



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 30, 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 (*via Zoom*)

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

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
David Tether, CUPE President
Jeremy Sanbrooks, COPVPA Member-at-Large

There were no representatives from the COPAC or District Student Council.

**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: Material for scheduled Staff Presentation Item 10.1 Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2020
School Opening Report - Part 2*

Main 20P-127

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 30, 2020 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 16, 2020

Amend to include the following under Trustee Queries/Comments: '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.'

Main 20P-128

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

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

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Student Perspectives

In attendance:

Julia Burchell, Kindergarten, Hudson Road Elementary School

Amanda Burchell, Parent

Nina Roffey, Kindergarten Teacher

Violeta Malfair, Principal, Hudson Road Elementary School

Anais Leahy, Grade 12, Rutland Senior Secondary School

Julia and Anais spoke of their excitement of the first few weeks of school.

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION

Introduction

Cindy Kennedy, Assistant Payroll Manager

The Board of Education introduced Cindy Kennedy, and congratulated her on her new assignment as Assistant Payroll Manager.

DECLARATION

World Teachers' Day - Monday, October 5, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Monday, October 5, 2020 as World Teachers' Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Central Okanagan Public Schools will be recognizing World Teachers' Day with a publication in the Capital News on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

International Walk to School Day - Wednesday, October 7, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, October 7, 2020 as International Walk to School Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PRESENTATIONS

Tallus Ridge Residents - Busing Issues

Presenter: Jason Ritchie, Tallus Ridge Resident

Mr. Ritchie presented to the Board of Education on behalf of residents of the Tallus Ridge area on their concerns on the recent amendment to Policy 470R – Transportation Services Management (*Regulations*). Mr. Ritchie stated that high school students in the area do not have options to get to school effectively and safely.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO confirmed that students were previously accommodated on a school bus as courtesy riders, however this was not possible this year due to more elementary and middle school students now being eligible due to the Board's decision to support the premises that the District prioritize younger riders and reduce walk limits. COVID-19 restrictions also limit the number of students per seat to meet the requirements of the District's Safety Plan.

Trustee Tiede confirmed that a Motion has been put forth to the Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meeting regarding transportation.

Main 20P-129

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive Mr. Ritchie's presentation regarding busing issues for the residents of Tallus Ridge.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The following members of the public submitted statements in support of the amendment to prioritize former Central Okanagan Public Schools students in Regulation 405R - Student Placement:

- Jodie van der Gulik
- Patrice Hornibrook

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2020 School Opening Report - Part 2

Presenter: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented the 2020 School Opening Report - Part 2. This report provides detailed information about school enrolment effective September 29, 2020. To date, the District has enrolled 22,697 students this year (excluding Central Programs and Services and other programs).

The 2020 School Opening Report - Part 2 and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO PowerPoint presentation are available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website – www.sd23.bc.ca.

Main 20P-130

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board receive the Superintendent of Schools/CEO: 2020 School Opening Report - Part 2.

CARRIED

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Desrosiers queried if secondary schools, under the new quarter system, will be having student-parent-teacher interviews every quarter. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the District is currently working through the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association Collective Agreement to determine how to support secondary teachers reporting to parents.

Trustee Bowman queried how the situation with noon hour supervision is going so far. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that the District has allocated Federal funding to double the resources for noon hour supervision and Principals are currently recruiting for the additional Noon Hour Supervisor positions.

Trustee Bowman queried how the issue with hand washing stations for portable classrooms is being dealt with as the winter months approach. The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that every classroom has hand sanitizer and the Operations Department is working on options for hand washing stations for portable classrooms with each school. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO

advised that hand washing stations in every portable classroom is unlikely and stated that hand sanitizer is the health requirement. The District will try to improve the situation in the best way possible.

Trustee Bowman queried if the demand for nutritional supports for students is similar to the Spring. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the demand has grown every year, regardless of a pandemic or not, and the District continues to coordinate food service programs with external agencies.

Trustee Geistlinger stated that she has received feedback from parents that a search functionality for Board Meetings be added to the District's website. The Board Chair requested that the Office of the Secretary-Treasurer look into this matter and report back to the Board.

Trustee Cacchioni queried how many Chromebooks were purchased by parents. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO advised that all 750 Chromebooks have sold out and the District has ordered more to continue the program.

Trustee Cacchioni queried if Telus and Shaw are still offering free wifi to parents. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that he will follow-up and advise the Board.

Trustee Tiede requested an overview of the process on how identified COVID-19 cases will be communicated to parents. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO provided a broad overview and stated that the approved communication plan with the Interior Health Association will come forward to the October 14, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

The COTA President queried if the District is aware of the delay in COVID-19 testing results due to the Interior Health Association sending tests to Vancouver. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the District has heard that inconclusive COVID-19 tests go to Vancouver; however, no other delays have been reported to the District.

ACTION ITEMS

Trustee Indemnity for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year

Main 20P-131

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 2.3% for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 thereby setting the stipend at: Trustee - \$21,650, Vice Chair - \$22,866, Chair \$24,713.

Amendment 20P-132

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the August BC Consumer Price Index of 1.3% for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 thereby setting the stipend at: Trustee - 21,439, Vice-Chair - 22,642, Chair - 24,471.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustees Bowman and Cacchioni

The question was called on Main 20P-131 as amended by 20P-132.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustees Baxter, Bowman, Desrosiers, Cacchioni, and Geistlinger

Trustee Cacchioni reintroduced Main 20P-131:

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Bowman

THAT: The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 2.3% for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 thereby setting the stipend at: Trustee - \$21,650, Vice Chair - \$22,866, Chair - \$24,713.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustees Baxter, Desrosiers, and Geistlinger

Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Main 20P-133

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

CARRIED

Strategic Planning Consultation Process

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that the Strategic Planning consultation process that began in the Spring was suspended due to the global pandemic. The District needs to proceed with the consultation process this Fall. The consultation process will involve staff, partner groups, and parents.

Trustee Tiede stated that the January 26, 2021 date noted on the timeline should read January 27, 2021. The timeline will be amended accordingly.

Main 20P-134

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Strategic Planning Timelines as amended at the September 30, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Long-Term Facility Plan and Emergent Issues Consultation Process

Main 20P-135

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Long-Term Facility Plan Timelines as attached to the agenda, and as presented at the September 30, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Amendment to Regulation 405R - Student Placement (Regulations)

Main 20P-136

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

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, a 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.

DEFEATED

OPPOSED: Trustees Baxter, Bowman, Cacchioni, Desrosiers, Fraser, and Tiede

Amended Annual Capital Plan Submission - Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD23-02

Main 20P-137

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education give first, second and third readings to Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2020/21 - CPSD23-02.

CARRIED

Main 20P-138

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2020/21 - CPSD23-02 be read a first, second, and third time, passed and adopted at the September 30, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Parent Advisory Council Loan Payment Deferral

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that in response to the fundraising challenges that Parent Advisory Councils (PAC) are having due to the global pandemic, staff are recommending that PAC scheduled payments for the 2020-2021 school year be deferred for one year. This applies to any PAC loan issued prior to June 30, 2020 and will extend the repayment obligation of PACs by one year.

Main 20P-139

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education does not require Parent Advisory Councils to make their scheduled payments for the 2020-2021 school year for loans issued prior to June 30, 2020;

AND THAT: The Board of Education extends the repayment period of the remaining obligation, including deferred payments, for Parent Advisory Council loans issued prior to June 30, 2020 by one year.

CARRIED

Request for Letter of Support - Okanagan Jewish Community Association

The Board of Education discussed the request for a Letter of Support from the Okanagan Jewish Community Association and agreed to write a letter to accompany the Okanagan Jewish Community Association's application for a funding grant from the Child Care BC New Spaces Fund. The funding grant will enable the Association to purchase a modular unit to provide up to 20 additional daycare spaces in the Glenmore area.

Main 20P-140

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education write a Letter of Support for the Okanagan Jewish Community Association's application for a funding grant from the Child Care BC New Spaces Fund.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported that he had no emergent issues.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2020/2021

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – September 16, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

Central Okanagan Public Schools 2019/2020 Public Sector Executive Compensation Disclosure Report

The Board reviewed the information.

Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis the Year Ending June 30, 2020

Trustee Cacchioni, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, stated that the Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis for the year ending June 30, 2020 was reviewed at the September 23, 2020 Public Finance and Audit Committee Meeting and is a thorough report prepared by the Finance Department.

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Fraser reported that at the District Human Rights Committee Meeting on September 24, 2020, the Committee had a robust discussion about the Board's Motion regarding systemic racism. The Committee agreed that they need to focus on reducing discrimination and creating safe, inclusive environments across the District. The Committee members committed to explore the mandate through a workshop in December to determine what actions should be pursued.

The District Human Rights Committee also had updates on Harmony Day and projects like welcome signage in the Okanagan language for all sites.

Trustee Bowman reported that the Education and Student Services Committee also discussed the Board's Motion regarding systemic racism at their meeting on September 23, 2020. In November, the Committee will review course proposals with equity in mind.

The Education and Student Services Committee will also be provided an update on supports for children in care at the February 2021 meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Ministry of Education, September 11, 2020, Indigenous Surplus Request

Received:

T. Campbell, September 14, 2020, Copy of Letter sent to Minister Fleming Re School Parking

C. Wheeler, September 16, 2020, eSchool Funding

S. Doncom, September 17, 2020, Copy of Email sent to R. Oliver regarding COVID Protocols

C. Wheeler, September 23, 2020, eSchoolBC Grade 10

COTA President, September 23, 2020, FSA Related Request

Main 20P-141

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: At the September 30, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Board of Education Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools/CEO reported on the following:

1. The Ministry of Education recently announced that the grades 4 and 7 Foundation Skills Assessment administration has been postponed. Assessment administration will run from January 18 to February 26, 2021.
2. Staff and students throughout the District are honouring Orange Shirt Day today by donning orange shirts and hosting various events throughout the schools.
3. Home Economic teachers throughout the District have created masks for students and staff to wear to help in the fight against COVID-19.

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 - POSTPONED

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

October 24, 2020 via Zoom

BCSTA and Ministry of Education - Partner Liaison Meeting

Friday, October 30, 2020 via Zoom - POSTPONED

BCSTA Trustee Academy 2020

November 27-28, 2020 - Virtual

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular Public Board Meeting

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

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

General Affairs Committee - CANCELLED

~~Wednesday, October 7, at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public.~~

Planning and Facilities Committee

Wednesday, October 7, at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom for the public.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Bowman:

THAT: The Board of Education rescinds Public Board Meeting Motions 19P-016 and 19P-017, as carried on February 13, 2019 due to a Trustee representative no longer required to participate on the Long-Term Facility Plan Steering Committee:

19P-016

"The Board of Education grant approval for staff to move forward with the review of the Long-Term Facility Plan as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 13, 2019 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education appoint a Board member to participate on the Steering Committee."

19P-017

"The Board of Education appoint Trustee Fraser to participate on the Long-Term Facility Plan Steering Committee."

THAT: The Board of Education grant approval for staff to move forward with the review of the Long-Term Facility Plan in the 2020-2021 school year.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

There were no items for a future agenda.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO