



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday October 23, 2013
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Board of Education:

Trustee M. Baxter (Chairperson)
Trustee D. Butler
Trustee J. Brinkerhoff
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee C. Gorman (*absent on Board business*)
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
COPVPA	Derek Lea, President
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President, and April Smith, First Vice-President
CUPE	Duane Wheatley, Sergeant-At-Arms
DSC	George Walker, Co-President, Gr. 12, George Elliot Secondary School

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Main

13P-133 MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Agenda for October 23, 2013 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – October 9, 2013

Main

13P-134 MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of October 9, 2013 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition: Across the Lake Swim Society and the H2O Adventure and Fitness Center

- In attendance: Peter Rudd, President, Across the Lake Swim Society
Mark Fromberg, Past President, i/c Merchandising, Across the Lake Swim Society

Randall Wight, H2O Adventure and Fitness Center
Renee Bell, H2O Adventure and Fitness Center

The Board of Education thanked the Across the Lake Swim Society and the H2O Adventure and Fitness Center for their commitment to providing free swimming lessons to Central Okanagan School District grade 3 students.

Recognition: Springvalley Middle School Permaculture Project - Winner of the Best School Garden - City of Kelowna Communities in Bloom Green Thumb Garden Contest

- In attendance: Troy White, Principal
Karen Angle, Teacher
Keith Green, CEA
Students: Chloe Strocher and Dorian Saunders

The Board of Education congratulated Springvalley Middle School students and staff for receiving the Best School Garden - City of Kelowna Communities in Bloom Green Thumb Garden Award.

Presentation: Balanced School Calendar Report

The Superintendent provided a review of the Balanced School Calendar Report which was commissioned by several metro school districts in order to provide current research information on the balanced school year concept. The definition of a balanced school year is a school calendar that distributes holiday periods more evenly throughout the calendar year. School calendars must comply with any relevant requirements within a Board's collective agreements. Beginning in 2013/2014, the provincial government has instituted new calendar legislation and has moved to hours of instruction rather than days in session.

The research did not consider the implications of running a balanced calendar in a multi-track format, four-day weeks or other calendar changes that decrease the number of school days and lengthen the remaining days to compensate. Nor did it look at variations in the length or scheduling of a school day, or capital and operating costs associated with a balanced school calendar.

There is no reliable research base upon which to form any conclusions about the effect of a balanced calendar on staff or student health. Boards wishing to consider a balanced school calendar should explore the compelling reason for the change, what support would be required to achieve the change, what research/experience is available for review, and what logistical challenges/secondary impacts could be foreseen in schools and communities.

The Board agreed that the Balanced School Calendar Report would be forwarded to the District's Calendar Committee for their information.

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.

The District Student Council Co-President thanked the Board for providing financial support for him to attend the BC Student Leadership Conference in Princeton.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser

Requested an update on the traffic congestion concerns at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the School District completed traffic flow improvements approximately two years ago. Additional improvements cannot be made without approval from the District of West Kelowna for a second access onto Daimler Road. Additional curbing and sidewalks on Daimler Road are also required and these upgrades fall under the jurisdiction of the District of West Kelowna. The Secretary-Treasurer will contact the District of West Kelowna regarding the status of future improvements to the site.

Trustee Butler

Advised that the George Elliot Secondary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, October 30th at 7:30 pm in the community theatre in order to draw in parents who may be interested in joining the school PAC.

Trustee Baxter

Queried whether the sponsors for the Careers in Aviation Program as well as the Heavy Metal Rocks Program could be recognized and thanked in some way.

The Assistant Superintendent will investigate possible methods for group recognition, e.g. an invitation to attend the Education Week Breakfast.

ACTION ITEMS

Amendments to Policy 541 - Board Authorized Courses and New Appendix 541A - Board/Authority Authorized Courses (Appendix)

Trustee Fraser, Chair of the Education and Student Services Committee, provided a brief review of amendments to Policy 541 and the development of new Appendix 541A, as discussed at the committee level.

Main
13P-135

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education approve amended Policy 541 - Board Authorized Courses and new Appendix 541A - Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses (Appendix), as attached to the agenda and as presented at the October 23, 2013 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendments to Westside Area Workplan

Trustee Butler, Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, reviewed the amendments to the Westside Area Workplan as discussed at the committee level.

Main
13P-136

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the changes to the Westside Area Workplan as follows:

- **Mar Jok and Westside Elementary Catchment Areas**
 - o **November 20, 2013 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting**
 - o **November 27, 2013 Board of Education Public Meeting**
- **Feasibility of FI Middle School Program on the Westside**
 - o **January 2014 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting (date TBC)**
 - o **January 2014 Board of Education Public Meeting (date TBC)**
- **Potential recommendations for changes to elementary feeder schools for CNB and GMS**
 - o **Timeline to be established following the outcome of the FI middle school decision**

CARRIED

BCSTA Bargaining Structure Task Force Report

Main

13P-137

MOVED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Bargaining Structure Task Force Report as submitted by BCSTA.

NO SECONDER

NO DEBATE

Main

13P-138

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Board of Education support the BCSTA Bargaining Structure Task Force Report in principle.

The Board discussed the feasibility of having 60 representatives sit on the Bargaining Representative Council.

Amendment

13P-139

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

Add:

With the understanding that the Bargaining Representative Council be removed from the structure.

CARRIED

Amendment

13P-140

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

Add:

AND THAT: Any bargaining commitments made be fully funded by the government.

CARRIED

Amendment

13P-141

MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

Add:

AND FURTHER THAT: Any costs related to BCSTA in assuming functions formerly conducted by BCPSEA be fully funded by the government.

CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 13P-138 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS 13P-139, 13P-140 and 13P-141.

THAT: The Board of Education support the BCSTA Bargaining Structure Task Force Report in principle, with the understanding that the Bargaining Representative Council be removed from the structure;

AND THAT: Any bargaining commitments made be fully funded by the government;

AND FURTHER THAT: Any costs related to BCSTA in assuming functions formerly conducted by BCPSEA be fully funded by the government.

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 COTA President extended an invitation to all Trustees to attend the COTA Professional Development events taking place on Friday, October 25th at Kelowna Secondary School.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Westside Elementary Catchment Area Review

- Following the public consultation meetings held on the Westside on September 30th, October 1st, and October 10th, 195 responses have been received to the District's online survey.
- Staff are in the process of synthesizing the feedback looking for key themes, and are planning on gathering additional feedback from a particular geographic area to provide greater clarity.
- This item is scheduled for discussion at the November 20th, 6:00 pm Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, and the agenda package for the meeting will be available on Friday, November 15th.

We Day - October 18, 2013

- The District had a full complement of students and staff participating in this year's We Day celebration.

Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) Spending Plan Update

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Month End Enrolment - September 2013

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2013/2014

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Letters to the Minister of Education Regarding Funding Wage Increases for Support Staff

- SD No. 43 (Coquitlam), October 1, 2013
- SD No. 61 (Greater Victoria), October 9, 2013
- SD No. 42 (Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows), October 9, 2013
- SD No. 70 (Alberni), October 10, 2013

SD No. 33 (Chilliwack), October 8, 2013, to the Minister of Education, BCSTA and all BC Boards of Education, regarding local government elections legislation.

SD No. 46 (Sunshine Coast), October 10, 2013, to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, local MLAs and all BC Boards of Education, regarding input for the 2014-2015 provincial budget.

E. Dosdall, October 15, 2013, regarding the Annual Superintendent Performance Evaluation.

SD No. 28 (Quesnel), October 15, 2013, to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Education, local MLAs and Partner Groups, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding developing a savings plan to fund support staff wage increases.

Main

13P-142

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: At the October 23, 2013 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2013 – Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 24 & 25, 2013

Location: Vancouver

Trustee Gorman is attending the Symposium.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 25 & 26, 2013

Location: Vancouver

Trustee Fraser is attending the Provincial Council Meeting.

Provincial Council Motions Package

The Board discussed the Provincial Council Motions and agreed that the Provincial Council Representative will use her discretion regarding action and agenda items reviewed at the Provincial Council Meeting.

- Agenda Item 9.1 - Exempt Staff Compensation Freeze

The Board was in agreement that the Compensation Freeze for Exempt Staff be removed.

Late Provincial Council Motion - PC L9.7 - Local Government Election Cycle

The Board was in agreement that, should the interval between civic elections be amended from three years to four years, the cycle for elections of school trustees should remain the same as for local government members.

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Human Resources and Staff Services
Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Education and Student Services
Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education Meeting with Westbank First Nation Chief and Council
DATE: Monday, October 28, 2013

Board of Education Meeting with the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA)
DATE: Thursday, November 7, 2013

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Balanced School Calendar Report (*sent to the District Calendar Committee*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer