



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 6:00 pm
Via Zoom**

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)
Dave Cavezza, Health and Safety Manger

Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*left at 7:10 pm*)
David Tether, CUPE President
Michelle Kaupp, COPVPA Climate Representative
Cherylee Morrison, COPAC Co-President

**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 6:00 pm.

AGENDA

Main 20P-077

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of May 27, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - May 13, 2020

Main 20P-078

MOVED by Trustee Bowman

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of May 13, 2020 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Messages from the Heart

A video created by Shannon Lake Elementary School students and staff to acknowledge and express gratitude to their volunteers was shared. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the video was created in place of their annual volunteer recognition event.

DECLARATION

Access Awareness Day - Saturday, June 6, 2020

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June 6, 2020 as 'Access Awareness Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Celebrated annually on the first Saturday in June, Access Awareness Day is a comprehensive campaign to raise awareness about disability, accessibility and inclusion. Access Awareness Day is a "call to respond creatively and purposefully to build a society where barriers to inclusion are removed, and to ensure the independence, self-esteem, dignity and security of all citizens" (Sparc BC). The theme for this year's Access Awareness Day is "Accessibility means knowing no limits".

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Marie Howell: Ms. Howell expressed concerns about the lack of communication regarding transportation for students and encouraged the Board not to cancel busing for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser queried how many students have indicated they will be returning to in-class instruction.

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that 48.5% or just under 11,000 students have indicated they will be returning to part-time in-class instruction starting on June 1, 2020.

ACTION ITEMS

Amendments to Policy 135 - School Board Operation

Trustee Tiede introduced the amendments to Policy 135 - *School Board Operation*.

Main 20P-079

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 135 - School Board Operation, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the May 27, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

The Board discussed further amendments to Policy 135 – *School Board Operation*.

Amendment 20P-080

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: Under 5.4 *No trustee shall be allowed to record any portion of an incamera meeting, replace the word 'trustee' with 'attendee'.*

CARRIED

Amendment 20P-081

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: Under 4.5 *In an emergency, when written notification of the meeting is not possible, staff shall make every effort to notify each trustee by telephone and/or by electronic communication, remove the 'or'.*

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

DEFEATED

Amendment 20P-082

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: Under 4.5 *In an emergency, when written notification of the meeting is not possible, staff shall make every effort to notify each trustee by telephone and/or by electronic communication, amend to say 'by electronic communication and/or by telephone'.*

OPPOSED: Trustee Geistlinger

CARRIED

The question was called on Main 20P-079 as amended by 20P-080 and 20P-082.

CARRIED

Amendments to Policy 190 - Trustee Expenses

Main 20P-083

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 190 - Trustee Expenses, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the May 27, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Rewrites to Policy 436 - Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions and Regulations 436R - Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions (Regulations)

Main 20P-084

MOVED by Trustee Tiede

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education approve the rewrites of Policy 436 - Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions and Regulations 436R - Managing Students with Medical Alert/Anaphylaxis Conditions (*Regulations*), as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the May 27, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Annual Capital Plan Submission - Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2020/21 - CPSD23-01

Main 20P-085

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 – CPSD23-01.

CARRIED

Main 20P-086

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2020/21 – CPSD23-01 be read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - Constable Neil Bruce Middle School Climbing Structure

Trustee Desrosiers introduced the item and stated that Parent Advisory Councils have been prevented from achieving their fundraising efforts due to the pandemic and it's important that PACs continue to offer valuable projects for students.

Main 20P-087

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with the Constable Neil Bruce Middle School PAC for the purchase and installation of a new climbing structure, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 27, 2020 Public Board Meeting;

AND THAT: The Board of Education approve a \$57,734.45 loan be provided to the Constable Neil Bruce School PAC to assist with the purchase and installation of a new climbing structure, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the May 27, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Enhancement Agreement - Helen Gorman Elementary School Outdoor Classroom

Main 20P-088

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Helen Gorman Elementary School for the Outdoor Classroom, outlined in Appendix B, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the May 27, 2020 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Cancellation of Regular Transportation Services - 2019-20 School Year

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO outlined the challenges to run regular Transportation Services for the month of June, highlighting that sixty bus drivers would be removed from offering cleaning supports and that only fifty-two bus drivers have indicated that they would be available which is not enough for a full transportation service. The recommendation to cancel regular Transportation Service for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year was not made lightly; however, it will ensure students return to safe learning environments.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO stated that staff are recommending a 30% refund to reflect that transportation will have only been provided for seven out of the ten months of the school year.

Main 20P-089

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education cancels regular Transportation Services for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

The Board had a robust discussion regarding the cancellation of regular Transportation Services for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, including current federal guidelines that prevent alternations to school buses and the challenges mentioned by the Secretary-Treasurer.

7:10 pm: The COTA President left the meeting.

The Board also discussed the need for a plan regarding transportation services for September 2020. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that staff are already planning for the 2020-2021 school year to ensure transportation services can resume.

The question was called on Main 20P-089.

CARRIED

Main 20P-090

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education reduces the Transportation Fee for the 2019-20 school year by 30% and refunds parents.

CARRIED

Fee Refunds

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO outlined the proposed framework to refund various types of fees. He also mentioned that staffs have worked hard to obtain maximum refunds for cancelled field studies.

Main 20P-091

MOVED by Trustee Cacchioni

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education directs staff to process refunds per the proposed framework.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO stated that there were no emergent items to report.

'Stage 3' Pandemic Response Plan

The Superintendent of Schools/CEO presented a PowerPoint on the Stage 3 Pandemic Response Plan for Central Okanagan Public Schools. To review the presentation please visit the School District website (www.sd23.bc.ca) under 'Updates about COVID-19' or 'Documents & Publications'.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2019/2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – April 30, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – May 4, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – May 5, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – May 7, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – May 12, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – May 13, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – May 14, 2020

The Board reviewed the information.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent:

Chignecto-Central Regional Centre for Education, May 1, 2020, Condolences Re Victims of Mass Shooting

Board Message - Partial Return to Class for K-12 Students, May 11, 2020

A. Smith, May 12, 2020, Response Re Board Message - Partial Return to Class for K-12 Students

L. Mamchur, May 12, 2020, Response Re Board Message - Partial Return to Class for K-12 Students

Received:

A. Smith, May 12, 2020, Re Board Message - Partial Return to Class for K-12 Students
A. Wyllie, May 12, 2020, Re Graduation and Prom Events
L. Mamchur, May 12, 2020, Re Board Message - Partial Return to Class for K-12 Students
P. Mondor, May 12, 2020, Re Board Message - Partial Return to Class for K-12 Students

Main 20P-092

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: At the May 27, 2020 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

1. On behalf of the Board of Education, Moyra Baxter, Board Chairperson, expressed appreciation to all staff and parents for their cooperation to support students and their families.
2. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO shared the excitement of students and staff to reconnect with their friends and colleagues upon the restart of school on June 1st.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**BCSTA 2020-2021 Board Election Results**

The Board reviewed the information.

FUTURE MEETINGS**Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

Board Standing Committee Meetings

General Affairs Committee Meeting (**Cancelled**)

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at **4:00 pm**, Via Zoom (**Please note new start time**)

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the media.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO