



"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, October 12, 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and April Smith, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President
COPVPA	Al Lalonde, Vice-President
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, Vice-President
DSC	Teagan Welch, Co-President

**ORDER**

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

**AGENDA**

**Additions/Amendments/Deletions**

Add	Recognitions	3.1.3 BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch - Certificates for Trustee Service
Add	Material for Scheduled Item	7.1 September 30, 2011 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report (Appendix)

*Main*

11P-168      **MOVED** by Trustee Watson, **SECONDED** by Trustee Horning,  
**THAT: The Agenda for October 12, 2011 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

## MINUTES

### Public Board Meeting - September 28, 2011 (attachment)

Page 7 - Marvin Farkas, President, Lake Country Chamber of Commerce - *as the Lake Country Chamber of Commerce makes a significant contribution to the schools and local community.*

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MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 28, 2011 be adopted as amended.**  
**CARRIED**

## RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

### Recognitions:

#### The Board recognized the following:

##### **Tom Sawtell, Coordinator - "Lion's Quest Program"**

The Board of Education recognized Tom Sawtell for working closely with nine Lion's Clubs in the Okanagan Region to coordinate the implementation of the Lion's Quest Program in the Central Okanagan School District. Since 1994, the Lions Clubs have donated over \$150,000 to support training and resources for Lion's Question delivery within the District.

##### **Colleen Edstrom - "Roots of Empathy Program"**

Colleen Edstrom was unable to attend the Public Board Meeting on October 12, 2011 and will be recognized at a later date.

##### **BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch - Certificates for Trustee Service**

The BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch recognized the following School District No. 23 Trustees who will not be seeking re-election, for their service to public education:

- Trustee Gail Scanlan
- Trustee Jeff Watson
- Trustee Gail Given
- Trustee Wayne Horning

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC), will be hosting a regional parent conference starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Dr. Knox Middle School. This **Parents as Partners – Building Success Conference** will provide an opportunity for parent leaders and educational partners to share information and resources in a regional setting, and to continue to build the relationship of parents as partners in education.

- Approximately 550 students (grades 6-12) and 55 adult supervisors will be attending WE DAY in Vancouver on Thursday, October 13, 2011. This event, coordinated by Free the Children, inspires and empowers students to engage in local and global humanitarian service.
- Over the course of the 2010/2011 school year, the District will be conducting a review of grade configurations and school catchment areas in order to produce an updated Educational Facilities Plan.
- With several trustees declaring their intent not to seek re-election, District staff will be planning an orientation program for new Trustees elected to the Board of Education. This will be followed with a review of the District's Strategic Plan.
- The District will be engaged in a comprehensive Health and Safety Audit this year. Further information will be forthcoming.
- Central Okanagan School District staff, in partnership with the Aboriginal Education Council and local Aboriginal communities, will be engaging in an extensive consultation process with the intent of developing the District's second five-year Enhancement Agreement.

### **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.

Ann Bell, Aboriginal Education Council representative, provided a brief historical perspective on the creation of the Aboriginal Education Council and its current makeup.

### **TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS**

Trustee Baxter - reported that the District of West Kelowna was hosting a Mayor's Youth Forum on Friday, October 28, 2011.

*Trustee Horning asked if middle school aged students were invited to attend the Mayor's Youth Forum.*

*Trustee Baxter reported that she would find out who was invited to attend the Forum and report back to the Board.*

*Trustee Hunt-Binkley - reported that the 2007 School District No. 23 resolution requesting that BCSTA lobby milk producers to reduce sugar in their milk products had been successful. Dairyland, a milk producer, had just announced that it will be reducing sugar in chocolate milk by 25% which will allow the product to fall within the Healthy Schools guidelines.*

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**September 30, 2011 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report**  
(attachment) (Appendix to be provided)

The Director of Instruction, Human Resources, presented the 2011 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report as of September 30, 2011.

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MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,  
**THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the September 30, 2011 Class Size, Class Composition and District Class Size Averages Report, as presented at the October 12, 2011 Public Board Meeting;**

**AND THAT: The Chairperson of the Board of Education (Central Okanagan) provide the Minister of Education a declaration of Class Size which meets Section 76.1 of the British Columbia School Act.**

The Board discussed the increasing number of designated students requiring additional support.

The question was called on Main Motion 11P-170

**CARRIED**

**Background Re: Métis Representation on the Aboriginal Education Council**

(attachment)

Referred from the Public Board Meeting - September 28, 2011

The Board discussed requesting a meeting with the Aboriginal Education Council in order to receive further information on representation on the Aboriginal Education Council.

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11P-171

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

**THAT: The decision regarding the request to add an additional Métis seat on the Aboriginal Education Council (AEC) be tabled until no later than the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting, and in the interim staff be directed to organize a meeting between the Board and the Aboriginal Education Council.**

**CARRIED**

**Attributes of a Central Okanagan School District Learner in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

(attachment)

The Superintendent presented the Attributes of a Central Okanagan School District Learner in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

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11P-172

MOVED by Trustee Given, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Attributes of a Central Okanagan School District Learner in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, as attached and presented at the October 12, 2011 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**Recognition of Staff and Volunteers**

Referred from the Human Resources and Staff Services Committee - October 5, 2011

The Board discussed the annual recognition of Staff and Volunteers twice per year

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11P-173

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Baxter,

**THAT: The Board of Education recognize all staff and volunteers twice in the 2011/2012 school year with cards and flowers.**

**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.

Alice Rees, President, Central Okanagan Teachers' Association, presented the concerns that COTA has around diverse learning needs.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Cancellation of Recess During Job Action**

(attachment)

Referred from the Public Board Meeting - September 28, 2011

The Superintendent presented a report outlining the need for the cancellation of recess, the rationale, history, the practical outcome of the decision to date, and briefly what other Districts in the Province are doing during job action.

### **Draft One Goal Statement**

(attachment)

The Superintendent presented the Draft One Goal Statement - *"Each student (K-12) will provide evidence of being a learner, thinker, innovator, collaborator and contributor to find, follow and share their passions."*

*The Board recommended some changes to the wording of the Goal which will be incorporated in the next draft.*

### **Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies**

The following Trustees will be attending Remembrance Day services in each region:

Kelowna	Trustee Scanlan and Trustee Horning
Lake Country	Trustee Hunt-Binkley
Rutland	Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Given
West Kelowna	Trustee Watson
Peachland	Trustee Baxter

### **September 30, 2011 School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Enrolment**

(attachment)

The process in which a distributed learning student qualifies for funding has changed. The current enrolment in distributed learning appears to be down; however, there are three different times throughout the year that distributed learning students are counted.

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

(attachment)

## **BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

**Sent:** Stephen Hansen, Executive Director, BCSTA, a letter regarding Funding Formula Concerns.

Ann Bell, Lake Country Native Association, Aboriginal Education Council Representative, an email regarding the Kelowna Métis Association.

Mayor and Council, District of West Kelowna, a letter regarding the RCMP Liaison Officer.

**Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board**

Ann Bell, Lake Country Native Association, Aboriginal Education Council Representative, an email regarding the Kelowna Métis Association.

Michelle Price, Lake Country Native Association, an email regarding the Aboriginal Education Council.

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

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), a letter to the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, regarding 2010-2011 Enrolment Audit.

School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley), a letter Hugh Finlayson, BCPSEA, regarding collecting agreements.

School District No. 39 (Vancouver School Board), a letter to the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, regarding the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning.

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11P-174

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Horning,

**THAT: At the October 12, 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 Provincial Council Meeting**

Date: October 21 & 22, 2011

Location: Wosk Centre, Vancouver, BC

Attending: Trustee Baxter

The Board discussed the motions which would be discussed at the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting and gave direction to Trustee Baxter as the Board's representative on the Council.

**BCSTA Trustee Academy**

Date: December 8 to 10, 2011

Location: Hyatt Hotel

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

## **BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Planning and Facilities

Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

General Affairs

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

CANCELLED - Human Resources and Staff Services

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 4:30 p.m., School Board Office

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., School Board Office

*Trustee Watson will be unable to attend the meeting -- Trustee Hunt-Binkley agreed to chair the meeting in Trustee Watson's absence.*

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

THAT: The Board survey all PACs in School District No. 23 respecting the draft Social Media policies and specifically ask the PACs to respond to the two questions:

- a. Should students be allowed to utilize social media devices for personal use during instructional hours? Yes or No (use would be allowed during recess, lunch breaks or between classes); and
- b. Should staff be allowed to utilize social media devices for personal use during working time? Yes or No (use would be allowed during coffee, lunch or other breaks)

## **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

- Report from Trustee Baxter on the Mayor's Youth Forum

## **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.**

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer