

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, OCTOBER 14, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
K. Evoy, Vice Chairperson
T. Allen
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

Absent

P. Glass

[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".

Trustee Absence

Chairperson Wilson advised that Trustee Glass was not in attendance at the meeting as she is recovering from back surgery. He was pleased to report the surgery went very well and she is recovering at home in good spirits. She is expected to make a full recovery and it is anticipated she'll return to her Trustee activities towards the end of this month.

Chairperson Wilson, on behalf of the Board and district staff, extended best wishes to Trustee Glass for a speedy recovery.

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

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 4(c) *Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: School Rental Rates for Bell Performing Arts Centre*, be added to the agenda and all items renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Dennis Giesbrecht, Math Teacher of the Year

The Board recognized Dennis Giesbrecht, a teacher at MB Sanford Elementary, for his dedication to improving the quality of mathematics instruction. Earlier this year, Mr. Giesbrecht was named "Math Teacher of the Year" for 2004 by the B.C. Association of Math Teachers.

Mr. John Ormond, Principal, MB Sanford Elementary, provided Trustees with information regarding Mr. Giesbrecht's outstanding contributions to mathematics in the district. Dennis held early-morning classes for students challenged by math in order to provide them more focused assistance. He also organized "enrichment" math classes for grade seven students who wanted to challenge the grade eight curriculum. For several years, he staged annual Math Days for grades three-to-seven, as well as "Math Puzzles and Games" nights for parents. Dennis also generously provided support to assist students with learning difficulties. He prepared workshops to introduce MB Sanford Elementary teachers to new methods and materials for math instruction. Dennis has made presentations to teachers throughout BC to promote professional development and quality instruction in mathematics. Dennis also participated in our district's math resources selection committee.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Board, presented Dennis Giesbrecht with a certificate and a recognition pin in honour of his dedication and commitment to improving elementary mathematics in the district and throughout the province.

(d) Presentation: Westminster Savings Credit Union. re: Donation to Fine Arts Festival des Beaux Arts

Mary Jane Le Nabat, Board of Directors and Chair of their Foundation and Nicole Eich, Community Relations & Event Coordinator, representing Westminster Savings Credit Union, provided Trustees with information regarding their role as title sponsor for the Westminster Savings Fine Arts Festival des Beaux Arts. Their kind contribution eased the heavy financial burden on the district of hosting such a large event and allowed the Festival, and our students, to flourish.

Chairperson Wilson announced that Westminster Savings has agreed to act again as the Festival's title sponsor in 2004/2005, providing a \$15,000 donation to the event. With the help of Westminster Savings Credit Union

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more than 10,000 elementary and secondary Surrey students will dance, act, create, play and sing at Festival events throughout the school year.

Jessica Griffiths, a grade 11 student at Tamanawis Secondary, sang a song for the Board. Jessica's excellent performance demonstrated some of the fine arts benefits for students and audiences.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Board, thanked Westminster Savings Credit Union and presented them with a certificate of appreciation for their generous contributions to fine arts education in the district.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2004-09-23

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2004-09-23 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

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

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

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee Allen)

(c) Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 2A-2004 (Newton Area Secondary – Site #032 – Project Funding)

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 2A-2004 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 2A-2004 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 2A-2004 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 2A-2004 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (d) Award of Construction Contract – Newton Area Secondary – Site #032 – New School

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract Documents with the lowest qualified bidder, D.G.S. Construction Company Ltd., in the total amount of \$20,169,500 (including GST) for the new school Newton Area Secondary – Site #032, located at 13220 – 64 Avenue.

CARRIED

- (e) Recommended Architect Appointments – NW Cloverdale Area Elementary – Site #153, Chimney Hill Elementary – Site #165, Morgan Elementary – Site #188 and Clayton Centre Area Elementary – Site #203

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

THAT the firm of Killick Metz Bowen Rose Architects Planners Inc. be appointed Project Architect and the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute client/architect agreements with the firm for a new school - NW Cloverdale Area Elementary – Site #153.

CARRIED

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

THAT the firm of Graham Hoffart Mathiasen Architects be appointed Project Architect and the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute client/architect agreements with the firm for an addition to Chimney Hill Elementary – Site #165.

CARRIED

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

THAT the firm of Carlberg, Jackson & Partners be appointed Project Architect and the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute client/architect agreements with the firm for an addition to Morgan Elementary – Site #188.

CARRIED

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

THAT the firm of Grant & Sinclair Architects be appointed Project Architect and the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute client/architect agreements with the firm for a new school – Clayton Centre Area Elementary – Site #203.

CARRIED

(f) Cambridge Area Elementary – Site #151 – Feasibility Study – Phase II

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

THAT the Board ratify the Capital Project Agreement in the sum of \$8,567,784 (eight million, five hundred sixty-seven thousand, seven hundred eighty-four dollars) for Ministry of Education approval of the Phase II Feasibility Study for Cambridge Area Elementary – Site #151.

CARRIED

(g) Interim Financial Report – Special Purpose Funds – Three Months Ended 2004-09-30

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

THAT the Board accept the Schedule of Special Purpose Funds for the three (3) months ended 2004-09-30, as presented.

CARRIED

- (h) Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures – Three Months Ended 2004-09-30.

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

THAT the Board accept the Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures for the three (3) months ended 2004-09-30, as presented.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

- (a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

- (b) Notice of Motion, Trustee K. Evoy, Re: Special Education – Teacher Qualifications

Trustees received the *Notice of Motion, Trustee K. Evoy, Re: Special Education – Teacher Qualifications* for information. The motion will be presented for formal consideration at the next Board meeting.

- (c) Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: School Rental Rates for Bell Performing Arts Centre

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: School Rental Rates for Bell Performing Arts Centre*, at the 2004-10-14 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS the capital indebtedness on the Bell Performing Arts Centre has been retired through the use of 2003/2004 Local Capital Reserve funds; and

WHEREAS the current rental fee structure for Surrey School District elementary and secondary school use was established when the District Theatre opened three years ago and a mortgage was in place for the construction and equipping of the facility.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to review the current Bell Performing Arts Centre rental fee structure for Surrey School District schools and bring proposals back to the Board by 2004-12-16 regarding an equitable school rental structure which reflects the current operating costs of the theatre and the retirement of the capital debt.

CARRIED

(d) Annual Vandalism Report – 2004-06-30

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

THAT the Board receive the Annual Vandalism Report – 2004-06-30 for information.

CARRIED

(e) Interim Physical Education Report

Dr. Sharon Cohen, Director of Instruction, and Glenn Young, Applied Skills Helping Teacher, presented the Interim Physical Education Report to Trustees.

(f) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(g) Incoming Correspondence

Trustees received Correspondence #3-01 from Tina Penney, Director, Corporate Services, City of White Rock, regarding eliminating voluntary motor vehicle idling in school zones.

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

THAT the Board formally advise White Rock Elementary and Peace Arch Elementary Schools of the White Rock City Council's concern regarding motor vehicle emissions related to the unnecessary idling of vehicles within the community; and

THAT both the White Rock Elementary and Peace Arch Elementary Schools' Principals be requested to include the City of White Rock's request for parents to eliminate voluntary motor vehicle idling in school zones, in the school's newsletters as the City of White Rock Council believes this matter is of great importance to the community.

CARRIED

[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 9:10 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER

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