



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

(Second and fourth Wednesday of every month, except July and August and the fourth Wednesday in March and December, at the School Board Office, at 6:00 PM.)

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

DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2015

TIME: 6:00 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 R. Cacchioni

Trustee J. Fraser (*absent*)

Trustee C. Gorman

Trustee L. Mossman

Trustee L. Tiede

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent

L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer

T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent

B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC Shelley Courtney, President

COPVPA Raquel Steen, President

COTA No representative

CUPE Wendy Johnson, President

DSC Kelsey Munro, Gr. 11 – RSS, and Branden Jewsbury, Gr. 11 - MBSS

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

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| Delete: | Recognition/Presentation/Delegations | 3.1 | Recognition: Donna Kozak, Teacher, Hollywood Road Education Services – Recipient of the UBC Okanagan Outstanding Doctoral-Level Graduate Student Award (<i>The recipient was unable to attend – this item will be added to the September 23, 2015 Public Board Meeting</i>) |
| Add: | Recognition/Presentation/Delegations | 3.2 | Presentation: School Opening Report – Part 1 (<i>New material for scheduled item</i>) |
| Amend: | Action Item | 6.2 | 2015/2016 School Bus Replacement (<i>Amended material for scheduled item</i>) |
| Add: | Action Item | 6.5 | Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services – Budget 2016 Consultations Community Public Hearing – Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre, Kelowna (<i>New item</i>) |
| Add: | Board Correspondence | 10. | Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board (<i>Additional material for scheduled item</i>) |

Main

15P-134

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

**THAT: The Agenda for the September 9, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.
CARRIED**

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – June 24, 2015

Main

15P-135

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 24, 2015 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Presentation: School Opening Report – Part 1

- Presenter: Hugh Gloster, Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent provided information on the first two days of the school year. A more in-depth report on enrolment will be provided at the September 23, 2015 Public Board Meeting. At this time, data received from the middle and secondary schools is subject to significant variation, and, while elementary school enrolment information is more accurate, several schools have wait list issues to resolve which will impact enrolment numbers. All schools have reported a relatively smooth opening this year; however, the introduction of MyEducation BC is causing slow-downs in the processing time for new registrations and any adjustments to existing student information, e.g. course changes. To date, the majority of schools are coming in reasonably close to their projected enrolment numbers. Once all adjustments have been made, including International and Adult student numbers, it is anticipated that the District will experience a modest overall increase in enrolment over the previous year. Meetings have been scheduled for September 10th and 11th to review any staffing issues at schools. Several schools will require additional staff.

The Superintendent commended the Operations Department for the work carried out in the summer months, which was in addition to the normal summer clean-up which took place at every school.

Main

15P-136

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,
THAT: The Board of Education receive the School Opening Report – Part 1.
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.

The COPVPA President advised that the switch to the MyEducation BC student demographic system has greatly impacted much of the school staff, in particular clerical personnel and school counsellors. With the learning curve and the extremely slow response time for any data entry in MyEducation BC, staff are putting in enormous effort and time to ensure that tasks are being completed.

The Board Chair requested that the Superintendent send a message to staff acknowledging and thanking them for their efforts in coping with the changes which have occurred with the introduction of MyEducation BC.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Cacchioni

Commented on the excellent COTA Professional Development Program which took place September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

The Superintendent will convey the Board's commendations to Joe Jamison and the COTA Pro D Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

2015/2016 Routine Capital

Trustee Cacchioni, Acting Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, provided information on the 2015/2016 Routine Capital requests as discussed at the Committee level.

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15P-137

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2015/2016 Routine Capital requests, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the September 9, 2015 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

2015/2016 School Bus Replacement

Main
15P-138

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2015/2016 School Bus Replacement Request, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the September 9, 2015 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Request for Endorsement: Canadian Mental Health Association #GETLOUD for mental health Pledge

Main
15P-139

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education endorse the Canadian Mental Health Association #GETLOUD for mental health Pledge.

The Canadian Mental Health Association will be profiling the Pledge during Mental Health Awareness Week which takes place at the beginning of October. The Board's endorsement of the Pledge will be provided to the District Health Promoting Schools Committee which has a component focusing on mental health.

Main 15P-139
CARRIED

École KLO Middle School – Enrolment Capacity

Main
15P-140

MOVED by Trustee Tiede, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education cap the enrolment at École KLO Middle School at 890 students effective September 2015.

The District is in the process of undertaking a complete review of the French Immersion Program in the Central Okanagan School District. This process will take place over the next 1 - 2 years. École KLO Middle School is currently the only French Immersion Middle School in the District and has no room for expansion in the coming years.

As of September 9th, all students wishing to enrol at the school have been accommodated in their preferred program, either French Immersion or English (current enrolment sits at 872 students). Late registrants may have to be waitlisted if a particular grade is full, e.g. Grade 9 French Immersion.

**Main 15P-140
CARRIED**

Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services – Budget 2016 Consultations Community Public Hearing – Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre, Kelowna

Main
15P-141

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education send Trustee Mossman, Chair of the District Finance and Legal Committee, to the Budget 2016 Consultations Community Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at the Ramada Hotel;

AND THAT: Trustee Mossman request a place on the agenda in order to provide a presentation from the Central Okanagan Board of Education.

Partner Group Presidents will be advised of the presentation time should they wish to attend or send a representative to the public hearing.

**Main 15P-141
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.

Branden Jewsbury, District Student Council, commented that the Board's endorsement of the Canadian Mental Health Association #GETLOUD for mental health Pledge will be discussed by the District Student Council in order to develop ways to further spread the Pledge throughout the student body.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

French Immersion Task Force / Steering Committee

- The District is undertaking a comprehensive review of the French Immersion Program.
- An invitation has been sent to French Immersion schools requesting names of representatives willing to sit on the Task Force (approximately 40 – 50 people).
- The first meeting of the Task Force will take place on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Hollywood Rd. Education Services.
- From within the Task Force, a smaller Steering Committee will be created to conduct the ground work and provide information/recommendations to the larger Task Force.

Trustee Attendance – COPAC Meetings September to December 2015

COPAC meeting dates and Trustee attendance for January to June 2016 will be provided to the Board at a later date.

BCSTA Participation in Learning Forward Vancouver 2016

This item was referred to the Coordinating Committee for placement on a future Board Meeting agenda.

Safe Stop Program – Increase in Fines/Penalties for “Failure to Stop for School Bus”

This item was referred to the Planning and Facilities Committee for discussion/action.

Trustees discussed the current school speed zone times of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and whether there was a possibility of varying them to 7:30 am – 5:00 pm, as many students are heading to school by 7:30 am for various activities. This item was referred to the Planning and Facilities Committee.

Month End Enrolment – June 2015

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2015/2016

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

At the June 24, 2015 Incamera Board Meeting, Trustee Gorman declared a Conflict of Interest for the Human Resources Action Items and the regular Action Items and left the meeting while those items were discussed.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: The Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister of Education, July 30, 2015, sending congratulations on his appointment as the new Minister of Education and extending an invitation to visit the Central Okanagan School District.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Mitch Asling, 2014 – 2015 District Student Council Co-President, July 5, 2015, expressing appreciation to the Board for providing opportunities for students through the District Student Council.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Management and Excluded Staff Compensation Freeze:

- SD No. 52 (Prince Rupert), July 2, 2015

SD No. 8 (Kootenay Lake), June 16, 2015, to the Premier, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding developing a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy.

SD No. 63 (Saanich), June 17, 2015, to the Minister of Education, local area MLAs, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding budget reductions.

SD No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay), June 23, 2015, to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Education, the Premier, local area MLAs, BCTF, BCCPAC, and all BC Boards of Education, regarding a SD No. 5 “Needs Budget”.

Ministry of Education, July 2, 2015, to School Board Chairs and Superintendents, providing an update to the launch of the Employment Practices Liability Program.

Ministry of Education, July 9, 2015, to School Board Chairs regarding an invitation to Board Chairs, Superintendents, Senior School District Staff, and BCSTA representatives to attend a full day information and discussion forum with Ministry of Education staff on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

Ministry of Education, July 10, 2015, to School Board Chairs regarding joint planning meetings between the Ministry and BCSTA Executives.

Ministry of Education, July 27, 2015, to School Board Chairs, Superintendents, BCPSEA, BCASBO, BCSTA and BCSSA, providing an update to the launch of the Employment Practices Liability Program.

Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat – BC Ministry of Finance, September 4, 2015, to the BCSTA President, all Board Chairs, Superintendents, and Secretary-Treasurers, in response to the BCSTA's letter of July 6, 2015 regarding the provincial exempt staff compensation freeze parameters.

Main

15P-142

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: At the September 9, 2015 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2015: Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 22 and 23, 2015

Location: Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: September 25 and 26, 2015

Location: Oliver / Osoyoos

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 23 and 24, 2015

Location: Vancouver

Deadline for Submission of Motions: Friday, September 18, 2015

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: November 26 – 29, 2015

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 1:00 pm, at the School Board Office

Planning and Facilities

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 4:30 pm, at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Recognition: Donna Kozak, Teacher, Hollywood Road Education Services – Recipient of the UBC Okanagan Outstanding Doctoral-Level Graduate Student Award (*postponed to the September 23, 2015 Public Board Meeting*)
- BCSTA Participation in Learning Forward Vancouver 2016 (*referred to the Coordinating Committee*)
- Safe Stop Program – Increase in Fines/Penalties for “Failure to Stop for School Bus” (*referred to the Planning and Facilities Committee*)
- School Speed Zone Times – Possible Variance (*referred to the Planning and Facilities Committee*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer