

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, APRIL 28, 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

P.D. Drescher, Acting Superintendent
W.A. Jefferson, Secretary-Treasurer
L. McCuaig, Administrative Assistant

[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".

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

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 3(f) *Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 4A-2005 (Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134 – Project Funding)* and item 3(g) *Award of Construction Contract – Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134 – New School* be added to the agenda.

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

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

CARRIED

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2005-04-14

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2005-04-14 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Response to Delegation: Mr. and Mrs. Kandola, Parents, Re: Punjabi Language at Tamanawis Secondary School for Grade 8

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

THAT the Board extend its appreciation to the Mr. & Mrs. Kulwinder Kandola, Parents, Re: Punjabi Language at Tamanawis Secondary School for Grade 8 delegation, for their presentation at the 2005-04-14 Regular Board meeting wherein concerns were highlighted about the Punjabi Language four year pilot project; and

THAT Administration be directed to provide sufficient teaching staff allocations to Tamanawis Secondary in support of a Grade 8 Punjabi Language class for the 2005/2006 school year in order that students who enrolled in the four (4) year program at Beaver Creek Elementary may complete the fourth year at Tamanawis Secondary.

CARRIED

(c) 2005/2006 Board Authorized Courses

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

THAT the Board approve the Board Authorized Courses for the 2005/2006 school year.

CARRIED

(d) Report of the 2005/2006 Budget Committee

Vice Chairperson Evoy, as Chair of the 2005/2006 Budget Committee, provided Trustees with information regarding the Report of the 2005/2006 Budget Committee.

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

THAT all decisions taken by the 2005/2006 Budget Committee during its deliberations, and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation; and

THAT the attached School District Operating Budget for 2005/2006 totaling \$440,827,224 in operating expenditures be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2005/2006 Annual Budget Bylaw be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2005/2006 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2005/2006 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2005/2006 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(e) Temporary Relocation of Board Meetings – May/September 2005

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

THAT the provisions of Board Policy #2400 – *School Board Meetings and Trustee In-Service Sessions*, Section 1(a) be waived in order to permit the temporary relocation of the May to September 2005 (inclusive) Board meetings to be held at the District Conference Centre, 9260 – 140 Street, Surrey, or until access is again permitted to the City of Surrey's renovated Council Chambers.

CARRIED

- (f) Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 4A-2005 (Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134 – Project Funding)

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 4A-2005 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 4A-2005 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 4A-2005 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 4A-2005 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (g) Award of Construction Contract – Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134 – 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, S. Henningson Ltd., in the total amount of \$6,250,940 (including GST) for the new school Grandview Heights Area Elementary – Site #134, located at 17148 – 26 Avenue.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Proposed Amendment to Policy #9490 – School Uniforms

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

THAT item 4(b) *Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: Proposed Amendment to Policy #9490 – School Uniforms*, be given consideration at the 2005-04-28 Regular Board meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS the Board is interested in assisting parents and staff to implement a school uniform program in their school if there is sufficient support; and

WHEREAS the Board wanted the vote on whether or not to implement a school uniform program in the school to be a solid endorsement from the school's parents; and

WHEREAS the Board's current Policy #9490 – *School Uniforms* calls for an 80% affirmative vote and that those who did not vote were to be counted as "no" votes; and

WHEREAS parents have indicated it is extremely difficult to obtain 100% of the parents/guardians of all registered students in a school to participate in the voting process; and

WHEREAS the practical implementation of this current voting process gives more power to the parents/guardians abstaining from the voting process; and

WHEREAS Municipal, Provincial and Federal elections do not give this power to abstainers; and

WHEREAS under Robert's Rules of Order, it also does not recognize voter abstention.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT Section 3.4 of Board Policy #9490 – *School Uniforms* - be amended to read:

“3.4 A Referendum is mandatory and must have 80% of the parents/guardians (one vote per family) of registered students in the school participating in the voting process. A majority of parents/guardians in favour is defined as 80% or more of the ballots cast during the Referendum. The vote should be by secret ballot and conducted by the Secretary-Treasurer, the school Principal and the school’s Parents’ Advisory Council President.”

CARRIED

(c) Report Re: Pesticide & Herbicide Use in the District – Update

Trustees received an update on the status of pesticide and herbicide use in the district. Information was also provided regarding a new hot water treatment equipment product and staff are investigating the use of this weed prevention treatment process in the district for larger play areas.

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

THAT Administration continue to expand the use of thermal weed control for fence lines and shrub beds within existing budget resources; and

THAT Administration also monitor the developments of the use of thermal weed control equipment for larger vegetation areas within the school district.

CARRIED

(d) Incoming Correspondence

Trustees reviewed Correspondence #3-02 from Tammy Karoway, President, Harold Bishop Elementary Parents’ Advisory Council, regarding the school uniform voting procedure.

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

THAT Tammy Karoway, President, Harold Bishop Elementary Parents’ Advisory Council be advised of the Board’s 2005-04-28 amendment to Policy #9490 – *School Uniforms* which will improve the school uniform referendum voting process.

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 Evoy:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:51 p.m.
CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER

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