

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, MARCH 17, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

Absent

M. Polak

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

Announcement

Chairperson Wilson announced that Michael McKay, currently Superintendent of Schools and Chief Executive Officer of School District No. 63 (Saanich), has been chosen to lead our district when Dr. Renihan, the current Superintendent, retires at the end of this school year.

Michael brings solid experience, leadership skills and a strong educational vision to our district. He has a reputation as a collaborative and supportive team builder who is passionate about improving student learning. Michael is also an energetic and warm individual with a great sense of humour and a keen desire to do what is best for students.

Michael has been the Superintendent for the Saanich School District since 2001 and Assistant Superintendent for the three years prior to that. He has been a school administrator in B.C. since 1986, except for two years when he was with the Ministry of Education as Director of the Educational Innovation Division, responsible for provincial intermediate and graduation programs.

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The selection process was rigorous and involved many top-notch candidates from across Canada. The Chairperson thanked the many people and stakeholder groups internally that assisted the Board in making its decision.

Michael will join our district on 2005-08-01 and has indicated his first priority is to introduce himself and to hear from each of our employee groups.

The Board welcomed Michael McKay as the next Superintendent of Schools for the Surrey School District.

(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 4(a) *Trustee Reports* be deferred to the next meeting in order to provide more time to view and discuss the Science Fair Projects, and that all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Kassy Linklater, Student, North Surrey Secondary, Re: Global Youth Ambassador

This item was deferred until later in the meeting.

(d) Presentation: Envision Financial, re: Visiting Authors Program and the SPARK Program

Lois Wilkinson, Principal, South Surrey Learning Centre and also a director with Envision Credit Union, as well as Mary Tisdale, Teacher/Librarian at Bayridge Elementary and Ann Turner, co-author of the family literacy project SPARK, provided Trustees with some background on the school district's relationship with Envision Credit Union and the programs they sponsor.

Envision currently contributes \$10,000 per year to the school district to run two programs: the Visiting Author Program and SPARK. Envision is also the generous title sponsor of the district's annual Envision Jazz Festival. The Board has found in Envision a true partner in education, a supporter

that will help out at every turn and whenever needed with the mutual goal of enhancing opportunities for students to learn.

Two representatives from Envision Credit Union, Terry Enns, Chair of the Board and Tim Wasilieff, Chief Operations Officer filling in for Gord Huston, Chief Executive Officer, participated in an official signing of the Partners in Education agreement with the Chairperson and Dr. Renihan, Superintendent, to formally recognize the joint partnership relationship.

On behalf of the Board, the Chairperson thanked Envision Credit Union for their ongoing contributions to the Surrey School District and for helping to build literacy programs for Surrey students.

(c) Recognition: Kassy Linklater, Student, North Surrey Secondary, Re: Global Youth Ambassador / continued

The Board recognized Kassy Linklater, a Grade 12 student at North Surrey Secondary School, for her exceptional leadership skills and exemplary work ethic demonstrated by her work as a “Global Youth Ambassador”.

Allan Buggie, Principal, North Surrey Secondary, provided Trustees with information regarding the Global Vision’s Junior Team Canada Program and Kassy’s participation as a great ambassador for the Surrey School District, as well as for our country for an international forum. The program is dedicated to providing youth, ages 16-25, with the skills, experience and knowledge necessary to become our new generation of business leaders.

Kassy Linklater attended a two-day conference last year at the Global Leaders Centre which introduced her to the leadership program. She applied to their Youth Ambassador program and was selected from more than 500 student applicants from across Canada to represent British Columbia as a “Global Youth Ambassador”. She joined 19 other young people, described as “Canada’s top young leaders”, to form the “Junior Team-Canada Economic Mission” to Singapore and Malaysia.

The role of each Youth Ambassador was two-fold; to represent their economic community abroad and to gather market and cultural intelligence for her sponsors in order to promote relations between Canada and the foreign markets. The team also met with youth leaders to hold informal discussion on such issues as human rights, education, good governance and private sector development.

Kassy chose to represent tourism as her economic community and sought out market and cultural information for her community and business sponsors. As Youth Ambassador, Kassy had to raise \$4,000 from community and corporate sponsors for her trip. Her role was two-fold:

represent the economic interests of her region abroad, and gather market and cultural intelligence for her sponsors in order to promote relations between Canada and the foreign markets she visited.

The economic mission was organized by Global Vision which is a non-profit organization accredited to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development. Clearly, Kassy has been involved in a world-class event. She returned from her two-week trip to the Asia-Pacific just a few days ago and provided the Trustees with highlights of her experiences.

The Board recognized Kassy Linklater for her outstanding achievements, leadership skills, enthusiasm and dedication in meeting and surpassing the challenging and complex tasks involved as a Youth Ambassador.

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

(e) Presentation: Science Fair

Yrsa Jensen, Director of Instruction, provided Trustees with information regarding the 39th Annual District Science Fair and introduced each of the Science Fair participants present. Each student made a short presentation on his/her project to the Board. The projects covered a wide variety of scientific concepts and highlighted the achievements of the students. Science Fair projects were presented by:

- Becky Roder & Madison Kerr, Grade 5, Crescent Park Elementary – *“Which Toothpaste Whitens your Teeth the Best?”*
- Rochelle Rezansoff, Grade 7 & Laurel Warren, Grade 6, Hall’s Prairie Elementary – *“Mountain Pine Beetle”*
- Zahid Dossa, Grade 7, McLeod Road Elementary – *“La graisse mortelle”*
- David Endacott, Grade 7, Surrey Centre Elementary – *“How Does Temperature Affect the Bounce of a Basketball”*
- Talen Springer & Levi Dawe, Grade 7, Ellendale Elementary – *“Suspension Bridges”*
- Bynh Ho & Kyle Mabaquiao, Grade 8, Kwantlen Park Secondary – *“Genetic Engineering”*
- Wing Kan Chung, Grade 7, Anniedale Elementary – *“Quantum Theory”*

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- Michael Wu, Grade 6, Berkshire Park Elementary – *“How Does the Hue of Light Affect Plant Growth”*.

The Board thanked the Science Fair Committee, for their dedication and commitment in organizing the annual District Science Fair, as well as the students for bringing their projects to share with Trustees.

Chairperson Wilson recessed the meeting at 8:47 p.m. in order for Trustees to view the Science Fair Presentations more closely and reconvened the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2005-02-24 and Special (Open) Board Meeting Held 2005-03-07

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2005-02-24 and the Special (Open) Board meeting held 2005-03-07 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Response to Delegation: Charlene Dobie, Sullivan Heights Secondary CPF Representative, Canadian Parents for French, Surrey Chapter, re: Relocation of French Immersion Program

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

THAT the Board extend its appreciation to the Charlene Dobie, Sullivan Heights Secondary, Canadian Parents For French delegation, for their presentation at the 2005-02-24 Regular Board meeting wherein concerns were highlighted about the future of the French Immersion Program and the program locations; and

THAT the Board acknowledges the points raised in the delegation's presentation and confirms its commitment to offering French Immersion Programs to the students in Surrey and White Rock at several strategic locations, classroom space permitting; and

THAT further, the Board reaffirms its current plans to relocate the French Immersion Secondary Program from Sullivan Heights

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Secondary to Panorama Ridge Secondary, effective September 2006; and

THAT the other program issues raised by the delegation be referred to the French Immersion Advisory Committee for their consideration.

CARRIED

Trustee Glass, as a member of the French Immersion Advisory Committee will present the Board's referral to the committee.

(c) Report of the Public Relations Committee, Re: School Naming

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

THAT the new school being built at 6115 – 150 Street – Site #151 be named Cambridge Elementary School; and

THAT the new school being built at 13220 – 64 Avenue – Site #032 be named Panorama Ridge Secondary School.

CARRIED

(d) Chimney Hill Elementary – Site #165 – Project Agreement

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

THAT the Board ratify the Capital Project Agreement in the sum of:

- (a) \$2,910,621 Capital funding, from the Province
- (b) \$ 436,593 to be held as contingency reserve to address increases in capital project construction costs

for Ministry of Education approval of the Phase II Feasibility Study for Chimney Hill Elementary – Site #165.

CARRIED

(e) Capital Project Bylaw No. 3-2005 (Chimney Hill Elementary – Site #165 – Project Funding)

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 3-2005 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 3-2005 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 3-2005 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 3-2005 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(b) 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 McNally:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY-TREASURER