

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, FEBRUARY 10, 2005 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 7:32 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 Allen:

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

CARRIED

(c) **Recognitions:**

Trustee Laurae McNally:

On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Wilson extended sincerest congratulations to Trustee Laurae McNally on the Premier's recent announcement of her Community Achievement Award.

The BC Achievement Foundation award honours individuals who exemplify the characteristics and accomplishments of British Columbians who have helped shape our province. The Premier's announcement summarized Trustee McNally's achievements as follows:

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“Laurae McNally has a passion for people, education and the underprivileged. She has volunteered on many community boards in White Rock and South Surrey in the areas of civic improvement, arts and culture, health and child and family development. For more than 20 years, Laurae has been an active school trustee in Surrey, championing unique and innovative programs.”

The recipients of the 2005 BC Community Achievement Awards will be recognized in a formal presentation ceremony in Victoria on 2005-03-15 at Government House.

Jacob Schuurman:

On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Wilson extended sincerest congratulations to Jacob Schuurman, a janitor at Semiahmoo Secondary School, who was also a recipient of a Community Achievement Award for his tireless advocacy of his community's sick and homeless.

Adele Clark, Principal, Semiahmoo Secondary, provided Trustees with information regarding Jacob Schuurman, a janitor at the school, who has led the community in support of the Christmas Hamper program for many years. Staff and students from seven (7) schools and several Learning Centres, as well as many community members and businesses, work with Jacob to gather donations and raise funds for the hampers. Jacob and his team have been preparing hampers for twelve (12) years. Approximately fifty (50) families receive four or five boxes of gifts and food each year. Jacob works with numerous community organizations and is a spokesperson for the Shepherd Inn's Soup Kitchen in Cloverdale.

Rebecca Plante, Student, Johnston Heights Secondary, Re: Canada Skills Competition Silver Medal – Women's Apparel Design

The Board recognized Rebecca Plante, a Grade 12 student at Johnston Heights Secondary, for her exemplary efforts and exceptional achievement in earning a silver medal in the Canada Skills Competition for Women's Apparel Design last year. Rebecca also won gold at the regional and provincial Skills Competitions.

Rebecca entered her first Fashion and Design Skills Competition in 2003 while in Grade 10. She earned a gold medal at the regional level, then followed-up with a bronze at the provincials. For these competitions, students are expected to design, create a pattern, cut out and sew a project within six or eight hours.

Last year, Rebecca again entered the competitions and with the assistance of her teacher, Bev Van Zandt, learned how to use an industrial sewing machine. Rebecca won gold at both the regionals and provincials. In the national Canadian Skills competition in Winnipeg, Rebecca had 14 hours to design and sew a business suit. She was up against the best in Canada and won the silver medal.

The Board recognized Rebecca Plante for her extraordinary determination and accomplishments in Fashion and Design at the Canadian Skills Competition. The Chairperson presented Rebecca with a certificate of recognition and pin commemorating her formal Board recognition.

(d) Presentation: Intensive Core French

Dr. Sharon Cohen, Director of Instruction, and Janet Brine, Intensive Core French Teacher at Erma Stephenson Elementary, provided Trustees with information on the Intensive Core French Program. The district has received a \$300,000 grant from Heritage Canada to lead the province in the implementation of the Intensive Core French (ICF) program. The district is the first in BC to offer the program that enables students to receive up to four times the number of hours of instruction normally devoted to Core French.

Four Erma Stephenson Elementary students, Jessica Jawanda, Angie Jo, Paul Kim and William Hsu, improvised dialogues to demonstrate their abilities to communicate in French. These students have just completed their first five (5) months of the program.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2005-01-27

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2005-01-27 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Response to Delegation: Karen Sidhu, Chairperson, Autoplan Brokers Road Safety Program, Fraser Valley, re: ICBC's 2005 Marc Savard Tour

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

THAT the Board rescind the motion approved by the Board at its 2004-12-16 Regular meeting regarding non-approval of the ICBC, Marc Savard presentations.

DEFEATED: (In Favour: Trustees Glass, McNally and Wilson.)

- (c) Award of Construction Contract: Cambridge Area Elementary – Site #151 – New School

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract Documents with the lowest qualified bidder, Envoy Construction Services Ltd., in the total amount of \$6,180,023 (including GST) for the new school Cambridge Area Elementary - Site #151, located at 6115 - 150 Street, subject to the receipt of an approved servicing agreement from the City of Surrey.

CARRIED

- (d) Bell Performing Arts Centre – Operating Cost Analysis

It was moved by Trustee Allen:

THAT consideration of the Bell Performing Arts Centre – Operating Cost Analysis report be tabled until Trustees have had time to study the report.

DEFEATED (In Favour: Trustees Allen and Glass.)

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

THAT the Board receive the Bell Performing Arts Centre – Operational Cost Analysis report for information; and

THAT in consideration of the existing school event rental subsidy of up to \$2,300 when compared to the total of variable and fixed costs, for each performance, the Bell Performing Arts Centre rental fee structure for Surrey School District schools and other internal users remain unchanged at this time.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee Allen.)

(e) Report Re: Anti-Vandalism Measures

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

THAT the Board receive the Report Re: Anti-Vandalism Measures for information; and

THAT Administration be directed to provide semi-annual reports to the Board on costs incurred in the school district in three categories: glass, graffiti, and vandalism.

CARRIED

(f) Final 2004/2005 Operating Budget

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

THAT the attached School District Amended Annual Operating Budget for 2004/2005 totalling \$421,938,885 including \$416,022,141 in operating expenditures, be approved and supplied to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

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

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2004/2005 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2004/2005 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2004/2005 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2004/2005 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

[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.

(c) 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.

Pecuniary Interest

Under article 80, section 2 of the *School Act*, the following information about a Special (In-Camera) meeting is recorded:

A pecuniary interest was disclosed by Trustee Allen and Trustee McNally at the 2005-02-10 Special (In-Camera) meeting. Trustees Allen and McNally, subsequent to the disclosure, left the meeting.

[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 9:28 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER

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