



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday August 6, 2014
TIME: 1:00 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 J. Fraser
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent (*absent*)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Vivian Evans, Vice President
COPVA	Raquel Steen, President
COTA	No representative
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add	Public Question/Comment Period	2.0 (<i>New item</i>)
Amend:	Action/Discussion Item	3.0 (<i>Moved from 2.0</i>)
Add:	Public Question/Comment Period	4.0 (<i>New item</i>)
Amend:	Adjournment	5.0 (<i>Moved from 3.0</i>)

Main

14P-147

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Agenda for the August 6, 2014 Special Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

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.

Irmgard Thiesson reiterated the contents of her earlier email to the Superintendent and the Board Chair requesting more public information on how the Board plans to address the state of the BCTF negotiations.

The COPAC Vice President commented on the use of strike/lockout savings as outlined in the BCSTA *Back to School Action Plan* and requested that the Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education expressing parents' concerns regarding the uncertainty of school opening in September.

Shelley Courtney, Glenmore parent, requested an amendment to the BCSTA *Back to School Action Plan* Action Item No. 1, "BCSTA's trustee representatives at the bargaining table will work towards a negotiated settlement that falls within the economic mandate set by the provincial government and makes improvements to class size and composition".

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

BCSTA Back to School Action Plan

The Board reviewed the contents of the *Back to School Action Plan*.

Main

14P-148

MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education endorse the BCSTA Back to School Action Plan.

Amendment

14P-149

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni,
THAT: Action Item No. 1 of the BCSTA Back to School Action Plan, "BCSTA's trustee representatives at the bargaining table will work towards a negotiated settlement that falls within the economic mandate set by the provincial government and makes improvements to class size and composition", be deleted.
NO SECONDER
NO DEBATE

MAIN 14P-148

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Cacchioni

August 8th Meeting Between BCPSEA and BCTF to Discuss BCTF Negotiations

Main

14P-150

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Minister of Education, BCPSEA and BCTF endorsing the BCSTA Back to School Action Plan, encouraging negotiations and addressing the government's \$40.00/child/day proposal by emphasizing that any monies saved during the strike/ lockout be put back into the public education system.
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 Vice President queried the readiness of teachers and classrooms for the September 2nd scheduled opening of schools.

The Superintendent responded that, should the strike continue into the final weeks of August, teachers will be unable to begin classroom preparations for the coming school year.

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer