



"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, April 11, 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 M. Pendharkar

Trustee J. Fraser (absent)

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
R. Dumontet, Director of Instruction, Human Resources
E. Sadlowski, Director of Finance
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	No representative
COTA	Alice Rees - President, Susan Bauhart - 1 st Vice-President, and April Smith - 2 nd Vice-President
COPVPA	Gord Kirsch, Executive Member - Climate
CUPE	Paul Ainsworth, Shop Steward
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add: Action Item 7.3 Letter to the Minister of Education re: Appointment of a Mediator (New Item)

Main

12P-044 MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Agenda for April 11, 2012 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – March 28, 2012

Amend: Interim Policy 486 - Motion 12P-039 and Motion 12P-040, replace "as presented" with "as amended", to read "as attached and as amended at the March 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting".

Main

12P-045 MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Pendharkar,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of March 28, 2012 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition of RCMP Sgt. Ann Morrison, NCO i/c Community Operational Support Unit

The Board recognized Sgt. Ann Morrison for her work in building partnerships that have helped address a variety of social, health and education issues within School District No. 23 schools and the community.

Declaration: “Earth Day 2012”

The Chairperson made the following declaration:

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) declares Sunday, April 22, 2012 as “Earth Day” in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) supporting environmental awareness.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Superintendent reported the following:

- On Thursday, April 12, 2012, the Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society will be honouring their founders and donors for their significant contributions to the society. The Donor Appreciation Tea will take place at 4:00 pm at Central School Programs and Services.

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 Baxter

Noted the many recognitions made by the Board of Education, e.g. Earth Day and Earth Hour, and questioned why the District is not recognizing National Volunteer Week, which takes place the week of April 16th.

The Superintendent responded that the District’s practice is to celebrate and recognize its volunteers during SD23 Education Week, which traditionally takes place the first week of March each year.

Trustee Pendharkar

Requested information on the protocol for Trustees accepting the numerous invitations they receive.

The Board Chairperson responded that the previous Board had instructed the Superintendent to request that Principals/Vice-Principals invite school liaison trustees and other trustees to events taking place in their schools. It would be up to the individual trustee to either accept or decline.

Trustee Gorman

Requested information on the recent announcement by the Provincial Government regarding capital funds for schools to help drive down carbon emissions. The funds are for schools to invest in energy efficiencies for improving the environment.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that districts have not received details on the funding allocation. If the funds are allocated out to districts, SD No. 23’s share of funding would normally be 4%. If districts must apply for grant funding, SD No. 23 would be in an excellent position to apply for a grant as the sustainability office is actively working on reducing consumption.

Trustee Gorman

Queried whether a process was in place for allocation of the Bill 22 Learning Improvement Fund.

The Superintendent provided a brief review of the intent of the Learning Improvement Fund and the funding amount to be received by the District. Consultation will take place with CUPE regarding a potential increase for CEA hours. During the Human Resources staffing week, school administrators are being asked to identify potential issues where the funds could be used, and are being asked to discuss possible use of funds with their staff. Consultation has begun with the COTA regarding class composition and class size and other potential allocation of resources. Once the District has a plan in place for allocation of funds, the plan will be brought to the Board of Education for approval and then submitted to the Minister of Education.

Trustee Gorman

Questioned whether a plan was in place to communicate Learning Improvement Fund information to school staff.

The Superintendent responded that conversations have taken place with COTA executive members, and principals have been asked to discuss possible uses of and the application process for Learning Improvement Funds with their staff.

ACTION ITEMS

2012 - 2013 School Calendar

The Director of Instruction - Human Resources reviewed the school calendar presented for 2012/2013. A brief background was provided regarding the inception of the District's two-week spring break, which has been in place for the past eight years. Partner group input has been requested and considered in the development of the local school calendar. The District's Implementation Day has been moved from the third week of September to October 5th and the calendar includes the new BC Family Day which is set for the third Monday in February. Feedback from parents, the COTA and the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association is in support of the calendar; however, CUPE is not in support of the two-week spring break due to lost wages, daycare issues and financial hardship for single parent families.

Main

12P-046

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

THAT: The Board of Education adopt a Local School Calendar for the 2012-2013 school year that recognizes a 2 week spring break as identified in the attached calendar proposal;

AND FURTHER THAT: Upon accepting a Local School Calendar with a 2 week spring break, the Board of Education continue to offer CUPE employees meaningful work as it was offered in the 2011-2012 school year;

AND FURTHER THAT:

- 1. The Superintendent direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish a site-based calendar for the 2012-2013 school year and to make the calendar available to all parents by May 31, 2012; and,**
- 2. In establishing such calendars, principals must:**
 - a. Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 Board Policy.**
 - b. Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.**
 - c. Schedule their school's calendar as follows:**

DESIGNATION	B.C. Standard School Calendar 2012/2013	Proposed SD No. 23 Local Calendar 2012/2013
Days in session	194	194 (3 summer Pro Days Aug. 28 – Aug. 30)
Number of days of instruction	187	187*
Number of non-instructional days	6	3
Schools open	September 4	September 4
Administrative Implementation Day	September 21	October 5
Thanksgiving Day (schools closed)	October 8	October 8
Teacher Professional Day	October	October 19
Remembrance Day (schools closed)	November 12	November 12
Schools close for Winter vacation	Friday December 21	Friday December 21
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 24-January 4	December 24-January 4
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday January 7	Monday January 7
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	February 15	February 15
Proposed Family Day		February 18
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday March 15	Friday March 8
Spring vacation period (schools closed) Standard Local Variation	March 18-22	March 18-22 + March 11-15
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday March 25	Monday March 25
Good Friday (schools closed)	March 29	March 29
Easter Monday (schools closed)	April 1	April 1
Victoria Day (schools closed)	May 20	May 20
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday June 28	Friday June 28
Schools close	Friday June 28	Friday June 28

- d. **Maintain the Ministry prescribed minimum number of minutes of student instruction per day (Kindergarten to Grade 7 – 4.75 hours per day, middle/secondary grades 7 to 12 – 5.15 hours per day). *By withdrawing three non-instructional days from the standard school calendar to the summer and adding a small number of minutes per school day (3 minutes for Elementary and 4 minutes for Middle/Secondary), we would be maintaining the same total hours of instruction for students and meet the minutes required for 187 days of instruction (as in the B.C. Standard School Calendar).**

Trustees discussed the proposed calendar, and the Partner Group Representatives provided feedback. Trustee Baxter will forward a Notice of Motion regarding looking into the feasibility of providing employment opportunities for CUPE members who are not offered work during the two-week spring break.

**The question was called on Main Motion 12P-046.
CARRIED**

Recognition of Staff and Volunteers

Main
12P-047

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Board of Education recognize all staff and volunteers the week of April 30th with the delivery of a card of appreciation and a plant to each school and work site.

Trustees discussed the process for delivering the cards of appreciation and plants to each school.

**The question was called on Main Motion 12P-047.
CARRIED**

Letter to the Minister of Education re: Appointment of a Mediator

6:54 pm: *Trustee Cacchioni declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.
Trustee Gorman assumed the role of Chairperson.*

Main

12P-048

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,
THAT: The Board write to the Premier and the Minister of Education expressing its concern regarding the controversy surrounding the appointment of the Mediator in the dispute between the government and the BCTF.

Trustees discussed the proposed letter which would be copied to local MLAs, the BC Public School Employers' Association, the BCTF, all BC Boards of Education and the C.O.T.A.

The question was called on Main Motion 12P-048.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Pendharkar

6:59 pm: *Trustee Cacchioni returned to the meeting and resumed the role of Chairperson.*

It was agreed that the letter would be written by Vice-Chairperson Trustee Baxter.

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

Superintendent's 2012/2013 District Budget Recommendations

7:03 pm: *Trustee Gorman left the meeting.*

7:04 pm: *Trustee Gorman returned to the meeting.*

The Superintendent provided a presentation on the 2012/2013 district budget recommendations and reviewed the revenue and expenditure changes for 2012/2013. Per pupil funding of \$6,784 per School Age Full Time Equivalent students remains the same for the coming school year. Provincial funding has provided an increase in Operating Grants and additional funding is being provided to address specific objectives established by the Ministry. Included in these objectives is a three-year commitment to the new Learning Improvement Fund. The District has a larger than usual surplus due to increases in provincial holdback distribution over the past two years, the paring down of the overall school district operation due to budget shortfalls in previous years, cost saving resources initiated by the District, and District programs which are generating funds, e.g. International Education, WorksafeBC Claims Management and investment income.

It was noted that the Board had previously addressed item #4 on page 8 of the Superintendent's Recommendations (*Leadership Development – Expand Vice-Principal Complement*) and had agreed to support this line item.

Trustees discussed the information provided and the process for budget deliberation and approval. The next step for the budget process will be the Board deliberation of the Superintendent's recommendations at the April 18, 2012 Public Finance and Legal Committee Meeting. It is anticipated that a preliminary 2012/2013 budget will subsequently be approved by the Board at the April 25, 2012 Public Board meeting.

Field Trips 2011/2012

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: **Correspondence Directed to the Board**

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

West Vancouver School District, March 9, 2012, to the Minister of Education, MLAs, the BCTF and all BC Boards of Education regarding the labour dispute between the BCTF and the BCPSEA.

School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin), March 22, 2012, to the Minister of Education, MLAs and all BC Boards of Education regarding support for a mediated settlement with BCTF.

School District No. 39 (Vancouver), March 27, 2012, to the Minister of Education, MLAs, the media and all BC Boards of Education regarding Bill 22 – The Education Improvement Act.

Main
12P-049

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: At the April 11, 2012 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA has convened a Representative Council Meeting on April 25, 2012, prior to the BCSTA AGM Meeting in Vancouver. Trustee Gorman will be attending the Representative Council Meeting.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA AGM - April 26 - 29, 2012

AGM 2012 Motions

Trustees were asked to review the AGM 2012 Motions and forward those they wished to discuss to the Secretary-Treasurer's office for placement on the April 17, 2012 Coordinating Committee Meeting Agenda.

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

Finance and Legal Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 18, at 6:30 pm, School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion to be provided by Trustee Baxter regarding providing employment opportunities for CUPE members who are not offered work during the two-week spring break.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Superintendent's 2012/2013 District Budget Recommendations

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AGM 2012 Motions

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer