

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, DECEMBER 16, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M.

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

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 3(e) *Election of Board Chairperson & Vice Chairperson – 2004*; be moved to item 3(g); and items 3(e) *Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2004 (Cambridge Area Elementary – Site #151)*; and 3(f) *ICBC Presentation Request (verbal)*; be added to the agenda.

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: Ann-Katrin Linder, Teacher, Lena Shaw Elementary, Re: Extraordinary Student Support**

The Board recognized Ann-Katrin Linder, a Special Education Teacher at Lena Shaw Elementary, for her compassionate spirit and selfless devotion to student learning.

Brian Lewis, Principal, North Surrey Learning Centre, provided Trustees with information regarding Ann-Katrin's dedication and commitment to students. For several years, Ann-Katrin Linder worked closely with a special needs student. When the student moved on to secondary school, he experienced little success and soon dropped out.

However, the student later showed up at Lena Shaw Elementary to visit Ms. Linder after school. Ms. Linder contacted Mr. Lewis, Principal, and they developed a learning plan for the student for September.

Since September, twice a week Ann-Katrin picks up schoolwork and the student, and tutors him one-on-one for two hours at a school where space was made available to them. This comes after her full day at Lena Shaw Elementary. She ensures the student's work is submitted for marks and record keeping. She has also done all the required paperwork to ensure he has a scribe to assist him in his upcoming government exams. The student is making progress.

The Chairperson presented Ms. Linder with a certificate of recognition and a pin commemorating her formal Board recognition.

(d) Presentation: VanCity Savings Credit Union, Re: Donation to the Bus Pass Program, The New School

Lee Weinstein, Principal, Kurtis Wilson and Ray Ingram, students at The New School provided Trustees with information regarding the innovative program offering intensive literacy training to at-risk students at a Grade 10 level.

Dave Mowat, CEO of VanCity Savings Credit Union and Bruce Ralston, Past Chair of the VanCity Board of Directors, presented a donation of \$3,840 to The New School to purchase student bus passes for students who had no other way to get to school but could not afford the passes themselves.

This generous donation by VanCity Savings Credit Union was used to purchase bus passes for 12 students for the remaining 8 months of the year.

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Board, presented the VanCity Savings Credit Union representatives with a plaque of recognition as a token of the Board's appreciation for their generosity and support.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] ACTION ITEMS**(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2004-12-02**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2004-12-02 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Policy Development & Review Project – Completed Segments

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

THAT the Board approve the following new and revised policies:

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| (a) | Policy #5780 | Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Access and Use |
| (b) | Policy #6530 | Energy Management Conservation |
| (c) | Policy #7260 | Employees' & Visitors' Identification Badges |
| (d) | Policy #8910 | Distance Education |

CARRIED

(c) Bylaw #144, Re: School District No. 36 Business Company – Incorporation & Appointment of Directors

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

THAT Bylaw #144, Re: Incorporation of School District No. 36 Business Company be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #144, Re: Incorporation of School District No. 36 Business Company be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #144, Re: Incorporation of School District No. 36 Business Company be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #144, Re: Incorporation of School District No. 36 Business Company be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (d) Annual Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the Year Ended 2004-06-30

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

THAT the Board approve the statements and schedules included in the Statement of Financial Information for the Year Ended 2004-06-30, as required under Section 2 of the *Financial Information Act* and the report be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

- (e) Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2004 (Cambridge Area Elementary – Site #151)

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2004 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2004 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2004 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 4-2004 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(f) ICBC Presentation Request

In response to the request by ICBC to use the Marc Savard presentation which uses the hypnosis of students to highlight the dangers of drinking and driving, be permitted in Surrey secondary schools, the Board considered the following motion.

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

THAT the Board support ICBC's efforts to make youth aware of the dangers of drinking and driving; and

THAT the Board encourage ICBC to continue their efforts; and

THAT whereas many parents have expressed a concern over the use of hypnosis of students, and insofar as hypnosis is considered by some as an intrusive technique for communicating a message about drinking and driving; and

THAT this concern be communicated to ICBC; and

THAT the Board request ICBC to consider an alternative presentation in furthering their work in educating youth in this regard; and

THAT Administration notify ICBC and advise our secondary school Principals the Marc Savard presentation is not approved at this time.

CARRIED

(g) Election of Board Chairperson & Vice Chairperson - 2004

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

THAT the Board proceed to elect a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson in accordance with Policy #2915 – *Trustee Elections – Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson* and its Regulation #2915.1.

CARRIED

Chairperson Wilson passed the gavel to Wayne Jefferson, Secretary-Treasurer, at 8:12 p.m.

Election of Chairperson:

Mr. Jefferson, as Chair, called for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2004/2005. Trustee Allen nominated Trustee Wilson. Trustee Wilson accepted the nomination.

Mr. Jefferson called twice more for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2004/2005 and hearing none, declared Trustee Wilson elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 36 (Surrey) for a one year term of office.

Election of Vice Chairperson:

Mr. Jefferson called for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson for 2004/2005. Trustee Polak nominated Trustee Evoy. Trustee Evoy accepted the nomination.

Mr. Jefferson called twice more for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson for 2004/2005 and hearing none, declared Trustee Evoy elected by acclamation as Vice Chairperson of the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 36 (Surrey) for a one year term of office.

Mr. Jefferson congratulated Chairperson Wilson and Vice Chairperson Evoy on their elections. The newly elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson assumed their new positions.

Mr. Jefferson passed the gavel to Chairperson Wilson at 8:14 p.m.

[4] INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**(a) Trustee Reports**

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

Trustees requested information signs be placed on school district sites when new schools are under construction, to advise the community of what is being built and the anticipated opening date for the new school.

Wayne Jefferson, Secretary-Treasurer, will bring a sample of a proposed information sign to the next meeting for Trustees' consideration.

(c) Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments - 2005

Trustees received information regarding the 2005 Board Committees and Trustee Representation appointments. The new list will be distributed to the system via B-memo.

(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 Stilwell, seconded by Trustee Polak:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER