



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday October 9, 2013
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 J. Brinkerhoff (*absent*)
Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee C. Gorman
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee M. Pendharkar

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer (*absent*)
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
E. Sadlowski, Director of Finance
B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Marnie Janzen, Vice President
COPVPA	Leanne Zorn, Pro D Finance Executive Member
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President, and April Smith, First Vice-President
CUPE	Wendy Johnson, President, and David Tether, Vice-President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER

Main

13P-121

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: Eileen Sadlowski, Director of Finance, be appointed Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the Public Board Meeting on October 9, 2013, in the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer.
CARRIED

Add:	Action Item	6.3	Thompson/Okanagan Branch Ad Hoc Resolution Committee Notice of Motion (New item)
Add:	Board Correspondence Received Item	10.	Board Correspondence Directed to the Board (New item) <i>CUPE Local 3523, October 3, 2013, regarding the 2014 - 2015 Savings Plan.</i>

Main

13P-122

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The Agenda for October 9, 2013 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – September 25, 2013

Main
13P-123

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 25, 2013 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Introduction of New COSBO Member

- Tracey Grain, Homestay Coordinator, International Education Department

The Board of Education congratulated the above staff member on her new position within the District.

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 Fraser

Received a request from a parent regarding an update on the traffic congestion around Constable Neil Bruce Middle School.

The Board Chair responded that the parent could speak with the school principal and, if there are still concerns, the parent can call the Secretary-Treasurer, who is the contact with the District of West Kelowna on this issue. Also, Trustee Fraser could ask the Secretary-Treasurer to provide an update upon his return to the District.

Trustee Fraser

A parent has queried whether Constable Neil Bruce Middle School is still a closed campus as students have been observed attempting to cross Hwy. 97 during school hours.

The Board Chair responded that all middle schools are closed campuses, however some students do go home for lunch. The parent is encouraged to speak with the school principal regarding this concern.

Trustee Butler

Advised that the Across the Lake Swim Society has donated free swimming lessons each year for grade 3 students in the Central Okanagan School District. This year, they have increased their funding to accommodate every grade 3 student in the District. As well, the H2O Center and Rutland Family Y have donated their facilities for the free swimming lessons.

This item will be sent to the Coordinating Committee for recognition by the Board of Education.

ACTION ITEMS

Cooperative Gains Savings Plan

Main

13P-124

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The Board of Education approve the following savings plan for submission as requested by the Ministry of Education on or before October 15, 2013 in order to comply with the Provincial Framework Agreement reached with the Canadian Union of Public Employees:

- 1. In order to accommodate the CUPE pay increase (approximated at \$681,308) required for the 2013/2014 school year, the Board of Education will apply the current available surplus.**
- 2. The ongoing savings of approximately \$1.181 million required effective the 2014/2015 school year will be achieved by the following adjustments to the 2014/2015 budget:**

Increase to Ministry Funded Enrolment	250,000
Increase International Ed Program Enrolment	125,000
Budget for Salary Recoveries from outside agencies	150,000
Reduce Telephone Budgets	60,000
Reduce Support for Food at District Meetings	10,000
Reduce Transportation Subcontracting Expense	100,000
Eliminate Education Week Funding	5,000
Reduce District Clerical Allocation	41,500
Reduce District Support for Collaborative Time and Training	425,000
Reduce Education Assistant Allocations to Special Purpose Funds	<u>17,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,183,500

Amendment

13P-125

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The final line item “Reduce Education Assistant Allocations to Special Purpose Funds” be replaced with “Increase Community Rentals Fees/Leases, excluding rentals to preschools”.

The Director of Finance confirmed that the largest rental groups are community youth basketball and soccer associations, churches, and the Central Okanagan Boys and Girls Club.

Sub Amendment

13P-126

MOVED by Trustee Fraser,

THAT: The final line item “Reduce Education Assistant Allocations to Special Purpose Funds” be removed and the Superintendent be directed to adjust an alternate budget item to absorb the required amount.

The Board Chair ruled the sub amendment Out of Order.

AMENDMENT 13P-125

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustee Baxter, Trustee Butler, Trustee Pendharkar, Trustee Gorman, Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Fraser

Amendment

13P-127

MOVED by Trustee Gorman,

THAT: The final line item “Reduce Education Assistant Allocations to Special Purpose Funds” be removed and the “International Ed Program Enrolment” line item be increased from \$125,000 to \$140,000.

NO SECONDER

NO DEBATE

Amendment
13P-128

MOVED by Trustee Pendharkar, SECONDED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The final line item “Reduce Education Assistant Allocations to Special Purpose Funds” be removed and the “Increase to Ministry Funded Enrolment” line item be increased from \$250,000 to \$265,000.
CARRIED

MAIN MOTION 13P-124 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENT 13P-128

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TOTAL:	<u>\$1,181,500</u>

CARRIED

Main
13P-129

MOVED by Trustee Fraser,
THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education, stating that, although the Board has established the District's Cooperative Gains Savings Plan, the Board believes that students will be affected by some of the cuts that will be made.

The Board debated the merits of sending a letter to the Minister of Education.

POINT OF ORDER

Trustee Gorman stated that debate was occurring on a motion that had not been seconded.

SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: The Board of Education send a letter to the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education, stating that, although the Board has established the District's Cooperative Gains Savings Plan, the Board believes that students will be affected by some of the cuts that will be made.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Pendharkar

2014 - 2019 Enhancement Agreement - Final Draft

Trustee Fraser, Chair of the Education and Student Services Committee, provided a brief review of the Enhancement Agreement as discussed at the committee level. A signing ceremony for the Enhancement Agreement will take place in January 2014.

Main
13P-130

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2014 - 2019 Enhancement Agreement - Final Draft, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the October 9, 2013 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Thompson/Okanagan Branch Ad Hoc Resolution Committee Notice of Motion

Main
13P-131

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Pendharkar,
THAT: The Board of Education approve the Thompson/Okanagan Branch Ad Hoc Resolution Committee Notice of Motion that BCSTA lobby both the Ministry of Education and BC Office of Auditor General expressing the importance of the Amended Annual Bylaw; and, that school districts continue to be permitted to state the amended figures in the audited financial statements.
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 President of the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association expressed support for CUPE Local 3523 in their bargaining negotiations, and voiced concerns regarding the state of public education in the province of British Columbia.

The CUPE Local 3523 President thanked the Board for altering the Cooperative Gains Savings Plan by removing the line item affecting Education Assistants, and finding the required funding through alternate sources.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Col. Chris Hadfield's visit to KLO Middle School

- The presentation was highly impactful for the students of KLO Middle School.

Canadian Student Leadership Conference (CSLC) 2014 Kickoff Event

- The October 8th event was very well attended and was an excellent promotion of the CSLC taking place in September 2014.

September 30th 1701 Enrolment Numbers

- Early projections have been confirmed and are showing a small upswing in enrolment numbers and funded FTE count, with student enrolment currently at 21,995.
- The trend line is indicating a small amount of growth due to an increasing number of students entering the primary grades.

Trustee Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Kelowna	Trustee Gorman and Trustee Brinkerhoff
Lake Country	Trustee Butler
Peachland	Trustee Baxter
Rutland	Trustee Cacchioni and Trustee Pendharkar
West Kelowna	Trustee Fraser

Annual Report on Special Program: Hiring Exemption

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Summer Projects 2013

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2013/2014

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statements

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Letter to the Minister of Education, September 17, 2013, thanking him for his September 10th visit to the District.

Letter to WFN Councillor Chris Derickson on his appointment as Chairperson of the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Aboriginal Education Council.

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

CUPE Local 3523, October 3, 2013, regarding the 2014 - 2015 Savings Plan.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Letters to the Minister of Education Regarding Funding Wage Increases for Support Staff

- SD No. 52 (Prince Rupert), September 12, 2013
- SD No. 39 (Vancouver), September 18, 2013
- SD No. 75 (Mission), September 23, 2013

SD No. 52 (Prince Rupert), September 18, 2013 to the Minister of Education, BCSTA, local MLAs and all BC Boards of Education, regarding the role of the Board of Education.

SD No. 39 (Vancouver), September 24, 2013, to various local MLAs regarding submissions to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Main
13P-132

MOVED by Trustee Fraser, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,

THAT: At the October 9, 2013 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Westside Consultation Meetings

- General Westside Catchment Area Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2013 at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- French Immersion Consultation Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at Glenrosa Middle School, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2013 – Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 24 & 25, 2013

Location: Vancouver

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 25 & 26, 2013

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning and Facilities

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 4:30 pm at the School Board Office

Finance and Legal (CANCELLED)

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the School Board Office

Planning and Facilities

Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 6:00 pm at Mount Boucherie Secondary School

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME AND VENUE CHANGE FOR THIS MEETING

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Board of Education Meeting with Westbank First Nation Chief and Council

DATE: Monday, October 28, 2013

Board of Education Meeting with the Central Okanagan Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association (COPVPA)

DATE: Thursday, November 7, 2013

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Across the Lake Swim Society, the H2O Centre and the Rutland Family Y (*sent to the Coordinating Committee*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer