



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 6:00 pm
School Board Office or Zoom (for the public)
1040 Hollywood Road S.
Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee M. Baxter, Chairperson
Trustee N. Bowman
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger
Trustee L. Tiede

Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Michelle DesRochers, Executive Assistant (recorder)

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
David Tether, CUPE President
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC President (*arrived at 6:10 pm*)
Dany Lemoine, DSC Co-President - Grade 12 at KSS
Myah Taylor, DSC Co-President - Grade 12 at GESS

There was no COPVPA representative in attendance.

**The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held
on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

AGENDA

*Add: Materials for scheduled Staff Presentations Item 9.1 - Superintendent of Schools/CEO:
2020 School Opening Report - Part 1.*

Main 20P-120

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 16, 2020 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 24, 2020

Main 20P-121

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 24, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Special Public Board Meeting - September 2, 2020

6:10 pm: The COPAC President joined the meeting.

Main 20P-122

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Special Public Board Meeting of September 2, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustees Geistlinger and Tiede

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Mihai Covaser, Grade 12 French Immersion Student at École Kelowna Secondary School, Canadian Parents for French Competition Video Submission

At the June 24, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education recognized Mihai Covaser for winning a National contest put on by the Canadian Parents for French, with over 800 students from across Canada entered. Students were asked to show their experiences in quarantine after the schools were closed due to COVID-19. Mihai won the grade 11 French Immersion division. Mihai presented to the Board of Education his winning video submission.

Mihai reminded all participating in the meeting that this week is Variety Week which was Mihai's charity of choice.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introductions of Newly Appointed Principals, Vice-Principals, and COSBO Staff

The Board of Education congratulated the following newly appointed Principals and Vice-Principal:

- Nina Ferguson, Principal at Pearson Road Elementary School
- Monique West, Principal at A.S. Matheson Elementary School
- Tim Van Brummelen, Principal at Rose Valley Elementary School
- Michelle Newman, Vice-Principal at A.S. Matheson Elementary School

The Board of Education welcomed the following new staff to Central Okanagan Public Schools:

- David Coats, Vice-Principal at Springvalley Elementary School
- Sherri McKinnon, District Principal of Learning Support Services
- Josh Currie, Assistant Director of Operations
- Robyn Yanchuk, Executive Assistant - Human Resources/Labour Relations

DECLARATION

Orange Shirt Day - Wednesday, September 30, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, September 30, 2020 as 'Orange Shirt Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Jason Ritchie: Mr. Ritchie submitted a query on the process, timelines, and communication to parents regarding the Board's decision to amend Regulation 470R - Transportation Services Management (*Regulations*) Guiding Principles for Transportation in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The Board Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO provided responses to Mr. Ritchie's questions.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that Mr. Ritchie has requested to present at the September 30, 2020 Public Board Meeting. This request has been forwarded to the Coordinating Committee for action.

Marie Howell: Ms. Howell submitted a query regarding noon hour busing not being provided for Rutland Senior Secondary (RSS) students and requested that RSS students be provided with a better solution.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated due to available resources as well as capacity levels, the District is only able to provide noon hour busing to both KSS and MBSS. At OKM, GESS, and RSS, the District has the space to accommodate students who are bused to school on a full-time basis. These students do receive busing in both the morning and afternoon.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2020 School Opening Report - Part 1

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 2020 School Opening Report Part 1. This Report covers the time period of September 10, 2020 through September 15, 2020 (unless otherwise noted) and provides an update regarding the first days of the school year. A more accurate count of student enrolment will be provided in Part 2 of the School Opening Report at the September 30, 2020 Public Board Meeting, as well as following the September 30th 1701 submission to the Ministry of Education. (The School Opening Report – Part 1 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website – www.sd23.bc.ca.)

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Board Chairperson expressed their appreciation to all the staff from all partner groups of the Central Okanagan School District for their efforts in making our schools safe and for a successful start to the 2020/2021 school year.

Main 20P-123

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2020 School Opening Report - Part 1.

CARRIED

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustees expressed their appreciation to all staff, parents and students for a smooth start to the school year.

Trustee Geistlinger queried if the amendment made to Regulation 405R - Student Placement at the September 2, 2020 Special Public Board Meeting can be revisited to include those parents who decided to transfer their students to an out of district program/school prior to the Board's decision. The Board Chair advised Trustee Geistlinger that she would need to make a Notice of Motion for the Board's consideration.

In response to a query from Trustee Geistlinger, the Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that the District continues to recruit French Immersion teachers as typical sources have declined due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The District is currently not in a position to offer a French Immersion program in eSchoolBC due to all current French Immersion teachers already allocated to other schools.

Trustee Geistlinger stated that the bridge under construction near H.S. Grenda Middle School is currently delayed to fish spawning; however, District of Lake Country staff have confirmed that the delay will have no impact on road access to H.S. Grenda Middle School upon school opening in September 2021. The bridge is anticipated to be completed in August 2021.

ACTION ITEMS

Right-of-Way for Inverness Road Dedication on Former Webber Road Elementary School Site

Main 20P-124

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Cacchioni

THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 151 (as attached).

CARRIED

Main 20P-125

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 151 (Land Dedication) be read a first, second and third time and finally adopted;

AND THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), hereinafter called 'the Board', grant authorization to Kerr Properties to undertake the land dedication process with the City of West Kelowna to build road upgrades and a multiuse pathway on Lot 96, DL 3481, PL 20022, ODYD.

CARRIED

Meeting Recess (Five Minutes)

7:30 pm: The meeting recessed.

7:37 pm: The meeting reconvened.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Marie Howell: Ms. Howell queried if the District is recruiting more bus drivers to potentially have noon hour busing available for RSS and GESS students.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated that the District is continually recruiting for bus drivers; however, there is not a plan to recruit strictly for noon hour busing.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent reported that he had no emergent issues to report.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021

The Board reviewed the information.

Trustee Attendance at COPAC Meetings - September 2020 - June 2021

The Board reviewed the information.

2019-2020 Whistleblower Services Update

The Board reviewed the information. It was confirmed that the 2019-2020 Whistleblower Services Update reports on both financial misconduct and criminal activity.

General Statement – June 24, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – July 10, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - July 29, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - August 6, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - August 12, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - August 21, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - August 26, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement - September 1, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Board of Education Message to All Staff and Families, August 7, 2020

Response to P. Chmiel, August 12, 2020, Re Delay of School Opening

Board Chair's Message to Families and Staff, August 25, 2020

Important Information Re Public Information Sessions on School District's Return to School Plan, August 26, 2020

M. VanZerr, September 4, 2020, Re Thank You

Received:

T. Gangl, June 29, 2020, Safety of Students - Sharing Roads with Distracted and Ignorant Motorists

C. Wheeler, July 31, 2020, School Year Planning

Y. Kacy, August 9, 2020, School Safety

P. Chmiel, August 11, 2020, Delay of School Opening
 CUPE BC, August 12, 2020, Seamless Day Proposal
 T. Lum, August 12, 2020, Back to School Plan Input
 C. Wheeler, August 18, 2020, Re School Year Planning
 R. Davidson, August 18, 2020, A Safe Return to School
 J. McBain, August 19, 2020, Reopening Plan
 L. Zelickson, August 20, 2020, 2020-2021 School Year
 H. Haslett, August 21, 2020, Concerns Regarding Back to School
 J. Viguers, August 21, 2020, Concerns
 L. Buschel, August 21, 2020, Return to School 2020
 T. Russell, August 21, 2020, Back to School Concerns
 K. Nault, August 21, 2020, Return to School Plan
 G. Evans, August 23, 2020, Unsafe Return
 C. Wheeler, August 25, 2020, Info Meeting for Parents August 27
 C. Wheeler, August 25, 2020, Restart Plan
 K. Kenzie, August 25, 2020, Board Chair's Message to All Staff
 P. Chmiel, August 25, 2020, Board Chair's Message to All Staff
 T. McCarthy, August 25, 2020, Information Session
 P. Glover, August 26, 2020, Attendance Request
 G. Terry, August 27, 2020, Returning Back to School
 T. Denman, August 27, 2020, No Mandatory Masks
 C. Wheeler, August 28, 2020, Additional Funding
 C. Wheeler, August 28, 2020, School Restart
 T. Lum, August 28, 2020, Remote Learning Option
 C. Furey, August 30, 2020, 2020-21 School Year and Remote Learning
 D. Melenchuk, August 30, 2020, School Bus Requirements
 M. Martin, August 30, 2020, e-learning Options
 J. Montgomery, August 31, 2020, Copy of Email sent to D. Lea Re OKM Restart Plan
 D. Lea, September 1, 2020, Copy of Email to J. Montgomery Re OKM Restart Plan
 M. VanZerr, September 1, 2020, Will SD23 be Making a Similar Announcement as the Vancouver School Board?
 L. Antunes, September 1, 2020, Parents Want Options for the Upcoming School Year
 N. King, September 1, 2020, Copy of Email to D. Lea Re Urgent Question - School Bus Transportation
 D. Lea, September 1, 2020, Copy of Email to N. King Re Urgent Question - School Bus Transportation
 C. Welters, September 1, 2020, OKM Mid-Day Busing
 Fabienne, September 1, 2020, Question
 M. Wiens, September 1, 2020, New Motion
 M. VanZerr, September 4, 2020, Thank You

R. Fidalgo, September 4, 2020, School Re-Start Board Meeting
M. Howell, September 9, 2020, RSS Transportation for Half Days

Main 20P-126

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: At the September 16, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Saturday, October 3, 2020 via Zoom

BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 2020 via Zoom

BCSTA and Ministry of Education - Partner Liaison Meeting

Friday, October 16, 2020 via Zoom

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

October 23-24, 2020 via Zoom

BCSTA and Ministry of Education - Partner Liaison Meeting

Friday, October 30, 2020 via Zoom

BCSTA Trustee Academy 2020

November 27-28, 2020 - Virtual

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public.

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Audit Committee

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public.

Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Geistlinger:

THAT: Regulation 405R – Student Placement (Regulations) be amended as follows:

2. Enrolment Priorities

Priority shall be given to students on the following basis:

- **catchment area students who, in the previous year, attended the school;**
- **catchment area students who, in the previous year, were ‘placed’ by the district in a different school;**
- **siblings of catchment area students;**
- **returning catchment area students that have transferred into the school or program they previously attended from eSchoolBC, Homeschooling or a Distributed Learning program offered by another educational organization;**
- **new catchment area students;**
- **siblings of non-catchment area students currently enrolled in the school;**
- **non-catchment area students who request to attend the school which is other than their catchment area school;**
- **non-district area students;**
- **international students.**

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the media.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO