



"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 23, 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 (*absent*)

B. Bertram, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Shelley Courtney, President
COPVPA	Kevin Auclair, BCPVPA Chapter Rep
COTA	Susan Bauhart, President
CUPE	No representative
DSC	No representative

ORDER

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

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add: Recognition/Presentation/Delegations 3.5 Presentation: School Opening Report – Part 2 (*New material for scheduled item*)

Main

15P-143

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Tiede,

THAT: The Agenda for the September 23, 2015 Public Board Meeting be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – September 9, 2015

Main

15P-144

MOVED by Trustee Gorman, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 9, 2015 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognition: Donna Kozak, Teacher, Hollywood Road Education Services – Recipient of the UBC Okanagan Outstanding Doctoral-Level Graduate Student Award

Leyton Schnellert, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education - UBC Okanagan, provided background information to the Board on the awards and scholarships received by Ms. Kozak and her continuing contributions to the education field. The Board of Education congratulated Ms. Kozak for receiving the UBC Okanagan Outstanding Doctoral-Level Graduate Student Award.

Introduction of New Principals/Vice-Principals and new COSBO Members

- Marie-Josée Bedard, Principal, École Belgo Elementary School
- Carol Rimmer, District Principal, International Education Program
- Nina Ferguson, Vice-Principal, École KLO Middle School
- Brad Kuhn, Vice-Principal, Watson Road Elementary School
- Jasmeet Virk, Vice-Principal, Anne McClymont Elementary School
- Jane Williams, District Health and Safety Supervisor

The Board of Education congratulated the above staff members on their new positions within the District.

International Walk to School Week – October 5 – 9, 2015

The Board Chairperson made the following declaration:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares October 5 - 9, 2015 as “International Walk to School Week” in School District No. 23.

World Teachers’ Day – October 5, 2015

The Board Chairperson made the following declaration:

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares Monday, October 5, 2015 as “World Teachers’ Day” in School District No. 23.

“Raise a Reader Day” – Project Literacy – September 23, 2015

The Board of Education acknowledged that September 23, 2015 was “Raise a Reader Day” in the Central Okanagan.

Presentation: School Opening Report – Part 2

- Presenter: Hugh Gloster, Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent provided information on updated school enrolment numbers as of September 18, 2015. Current numbers indicate that enrolment has increased by 258 students over last year. The District’s “snapshot” day for enrolment funding is September 30, 2015. All school districts must submit September 30th enrolment numbers to the Ministry, which will generate a significant portion of the funding for the school year. Staffing adjustments continue to be made. In some cases, additional teachers have been assigned, and in the case of several secondary schools, additional course blocks have been assigned. The District has a robust Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) list; however, staffing for Certified Education Assistants (CEAs) remains a challenge as the need for additional CEAs continues to grow. In addition to Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students, part-time or short-term learners are also included in funding numbers, e.g. International Education students, adult learners, and students accessing specialty programs, which will bring the District’s enrolment numbers to approximately 22,000 learners.

Part 2 of the School Opening Report will be posted to the District’s website.

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education receive the School Opening Report – Part 2.
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.

Vivian Evans, COPAC Member, queried the following:

- Whether information was available on school capacities and seats available at each school.

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the information requested is available in the District's Long-Term Facility Plan which is posted on the school district's website.

- Whether catchment areas could be defined in order to better utilize schools which are currently under capacity.

The Superintendent responded that several areas in the District have open catchment boundaries, e.g. the Rutland and Glenrosa areas, which allows families to choose their preferred school, however other schools have unique catchments specific to their neighbourhood. The District is in the process of conducting a review of Lake Country catchments in order to improve the distribution of the student population.

Reg Volk, community member, queried the following:

- Whether the Rutland Middle School Project Identification Report (PIR) had been communicated to Rutland parents.

The Superintendent responded that all Rutland School Principals were contacted and requested to advise their Parent Advisory Councils that this item was coming to the Board for consideration. The PIR is a preliminary report providing possible alternate solutions for the replacement of Rutland Middle School and would not normally be circulated to all parents at this early stage.

- What is the cost for developing a Project Identification Report?

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that Project Identification Reports would normally cost between \$40,000 - \$60,000, depending on the depth of the report.

- Why were Rutland Centennial Park and other land within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) no longer being considered as potential sites for a new Rutland Middle School?

The Board Chair advised that discussions with the City of Kelowna and the Minister of Agriculture have been ongoing for years with no result. The City of Kelowna does not have the authority to remove an ALR land designation. The School District wishes to present an option for the replacement of the school that the government may give favourable consideration to.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the Agricultural Land Reserve is a provincial body which has clearly indicated that land will not be removed from an ALR designation until all alternative options have been exhausted. As well, after numerous discussions with the Rutland Centennial Park Society, the Society did not agree to partner with the School District for use of the land for a replacement school.

Bob Fugger, Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District, expressed concern regarding the Motion on the agenda for the Board of Education to support the City's water management system priorities. Mr. Fugger encouraged the Board to consider the Kelowna Integrated Water Supply Plan agreed to by the City of Kelowna and other water purveyors in 2012.

The Secretary-Treasurer responded that the Motion on the Board Meeting Agenda was as a result of City of Kelowna staff contacting the School District requesting a reiteration of the Board's previous requests to the City for quality water in all schools.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Butler

Requested clarification on the process of placing students on a waitlist at the beginning of the school year when there is space within the school to accommodate these students.

The Superintendent responded that it is the District's practice to place all students from outside the school's catchment area on a waitlist until the registration period has been concluded, in order to ensure that all new in-catchment students are accommodated. Board-approved priorities are then followed for placement of all out-of-catchment students. At that time, the Principal will also consider the need/cost for additional staffing in order to ensure the best use of the annual school budget for all students in the school.

Trustee Baxter

Commended Trustee Mossman, Chair of the Finance and Legal Committee, and Shelley Courtney, COPAC President, for their presentations to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services at the Budget 2016 Consultations Community Public Hearing which took place on September 16, 2015.

ACTION ITEMS

Rutland Middle School Project Identification Report Update

Main
15P-146

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Mossman,
THAT: The 2015 Rutland Middle School Project Identification Report be submitted to the Ministry of Education;

AND THAT: The 2015/2016 Capital Plan submission include a request for a school renovation for Rutland Middle School:

- **Using Option 6: Repurposing Quigley Elementary School into a middle school**
- **With a capacity of 650 students**
- **With a total project budget, including reserves, of \$18,768,597**

Trustee Cacchioni, Acting Chair of the Planning and Facilities Committee, provided background information on the Motion as discussed at the Committee level. Should the Project Identification Report (PIR) be approved by the Ministry of Education, a Project Development Report would be commenced which would again review all possible options for the replacement school. The Project Development Report would identify specific issues, e.g. distribution of the student population between the two middle schools (Springvalley Middle School and Rutland Middle School) and between the elementary schools in the Rutland area. Approval of the PIR by the Ministry secures the approved budget amount, however does not lock the school district into one particular option for the rebuild/replacement. This would be a Board decision after a full review of all options.

**Main 15P-146
CARRIED**

Glenmore Secondary School Project Identification Report - Update

Main
15P-147

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Glenmore Secondary School Project Identification Report be submitted to the Ministry of Education;

AND THAT: The 2015/2016 Capital Plan submission include a request for construction funding for a new Glenmore Secondary School:

- **Using Option A: Constructing a new secondary school on the Burtch Road site**
- **With a capacity of 1,100 students**
- **With a total project budget, including reserves, of \$ 59,016,876**

Discussion occurred regarding the City of Kelowna Apple Bowl which currently sits partially on school district property at the Burtch Road site, and the access to City fields at the Parkinson Rec Centre should the new school be built on this site.

**Main 15P-147
CARRIED**

Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2014/2015

Main
15P-148

MOVED by Trustee Mossman, SECONDED by Trustee Butler,
THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2014/2015, as attached to the agenda and as presented at the September 23, 2015 Public Board Meeting.

Trustee Mossman, Chair of the Finance and Legal Committee, provided background information on the audited financial statements as discussed at the Committee level. The audited financial statements must be submitted to the Ministry of Education by September 30, 2015.

**Main 15P-148
CARRIED**

Support for the City of Kelowna's Water Management System Priorities

Trustee Tiede declared a potential Conflict of Interest and did not join in the discussion.

The City of Kelowna has requested that the Board of Education reiterate their past requests to the City for quality water in schools. The school district has previously written letters to the City of Kelowna, as well as each of the irrigation districts, requesting quality, potable water in all schools. Currently, the school district pays for bottled water at several schools, with the cost increasing each year. Trustees discussed the City's water management plans and requested more information.

Main
15P-149

MOVED by Trustee Butler, SECONDED by Trustee Gorman,
THAT: Staff request more information from the City of Kelowna regarding this topic, prior to the Board of Education making a decision.
CARRIED
OPPOSED: Trustee Cacchioni
ABSTAINED: Trustee Tiede

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.

Ryan Donn, Kelowna City Councillor and Rutland parent, thanked the Board for moving forward with an alternate proposal for the replacement/rebuild of Rutland Middle School and queried how the community could support the request for funding.

The Board Chair encouraged parents to contact their local MLA to request support for the replacement/rebuild of the school.

Shelley Courtney, COPAC President, commented that there is regular communication from the school board to school Parent Advisory Councils (PAC), and Principals would also have notified their PACs regarding the Project Identification Report for Rutland Middle School.

Bob Fugger, Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District, commented that almost \$18 million has already been spent pumping water from Okanagan Lake in an attempt to resolve the poor water quality in the area, however lack of funding is a consistent issue.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

Lake Country Catchment Area Focus Group Meeting

- The third meeting of the group is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at 6:30 pm at George Elliot Secondary School.
- At that meeting, it is anticipated that specific options or a recommended option will be established by the group.
- A larger community meeting will be scheduled after the September 29th meeting, in order to provide community members with a chance to review the options generated by the Focus Group.
- Information from the September 29th Focus Group meeting will be posted to the District's website.

French Immersion Program Review

- The District is in the beginning stages of conducting a review of the French Immersion Program.
- The French Immersion Task Force's first meeting took place on Thursday, September 17, 2015. The group discussed a possible timeline for the consultation process and identified representatives who would be part of the smaller Task Force Steering Committee.
- The entire process is expected to take 1 ½ years to complete.
- An update on the Program Review is scheduled for the October 7th General Affairs Public Committee Meeting.

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2014/2015 Public Sector Executive Compensation Report

The District is required to submit an annual report to the Public Sector Employers' Council in early October disclosing the school district's top five income earners over \$125,000. The report will be posted to the District's website, under District Info, Financial Reports.

Report to the Finance and Legal Committee – Communication of Audit Results

The Board reviewed the information provided.

French Immersion Task Force / Steering Committee – Appointment of Trustee Representatives

It was agreed that Trustee Butler and Trustee Mossman would sit on the larger Task Force. Trustee Butler would also be a member of the smaller Steering Committee.

Project Identification Reports - Update

The Project Identification Reports have been updated to bring them in line with the District's new Capital Plan which will be submitted to the Ministry at the end of October 2015. A minor clarification was requested for the Davidson Road Elementary School nominal and operating capacity figures.

Trustee Attendance at COPAC Meetings – January to June 2016

The Board reviewed the information provided.

Field Trips 2015/2016

The Board reviewed the information provided.

General Statement

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Received: Correspondence Directed to the Board

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

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

Trustee Butler attending.

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

Trustee Fraser attending.

BCSTA Provincial Council Issues Forum – October 24, 2015

This item will be added to the October 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting Agenda.

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: November 26 – 29, 2015

Location: Vancouver

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

General Affairs

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, at 4:30 pm, at the School Board Office

Education and Student Services

Wednesday, October 7, 2015, at 6:30 pm, at the School Board Office

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

NOTICES OF MOTION

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

- Support for the City of Kelowna's Water Management System Priorities (*postponed to a future Public Board Meeting*)
- BCSTA Provincial Council Issues Forum – October 24, 2015 (*referred to the October 14, 2015 Public Board Meeting*)

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer