

**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 23, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

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

**Staff**

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

**Absent**

P. Glass

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

**Trustee Absence**

Chairperson Wilson advised that Trustee Glass was not in attendance at the meeting due to illness.

(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.

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[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2004-09-09

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2004-09-09 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Response to Delegation: Tracy Patterson, President, Fleetwood Elementary School Parents' Advisory Council, re: Possible Closure of Fleetwood Elementary School

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

THAT in response to the 2004-06-10 presentation of the Fleetwood Elementary Parents' Advisory Council's delegation, requesting the Board to keep the school open or postpone the decision regarding the possible closure of Fleetwood Elementary for a five (5) year period; the Board has seriously considered their requests and will be reviewing the matter at its 2004-09-23 Regular meeting; and

THAT the delegation will be formally advised of the Board's decision.

CARRIED

(c) Declaration of October 5, 2004 – "World Teachers' Day"

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

THAT the Board declare October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004 as "World Teachers' Day" and acknowledge the significant contribution our teachers make in keeping our learners at the centre.

CARRIED

(d) Transportation Committee Report

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

THAT Board Policy #5400 - *Pupil Transportation*, be waived to permit the following students, currently residing in the catchment area for Earl Marriott Secondary School, to purchase a bus pass for transportation to/from Semiahmoo Secondary School for the 2004/2005 school year only, providing there is sufficient room on the appropriate bus:

- Chris Burse, Grade 9 student
- Monica Dabrowski, Grade 8 student
- Sean Gregory, a new student currently enrolled in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program
- Alexandra Kingsmith, Grade 8 student
- Kodie Laughlin, Grade 8 student
- Logan and Sevdin MacDonald, Grade 10 students
- Natasha Osing, Grade 8 student
- Lauren Penney, Grade 8 student
- Nicole Russell, Grade 11
- Sam Shepherd, Grade 8 student
- Jake Tjorham, Grade 9 student
- Robbie Williams, Grade 9 student; and
- Jennifer Wilson, Grade 8 student.

CARRIED

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

THAT Board uphold the provisions of Policy #5400 - *Pupil Transportation*, and confirm previous verbal advice to Mr. and Mrs. Kubain indicating their son, Jimmy Kubain, currently enrolled in Enver Creek Secondary and residing in the catchment area for Queen Elizabeth Secondary, cannot be provided with transportation to/from an out-of-catchment school.

CARRIED

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

THAT as a result of the review with elementary school Principals regarding school needs, the Board maintain the current posted hours within School Zones.

CARRIED

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

THAT the Board write ICBC thanking them for an effective launch in Surrey and White Rock of their "Yellow Ribbon Campaign" and encourage them to continue this initiative for the safety of children attending elementary schools.

CARRIED

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

THAT Board Policy #5400 - *Pupil Transportation*, be waived to permit Kirsten McJannett, a Grade 9 student, currently residing in the catchment area for Semiahmoo Secondary School, to purchase a bus pass for transportation to/from Earl Marriott Secondary School for the 2004/2005 school year only, providing there is sufficient room on the appropriate bus.

CARRIED

- (e) Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the Year Ended 2004-06-30

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

THAT the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ended 2004-06-30 be accepted and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

- (f) Bylaw #141, Re: Fleetwood Elementary – Site #026 – School Closure – 2009-06-30

Trustees informally decided to consider only two readings of Bylaw #141, Re: Fleetwood Elementary – Site #026 – School Closure – 2009-06-30, at this meeting.

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

THAT Bylaw #141, Re: Fleetwood Elementary – Site #026 – School Closure – 2009-06-30 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee Allen)

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

THAT Bylaw #141, Re: Fleetwood Elementary – Site #026 – School Closure – 2009-06-30 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee Allen)

The third and final reading of Bylaw #141, Re: Fleetwood Elementary – Site #026 – School Closure – 2009-06-30, will be conducted at the 2004-10-14 Regular Board meeting.

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

THAT Administration be directed to engage in ongoing monitoring of operations and conditions of Fleetwood Elementary School and to address items of health and safety prior to the school closure of 2009-06-30.

CARRIED

(g) Schedule of Board Meeting Dates - 2005

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

THAT the Board waive Policy #2400 - *School Board Meetings and Trustee In-Service Sessions* in determining the Board meeting dates for March, May and June 2005; approve the 2005 schedule of Board meetings as presented and the meetings scheduled for the last Thursday in August and the second Thursday in September be held only if the Chairperson determines there is a need for such meetings.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) Notice of Motion, Trustee K. Evoy, Re: Declaration of November 3, 2004 – “Take Our Kids to Work” Day

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the Notice of Motion, Trustee K. Evoy, Re: Declaration of November 3, 2004 – “Take Our Kids to Work” Day, at the 2004-09-23 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS the “Take Our Kids to Work” program brings together business people, education and community leaders who are committed to creating challenging learning and career opportunities for young people in Grade 9; and

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WHEREAS this project will show students through direct experiences, just how important skills, training and education are to their success; and

WHEREAS substantive curriculum materials have been written for in-class projects and assignments to support the day and make the experience more meaningful for the students, including the Workplace Guide which is also available to assist participating workplaces in preparing a positive experience for employees and their guests; and

WHEREAS the success of the day is contingent on the level of participation by the students, parents, teachers and employers in bringing to reality the experience of an average work day.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT the Board declare November 3, 2004 as "Take Our Kids to Work" day and publicize the event throughout the school district by reminding staff, parents, students and the business community of the benefit to our Grade 9 students afforded by supporting the various activities during this special day.

CARRIED

(c) Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Support For Increasing Benefits of Physical Activities

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Support For Increasing Benefits of Physical Activities, at the 2004-09-23 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS there is concern about rising levels of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education is recognizing this phenomenon and taking prevention measures by formally giving education credits for the participation in physical activities done outside of school hours (eg: swimming, hockey, soccer, dance); and

WHEREAS many families find the costs of these activities burdensome; and

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to remove obstacles which make it difficult for parents to do the best for their children.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board forward a motion to the British Columbia School Trustees Association and the Canadian School Boards' Association, petitioning the provincial and federal governments to assist parents in these ways:

- Fees for physical activities and team sports be claimable as a provincial and federal deduction on income tax.
- Goods and Services Tax (GST) on equipment necessary for these activities be removed.
- Provincial Sales Tax (PST) on equipment necessary for these activities be removed.

CARRIED

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

THAT the Board send copies of its motion regarding Support For Increasing Benefits of Physical Activities to sports user groups in the school district for their information.

CARRIED

(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.

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[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 Polak, seconded by Trustee Evoy:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY-TREASURER