



"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, November 23, 2011
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee G. Given
Trustee W. Horning
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley
Trustee G. Scanlan
Trustee J. Watson

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
K. Hannigan, 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	Leanne Zorn, Executive Member
CUPE	Bill Zeman, President and Wendy Johnson, Vice-President
DSC	Sahil Ahuja, District Student Council Representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add	Information Item	9.4 Interior Health - Healthier Schools Healthier Students (HSHS) Project Update Year 1 Evaluation of the Health Promoting Schools Coordinator Initiative
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Main

11P-192 MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Agenda for November 23, 2011 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - November 9, 2011 (attachment)

Main

- 11P-193 MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of November 9, 2011 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Presentations:

Presentation to Trustees

Chairperson Rolli Cacchioni and Trustee Moyra Baxter recognized Trustee Wayne Horning, Trustee Anna Hunt-Binkley and Trustee Gail Scanlan for their nine years of service on the Board of Education, and Trustee Gail Given and Trustee Jeff Watson for their three years of service on the Board of Education.

2011 Chairperson's Report to the Board

Trustee Cacchioni presented the 2011 Chairperson's Report to the Board. The Chairperson highlighted the District's areas of focus, progress made in support of the District's goals, and achievement results during the 2010/2011 school year. The Chairperson also recognized the hard work, leadership and dedication of the District's official partner groups, members of senior staff, and fellow Trustees in support of public education.

Main

- 11P-194 MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board of Education accept the 2011 Chairperson's Report to the Board.
CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent provided the following report:

- Recognition was given to Principals, Vice-Principals, teachers and support staff for all of their efforts to assist students in fulfilling graduation requirements. The Ministry recently released the six year graduation statistics, announcing an increase in the District's graduation rate from 84.7% in the 2009-2010 school year to 86.2% in the 2010-2011 school year. Additionally, the District's Aboriginal Graduation Rate has increased from 60% to 61%.
- The Music BC Charitable Foundation has partnered with the new Best Buy electronics store in Kelowna to provide a total grant of \$10,000.00 to be divided between Rutland Senior Secondary and Dr. Knox Middle School as part of their 'Adopt an Instrument Program'. The funds will be used to provide musical instruments in support of the music programs in each of these schools.

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.

Alice Rees, President, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, thanked the outgoing and remaining Trustees for their open and collegial relationship with the teachers of School District No. 23.

Alice Rees also commented on the use of PAC funding for video surveillance equipment in schools, suggesting that the District should cover the cost of capital expenditures, which would allow PAC funds to go directly towards students.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested that the Superintendent remind schools that low sugar chocolate milk has been approved as a healthy choice in schools and that they should consider including this product in the school vending machines.

ACTION ITEMS

Representation on the Aboriginal Education Council

(attachment)

Recommendation:

Leo Brazeau, President, Kelowna Metis Association, requested that the Board approve an additional voting seat on the Aboriginal Education Council which would allow the Metis Association to have two voting members on the Council.

Main

11P-195

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: The Board of Education approve an additional voting seat for the Kelowna Métis Association on the Aboriginal Education Council.

The Board discussed the request and make-up of the 15 person Aboriginal Education Council.

**The question was called on Main Motion 11P-195
CARRIED**

Achieving A Necessary Future Project Review
(attachment)

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as the acting Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee on November 2, 2011, presented the *Achieving A Necessary Future* Project Review.

Main

11P-196

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,
THAT: The Board of Education receive the *Achieving A Necessary Future* Project Review, as attached and as presented at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting;
AND THAT: The Board of Education authorize staff to engage in a process, involving input from all partner groups, to replace the present *Achieving A Necessary Future* structure, by developing a new collaborative model of support that includes the investigation of differentiated intervention strategies to meet the needs of all vulnerable students in all elementary schools.
CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 505 and 505R (Regulations) “Learning Assistance”
(attachment)

Recommendation from the Education and Student Services Committee - November 2, 2011

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as the acting Chairperson of the Education and Student Services Committee on November 2, 2011, presented the amendments to Policy 505 and 505R (Regulations) “Learning Assistance”.

Main

11P-197

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the amended Policy 505 and 505R (Regulations) “Learning Assistance”, as attached and as presented at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

New Policies 386 and 486 - Employee and Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communications
(attachment)

Recommendation from the Education and Student Services Committee - November 2, 2011

The Board of Education discussed new interim Policy 386 – Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communications and new Policy 486 – Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communications. The Board of Education further directed the Superintendent to send the interim Policies to all school Parent Advisory Councils and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, requesting feedback prior to the end of January 2012. The two new interim Policies replace Policy 385 “Use of Cellular Phones or Communication/Wireless Devices in School or on School Property” and Policy 485 “Use of Cellular Phones or Communication/Wireless Devices in School or on School Property”.

Main

11P-198

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the new policy “Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” as an INTERIM policy, replacing Policy 385 “Use of Cellular Phones or Communication/Wireless Devices in School or on School Property”, as attached and as presented at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent to send the INTERIM policy to all school Parent Advisory Councils and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, requesting feedback prior to the end of January 2012.

CARRIED

Opposed: Trustee Hunt-Binkley

Main

11P-199

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Given,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the new policy “Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication” as an INTERIM policy, replacing Policy 485 “Use of Cellular Phones or Communication/Wireless Devices in School or on School Property”, as attached and as presented at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent to send the INTERIM policy to all school Parent Advisory Councils and the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council, requesting feedback prior to the end of January 2012.

CARRIED

New Policy 453 - Child Protection and New Regulation 453R - Child Protection

(attachment)

Recommendation from the General Affairs Committee - November 2, 2011

The Superintendent presented the new Policy 453 - Child Protection and Regulations 453R - Child Protection, as provided by the BCSTA as a template to be used throughout the province.

Main

11P-200

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

THAT: The Board of Education approve new Policy 453 - Child Protection and new Regulation 453R - Child Protection, as attached and as presented at the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

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.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Video Surveillance: Annual Report to the Board

(attachment)

The Superintendent presented the Video Surveillance Annual Report. The Board discussed the report and agreed that future reports should omit the detailed portion of the report.

Kelowna Secondary School Timetable Change - Status Report

(attachment)

The Superintendent provided a status report on the Kelowna Secondary School Timetable Change.

Field Trips 2011/2012

(attachment)

Interior Health - Healthier Schools Healthier Students (HSHS) Project Update Year 1
Evaluation of the Health Promoting Schools Coordinator Initiative

Trustee Hunt-Binkley, as a member of the Health Promoting Schools Committee presented the project update after year one of the Health Promoting Schools Coordinator Initiative.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Heather McCaw, Associate Vice-President - Development, The University of British Columbia, a letter regarding a Recent Gift Through UBC for an Externally Administered Student Award.

Willene Perez, an email reading the use of American spelling texts in British Columbia.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education to School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), a letter regarding the 2010/11 enrolment audit.

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) to the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, a letter regarding Capital Announcement.

School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows) to the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, a letter regarding the BC Education Plan.

The Board discussed the email from Willene Perez on the use of American spelling texts in British Columbia. Alice Rees, President, COTA, reported that teachers were still teaching the British spelling in schools.

Main

11P-201

MOVED by Trustee Watson, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

THAT: At the November 23, 2011 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: December 8 to 10, 2011

Location: Hyatt Hotel

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Inaugural Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer