementary schools throughout the region. This year, an estimated 2,500 students in elementary schools throughout the regional district will participate.

**School Planning Council Reviews** - All 42 of the District's School Planning Councils are meeting with School Trustees and senior staff to review their school goals and school improvement plans for the 2010-2011 school year. The Superintendent commended staff and parents for their involvement in the school planning process.

## **Action Items:**

- 1. Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139 - Full Day Kindergarten - Capital Requirements**  
The Board of Education approved Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139 - Full Day Kindergarten - Capital Requirements.

**2. Capital Project Bylaw No. 126129 – Helen Gorman Elementary School – Energy Efficient Mechanical Upgrade Project**

The Board of Education approved Capital Project Bylaw No. 126129 – Helen Gorman Elementary School – Energy Efficient Mechanical Upgrade Project.

**3. Transportation User Charge**

The Board of Education approved the Transportation User Charge, as described in Policy 470 – Transportation Services Management. For all students using the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) transportation system, the fee structure for the upcoming school year will remain the same as was established for 2009-2010.

The Board of Education approved the motion to increase the minimum number of eligible students required to establish a bus run from 7 to 14.

*(This will ensure a minimum of 15% to 20% of the riders on the route are eligible before the District starts a new route or continues an existing route. It is anticipated that this change will have minimal impact on the current system.)*

The Board approved the motion to cap transportation assistance to \$530.00 per family per year.

*(Currently transportation assistance is provided to parents of students that are eligible to receive transportation service but no bus route exists in the area the student resides.)*

**4. Finance and Legal Committee's 2010/2011 District Budget Recommendations**

The Board of Education adopted the Preliminary 2010/2011 School District Budget, including the specific budget reductions recommended by the Superintendent, as presented at the April 28, 2010 Public Board Meeting.

For the 2010-2011 school year, the Board of Education agreed to review the CommunityLink budget at the same time as the deliberations take place over the District operating budget.

**5. Gravel Pits**

The Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Mines and Petroleum Energy requesting that Boards of Education be included in the notification and consultation process regarding the location and operation of new gravel pits.

**Information Items:**

**1. Board Approved Registration Dates**

The Board of Education approved that the official closing date for registrations in the Central Okanagan School District for the 2010/2011 school year is September 1, 2010.

**Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.  
School Board Office  
1940 Underhill Street  
Kelowna, B.C.  
The public is welcome to attend.

**Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:**

Wednesday, May 5, 2010  
4:30 p.m. General Affairs Committee  
6:30 p.m. Education and Student Services Committee

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The Board Meeting Highlights are published after each Public Board Meeting.

Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December, at the School Board Office.