



"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, February 22, 2012  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** School Board Office  
1940 Underhill St.  
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

**Attending:**

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

**Staff:**

H. Gloster, Superintendent  
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer  
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent  
R. Dumontet, Director of Instruction, Human Resources  
J. Colquhoun, Director of Human Resources - Labour Relations  
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

**Partner Group Representatives Attending:**

|        |                                                   |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------|
| COPAC  | No representative                                 |
| COTA   | April Smith - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President      |
| COPVPA | Kevin Auclair, Members Liaison - Middle/Secondary |
| CUPE   | No representative                                 |
| DSC    | Teagan Welch, Co-President                        |

**ORDER**

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

**AGENDA**

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

|      |                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |
|------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Add: | Action Item                          | 7.5 Amended Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2011/2012 (Revised Motion)                                                                                       |
| Add  | Correspondence Directed to the Board | 11 Westbank First Nation, February 14, 2012, regarding the Board of Education's decision to add another Métis seat on the Aboriginal Education Council |

*Main*

12P-016 MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,  
**THAT: The Agenda for February 22, 2012 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**Public Board Meeting - February 8, 2012**

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12P-017 MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 8, 2012 be adopted as distributed.**  
**CARRIED**

## **RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS**

### **Education Week (March 5 - 9, 2012) Poster Contest Winners**

The Board recognized the following Education Week poster contest winners:

- Laura O'Brien and Lauren Duggan, Gr. 7, Chute Lake Elementary School
- Kendel Akune, Gr. 7, Springvalley Middle School
- Nadine Scott, Gr. 12, Kelowna Secondary School

The winning submissions will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate sponsored in part by Mosaic Books and each student will receive a framed copy of their poster, sponsored in part by Picture Perfect.

### **Community Sports Hero Awards**

The Board recognized the following teachers for being awarded the Community Sports Hero Award:

- Don Bingham, Teacher - Kelowna Secondary School
- Roger Kirk, Teacher - Springvalley Middle School
- Tony Sodaro, Teacher - Kelowna Secondary School

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Assistant Superintendent reported the following:

- School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) has received provincial recognition from the Deputy Minister of Education for its Harmony Day celebrations.
- All partner groups were thanked for their work towards organizing and facilitating very comprehensive Professional Development Programs for staff to take part in on February 17, 2012.

## **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 Butler**

Requested information on whether Work Ethic is being recorded for student Passports to Education.

*Kevin Auclair, COPVPA Representative, was asked to respond initially, but later corrected his statement and advised that, at GESS, the Passports to Education are awarded on the basis of 70% for academics and 30% for Work Ethic.*

### **Trustee Butler**

Requested information on the practice of circulating a "reverse consent form" to parents asking if they would like to have their textbook caution fee refunded or have it automatically donated to a relief fund.

*The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the "reverse consent form" is a common practice and parents have responded in the past that they would like to be reimbursed for the textbook caution fee. The textbook caution fee is currently under review.*

**Trustee Fraser**

Requested information regarding protocols for modular classrooms/portables in a lockdown situation.

*The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the district's lockdown protocols include all portables and modular classrooms.*

**Trustee Fraser**

Queried the liability issues should a student be injured while involved in a West Kelowna Recreation Program taking place on school district property.

*The Secretary-Treasurer advised that there is a Joint Use Agreement in place between the District of West Kelowna and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan). Should an injury to a student occur in a school district facility during a scheduled time frame for District of West Kelowna use, SD No. 23 would be held harmless and liability would fall on the District of West Kelowna.*

**Trustee Fraser**

Requested whether parents participating in the budget survey could provide input personally or as a group.

*The Secretary-Treasurer responded that input could be provided either way.*

**Trustee Pendharkar**

Requested information on the provincial budget announcement regarding disposal of school properties.

*The Secretary-Treasurer advised that, currently, any disposal of school district property requires a lengthy process through the Ministry of Education to the Cabinet level. As a result, there is a backlog of property disposal requests. The provincial announcement would remove the need to proceed to the Cabinet level to dispose of school property; however, the new process has not yet been clarified.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

**School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report**

The Director of Instruction - Human Resources reviewed the information provided which is a summary for elementary, middle and secondary school class size and composition.

Main  
12P-018

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,  
**THAT: The Board approve the School Act Class Size/Class Composition Update Report for the month of January, 2012 as presented at the February 22, 2012 Public Board Meeting, and the Declaration of Appropriate Learning Situation by the Superintendent be approved for submission to the Minister of Education.**  
**CARRIED**

**Proposal for a Modification to the Existing Soccer Academy - Mount Boucherie Secondary School**

Trustee Fraser, Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, provided a background on the proposal.

Main  
12P-019

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for a Modification to the Existing Soccer Academy, as attached and as presented at the February 22, 2012 Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Mount Boucherie Secondary School beginning in September 2012.**

An explanation of the difference between School District Academies and locally developed (Board Authorized) courses was requested and provided. Any change in an Academy's structure or content will be brought to the Board's attention. As well, locally developed (Board Authorized) courses are evaluated internally at the school level.

**The question was called on Main Motion 12P-019.**

**CARRIED**

**Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Canada Skills Academy)  
- Kelowna Secondary School**

Trustee Fraser, Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee, provided a background on the proposal.

Main  
12P-020

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,  
**THAT: The Board approve the Proposal for Substantive Change (Hockey Canada Skills Academy), as attached and as presented at the February 22, 2012 Public Board Meeting, to be implemented at Kelowna Secondary School beginning in September 2012.**

Trustees discussed the potential impact to neighbourhood schools currently offering Hockey Academies if a Hockey Canada Skills Academy is added to Kelowna Secondary School.

**The question was called on Main Motion 12P-020.**

**CARRIED**

**Amendments to School District No. 23 Policy 220 "Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer"**

Main  
12P-021

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,  
**THAT: The Human Resources and Staff Services Committee develop amendments to School District No. 23 Policy 220 "Principals and Vice-Principals: Selection, Appointment and Transfer", to address the appointment of District Principals;**

**AND FURTHER THAT: The Human Resources and Staff Services Committee make recommendations to the Board.**

Potential amendments to the existing policy to include District Principal selection, appointment and transfer were discussed. District Principals are typically not assigned to a specific site and are given a more global list of duties and responsibilities; however, they are members of COPVPA and have an established pay grade.

**The question was called on Main Motion 12P-021.**

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED: Trustee Pendharkar**

6:51 pm - The Director of Instruction, Human Resources left the meeting.

## **Amended Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2011/2012**

Trustee Gorman, Chairperson of the Finance and Legal Committee, provided a brief background on the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw adoption and submission to the Minister of Education.

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12P-022

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

**THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2011/2012 (as attached) be given all three readings at the Public Board Meeting of February 22, 2012.**

**CARRIED**

*Main*

12P-023

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

**THAT: The School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2011/2012 in the amount of \$185,555,254 be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 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 COTA Representative advised that, in response to Trustee Butler's earlier query regarding the recording of Work Ethic for Passports to Education, the recording of grades, work ethic and all information required for scholarships and graduating students has not been affected by the job action and continues to be done.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Education Week - March 5 - 9, 2012**

All partner groups and community members were encouraged to become involved in Education Week activities.

### **Electronic Registration for New Students**

Several high demand schools have had situations where parents are lining up the night before registration opens in order to ensure their child is enrolled in the school of their choice. Electronic registration would eliminate these situations. Staff will explore the possibility of electronic registration for new students in the coming year. Options explored will ensure that equity of access and technology capability are addressed.

### **General Statements**

### **Field Trips 2011/2012**

## **BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: **Correspondence Directed to the Board**

Okanagan Nation Alliance, February 9, 2012, regarding the Board of Education's decision to add another Métis seat on the Aboriginal Education Council.

Westbank First Nation, February 14, 2012, regarding the Board of Education's decision to add another Métis seat on the Aboriginal Education Council.

### **Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board**

Minister of Education, February 9, 2012, regarding the current contract dispute between the BC Teachers' Federation and the BC Public School Employers' Association.

Chairperson, School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert), February 9, 2012, regarding teacher bargaining.

Chairperson, "Volunteerism" Committee - BC Retired Teachers' Association, February 10, 2012, regarding a survey of retired teachers in terms of service and volunteering.

Donna Smood, President - "It's Cool To Be Fit" Campaign, February 13, 2012, regarding the "It's Cool To Be Fit" Campaign.

*Main*

12P-024

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,  
**THAT: At the February 22, 2012 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**  
**CARRIED**

The need to provide a response to Okanagan Nation Alliance and Westbank First Nation regarding the Board of Education's decision to add another Métis seat on the Aboriginal Education Council was discussed.

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12P-025

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,  
**THAT: The Board respond to the letters from Okanagan Nation Alliance and Westbank First Nation regarding the Board of Education's decision to add another Métis seat on the Aboriginal Education Council.**  
**CARRIED**

## ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

### BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

## BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

### BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting - February 24 & 25, 2012

#### **Provincial Councillor Motions Package:**

##### **Agenda Item 9.1 - 2012/2013 BCSTA Draft Budget**

*(Submitted by: Chair, BCSTA Finance Committee)*

THAT: Provincial Council receive the 2012/2013 BCSTA Draft Budget and provide additional input to the Finance Committee prior to adoption of the final budget immediately following AGM 2012.

The draft budget was discussed and Trustees agreed by consensus to vote in favour of the motion.

*7:08 pm - Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Fraser declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.  
Trustee Baxter assumed the Chairperson's position.*

##### **Agenda Item 10.1 - Revision to Class Size Requirements**

*(Submitted by: Fraser Valley Branch)*

THAT: BCSTA recommend to the Ministry of Education that Section 76.1 of the School Act and Ministerial Order 245/02 be amended to remove the requirement for boards to meet class size district average requirements of 19 for Kindergarten, of 21 for Grades 1 - 3, and of 28 for Grades 4 - 7.

Trustees discussed the recommended motion.

*Main  
12P-026*

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,  
**THAT: The Board vote in favour of the motion.**  
**CARRIED**

*7:13 pm - Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Fraser returned to the meeting.*

##### **Agenda Item 10.2 - District Reporting Requirements During Job Action**

*(Submitted by: Sunshine Coast Board of Education)*

THAT: BCSTA request the Minister of Education to further decrease Ministry reporting requirements during the teachers' Phase One Job Action.

Trustees discussed the recommended motion and agreed by consensus to vote in favour of the motion.

*7:16 pm - Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Fraser declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.  
Trustee Baxter assumed the Chairperson's position.*

**Agenda Item 10.3 - Immediate Government Action to End BCTF Strike**  
(Submitted by: Coast Mountains Board of Education)

THAT: BCSTA request the Minister of Education to introduce legislation to bring an immediate end to the BCTF strike and a full return to work.

Trustees discussed the recommended motion.

Main  
12P-027

MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,  
**THAT: The Board abstain from voting on this motion.**  
**DEFEATED**  
**OPPOSED: Trustee Butler, Trustee Gorman, Trustee Baxter**

Main  
12P-028

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,  
**THAT: The Board vote in opposition of this motion.**

Trustees discussed the motion.

**The question was called on Main Motion 12P-028.**

**DEFEATED**  
**OPPOSED: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Pendharkar**  
**ABSTAINED: Trustee Brinkerhoff**

Main  
12P-029

MOVED by Trustee Brinkerhoff, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,  
**THAT: The Board reconsider Main Motion 12P-027 to abstain from voting on this motion.**  
**CARRIED**

**Agenda Item 10.4 - Teacher Collective Bargaining Mandate**  
(Submitted by: Vancouver Board of Education)

THAT: BCSTA urge the provincial government to review the bargaining mandate with the BCTF, with a view to resolving the current teacher bargaining impasse.

Main  
12P-030

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,  
**THAT: The Board vote in favour of the motion.**

Trustees discussed the recommended motion.

**The question was called on Main Motion 12P-030.**

**CARRIED**  
**OPPOSED: Trustee Gorman, Trustee Pendharkar**

7:29 pm - Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Fraser returned to the meeting.



### **Agenda Item 10.5 - Defer New BC Education Plan**

*(Submitted by: Sooke Board of Education)*

THAT: BCSTA request the provincial government defer the consultation and implementation processes of the newly proposed BC Education Plan until there is a new collective agreement with BC teachers and a resolution of the Bill 27/28 dispute.

Main  
12P-031

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Brinkerhoff,  
**THAT: The Board vote in favour of the motion.**

Trustees discussed the recommended motion.

**The question was called on Main Motion 12P-031.**

**CARRIED**

### **BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting - March 2 & 3, 2012**

### **BCSTA AGM - April 26 - 29, 2012**

Deadline for Substantive Motions due February 24

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

### **BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Human Resources and Staff Services Committee  
Wednesday, March 7, at 3:00 p.m., School Board Office

General Affairs Committee  
Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office  
NOTE: This meeting has been CANCELLED

Education and Student Services Committee  
Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., School Board Office  
NOTE: This meeting has been CANCELLED

### **BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Westbank First Nation - Monday, March 26, 2012

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

**ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.**

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer