

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN THE CITY OF SURREY, COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

S. Wilson, Chairperson  
K. Evoy, Vice Chairperson  
T. Allen  
P. Glass  
L. McNally  
M. Polak  
H. Stilwell

**Staff**

F.I. Renihan, Superintendent  
W.A. Jefferson, Secretary-Treasurer  
P.B. Drescher, Deputy Superintendent  
L. McCuaig, Administrative Assistant

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada".

(b) **Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting**

It was moved by Trustee Evoy, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the agenda of the Regular Board meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Special (Open) Board Meeting Held 2004-08-24**

It was moved by Trustee Polak, seconded by Trustee Evoy:

THAT the Minutes of the Special (Open) Board meeting held 2004-08-24 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

(b) Notice of Motion, Trustee K. Evoy, Re: Funding Formula

It was moved by Trustee Evoy, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

THAT WHEREAS the Board recognizes rural and urban school districts are experiencing both declining and growing enrolments, all school districts have unique funding needs and challenges; and

WHEREAS the Board recognizes that the current funding formula does take into account the unique needs of all school districts; and

WHEREAS the Board believes the per student based funding formula to be fair and equitable for all school districts across the province; and

WHEREAS the Board is concerned about the possibility the current funding formula, which was the result of a full consultation process, may be negatively changed so as to disadvantage Surrey and White Rock students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board invite the District Parents' Advisory Council to join with the Board in a coordinated effort to heighten awareness in the Cities of Surrey and White Rock around the fairness of the current funding formula; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board write the Surrey and White Rock MLAs advising them of the Board's support for the per student funding formula as a fair and equitable method to distribute funds to school districts in the Province.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

**W.F. Davidson & J. Thiele**

Trustees extended their condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of William F. Davidson, retired Assistant Superintendent, who passed away in July at the age of 88.

Trustees also extended their condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of Jerry Thiele, retired Principal, who passed away in August at the age of 71.

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- (b) Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the Nine Months Ended 2004-03-31

Trustees were presented with the *Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the Nine Months Ended 2004-03-31*, for information.

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

THAT the Board receive the *Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the Nine Months Ended 2004-03-31*, for information.

CARRIED

- (c) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

- (d) Incoming Correspondence

There were no correspondence items requiring Trustees' attention.

[5] **FUTURE BUSINESS**

- (a) Items for Future Discussion

Trustees made note of topics requiring discussion by the Board in the future on the agenda administrative memorandum schedule.

- (b) Future Meetings

Trustees made note of future meetings outlined on the agenda administrative memorandum schedule.

[6] **QUESTION PERIOD**

An informal question period of up to 30 minutes will be provided immediately following the conclusion of the meeting.

[7] **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Polak:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY-TREASURER