



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

(Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month, except July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December,
at the School Board Office.)

DATE: Wednesday, September 12, 2012
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Board of Education:

Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC Shaun Bos - President
COTA Susan Bauhart - First Vice-President and April Smith - Second Vice-President
Alice Rees – President (*arrived at 6:09 pm*)
COPVPA Alida Privett, Members Liaison - Elementary
CUPE Wendy Johnson - Vice-President

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add: Information Items 8.6 Field Trips 2012/2013 (*Updated Information*)

Add: Information Items 8.1.1 School Opening Report (*New Material*)

Main

12P-124 MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,
THAT: The Agenda for September 12, 2012 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – June 27, 2012

Main

12P-125 MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 27, 2012 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Steve Kuffner, Teacher – Rose Valley Elementary School – Recipient of the Catherine Haldane Teacher of the Year Award 2012

The Board of Education congratulated Steve Kuffner for being the recipient of this year's Catherine Haldane Teacher of the Year Award.

Retirement – Terry Hammond, Newspaper in Education Coordinator, Kelowna Daily Courier

The Board of Education thanked Terry Hammond for his many years of dedicated work with students, teachers and District staff, through the Kelowna Daily Courier's Newspaper in Education Program.

Introduction of New Principals/Vice-Principals and new COSBO Members

- Steve Cann, Vice-Principal, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
- Joanne De Guevara, District Principal, Aboriginal Education Program
- Violeta Malfair, Vice-Principal, A.S. Matheson Elementary School
- Tamalee Middleton, Vice-Principal, Glenmore Elementary School

- Bonnie Browns, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent
- Dave Cavezza, District Health and Safety Officer
- John-Erik Grain, Project Manager - Operations
- Jim Parker, Custodial Manager - Operations

The Board of Education congratulated the above staff members on their new positions within the District.

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.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser

Requested information on music programs being incorporated into daily school activities.

The Superintendent responded that many schools have taken creative approaches to incorporating music into schools, e.g. inviting local artists and musicians to perform. There is a broad array of teachers with musical backgrounds who have integrated musical opportunities within their own schools. Parents and teachers are encouraged to speak with their school administrator regarding the music program in their schools.

Trustee Brinkerhoff

Queried whether there has been feedback regarding the reduced charge for transportation fees this year.

The Superintendent advised that there has not been specific feedback regarding the reduction in price. Approximately 5,000 students have applied for bus transportation this year, which compares with 4,400 students applying last year. 4,630 students currently have assigned bus seating.

Trustee Pendharkar

Requested information on how the length of the 30 km/hour school zones is determined for either side of a school. As well, Trustee Pendharkar advised the need for a sidewalk to be built on the side of Gibson Road, and requested information on the Board's procedure for requesting the construction of a sidewalk.

The Secretary-Treasurer will research information for both queries and report back to the Board with his findings.

ACTION ITEMS

Mar Jok Elementary School – Assignment of Architect

Main
12P-126

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education authorize staff to proceed to engage Renaissance – GHM Architects Inc. for complete design services as indicated in the Mar Jok Elementary School Capital Project Definition Report.

Trustee Baxter, Chairperson of the Planning and Facilities Committee, provided a brief review of the process for selecting an architect.

**The question was called on Main Motion 12P-126.
CARRIED**

Okanagan Mission Secondary School Addition – Assignment of Architect

Main
12P-127

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
**THAT: The Board of Education authorize staff to proceed to engage CEI Architecture for complete design services as indicated in the Okanagan Mission Secondary School Addition Capital Project Definition Report.
CARRIED**

Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139-4 – Full Day Kindergarten – Capital Requirements

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the Capital Project Bylaw which will provide sufficient funds to complete the implementation of the Full Day Kindergarten initiative.

Main
12P-128

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,
**THAT: At the September 12, 2012 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education gives first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139-4 – Full Day Kindergarten – Capital Requirements, in the amount of \$10,000,000.
CARRIED**

Main
12P-129

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
**THAT: School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126139-4 – Full Day Kindergarten – Capital Requirements, in the amount of \$10,000,000, be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 12th day of September, 2012.
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.

The COPAC President requested clarification on the cancellation of a bus for several students attending the French Immersion Program at Belgo Elementary School. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that last year's bus had been assigned to transport a student with special needs, and at the time, had room to pick up additional students. The special needs bus is either no longer required by the student, or the student has transitioned to a new school for the 2012/2013 school year and the bus has been reassigned.

The COPVPA Representative thanked the Board for their inquiry as to music programs available to students, and advised that many schools have music specialists on staff who provide excellent music programs each week to students in their schools.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

School Opening Report

- The information contained within the Superintendent's School Opening Report was reviewed.
- This year's enrolment numbers show a greater variation than in previous years.
- Once final enrolment counts have been done, it is anticipated that student numbers will be down by approximately 100 students from the projected student count.
- The distribution of Learning Improvement Funds was reviewed and included additional support being provided to address issues of class size and composition.
- Facility updates were reviewed.

7:04 pm: Trustee Gorman left the meeting.

7:08 pm: Trustee Gorman returned to the meeting.

- Trustees discussed the information provided and indicated their interest in further information on the enrolment in private schools, once this is available.
- The Board reviewed the best method for "advertising" the many programs that public education offers. Once the new SD23 website has been developed, it will provide better access to information on programs available within the District.

2012 – 2013 Local School Calendar

The "days in session" portion of the local school calendar has been aligned with the Ministry of Education's designated "days in session".

School Site Acquisition Charge – Update

As a result of mediation between local governments and the Ministry of Education, the District has been advised to proceed with the next step for collecting the School Site Acquisition Charge. A Bylaw will be brought before the Board of Education for approval at the September 26, 2012 Public Board Meeting.

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2011/2012 Public Sector Executive Compensation

Following receipt of the information by the Board of Education, the report will be forwarded to the BC Public School Employers' Association. All public school bodies' executive compensation information is forwarded to the Public Sector Employers' Council (PSEC) and subsequently posted on the provincial government's website.

SD No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Month End Enrolment – June 2012

The Board reviewed the information provided.

7:27 pm: Trustee Pendharkar left the meeting.

Field Trips 2012/2013

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Letter to the Minister of Education, June 21, 2012, extending an invitation to visit the District.

Letter to District Student Council, August 27, 2012, extending an invitation to meet with the Board.

Letter to Bill Zeman, CUPE President, August 27, 2012, extending an invitation to meet with the Board.

Letter to Alice Rees, COTA President, August 27, 2012, extending an invitation to meet with the Board.

Letter to Shaun Bos, COPAC President, August 27, 2012, extending an invitation to meet with the Board.

Letter to Derek Lea, COPVPA President, August 27, 2012, extending an invitation to meet with the Board.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Kelowna Art Gallery, June 15, 2012, providing a report of the 2011/2012 programs which took place at the Gallery.

Alexander Crooks, June 24, 2012, Trustee Bursary Recipient for 2012, thanking the Board of Education for the award.

Michael McEvoy, President – BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA), July 16, 2012, thanking the Board for renewing membership in the BCSTA.

Minister of Education, July 18, 2012, in response to the Board's invitation to visit the District.

Margaret Vellenoweth (retiring teacher), July 31, 2012, thanking the members of the Board for their ongoing support for students.

Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, August 7, 2012, informing the Board of the results of the School Site Acquisition Charge facilitation process.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Vancouver Board of Education (SD No. 39), June 19, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the Cowichan Valley School District Restoration Budget.

Minister of Education, June 27, 2012, to BC Boards of Education, regarding the tentative agreement between BCTF and BCPSEA.

District of West Kelowna, August 16, 2012, to the Minister of Education, regarding School Site Acquisition Charges.

District of West Kelowna, August 28, 2012, to the Premier of B.C., regarding School Site Acquisition Charges.

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), September 6, 2012, to the Minister of Education and all BC Boards of Education, regarding Education Funding.

Main

12P-130

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: At the September 12, 2012 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Main

12P-131

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the new Minister of Education congratulating him on his appointment and advising that Trustees look forward to working with the Minister in his new role. Included in the letter will be an invitation to visit SD No. 23 to review the District's many programs and initiatives.

CARRIED

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2012 – Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 25 and 26, 2012

Location: Coast Coal Harbour Hotel, Vancouver, BC

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: October 12 and 13, 2012

Location: Revelstoke

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 26 and 27, 2012

Location: Vancouver

Deadline for Submission of Motions: September 19, 2012

BCSTA/BCSSA 2012 Educational Leadership Conference

Date: November 15 and 16, 2012

Location: Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, BC

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at 6:00 pm, School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal Committee Public Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 1:00 pm at the School Board Office

Joint Planning and Facilities and Education and Student Services Committee Public Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Update on Student Enrolment Numbers *(September 26, 2012)*

School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw *(September 26, 2012)*

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer