

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN ROOM #2 OF THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE CENTRE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

S. Wilson, Chairperson  
K. Evoy, Vice Chairperson  
P. Glass  
L. McNally (part)  
H. Stilwell (part)

**Staff**

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

**Absent**

T. Allen

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

**Trustee Attendance**

Chairperson Wilson advised that Trustee Allen was not present at the meeting as he was out of town. Trustee Stilwell is representing the Board at a graduation event and will join the meeting shortly. Trustee McNally will be leaving the meeting early.

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

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 1(c) *Recognition: Earl Ostrosser, Volunteer, Jessie Lee Elementary* be removed from the agenda; item 3(d) *Annual Bus Pass Fees 2005/2006* be added to the agenda; and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

**CARRIED**

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- (c) Presentation: Coast Capital Savings Donations Re: Etcetera Summer Camp at Holly Elementary and Hjorth Road Elementary; & Spark Program at Tamanawis Secondary

Steve Boyd, Community School Coordinator and Lynn Roberts, Vice President of Performance Analytics, Coast Capital Savings, provided Trustees with information regarding their support for the Etcetera Summer Camp at Holly Elementary and Hjorth Road Elementary Schools as well as the SPARK Program at Tamanawis Secondary.

Coast Capital Savings Foundation made two significant donations this year, which focused on building leadership, mentoring skills and self esteem among youth.

A donation of \$8,000 was made to the SPARK Program, which is operated by Tamanawis Secondary in partnership with Kwantlen University College. The program is designed to give at-risk students, who have dismissed post secondary education as an option, a chance to experience college and to explore various avenues for career development. Tamanawis Secondary students apply to the program and are then invited to take courses at Kwantlen University free of charge during their Grade 11 and Grade 12 years.

A donation of \$25,000 was made to the Etcetera Summer Camp Program run at Holly and Hjorth Road Elementary Schools. Students who are identified by teachers and the youth worker are invited to attend the summer camp where they are taught basic cooking, friendship and conflict resolution skills.

Trustee Stilwell arrived to the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Chairperson Wilson, on behalf of the Board, thanked Coast Capital Savings for their contributions and support to education in Surrey and White Rock.

Trustee McNally left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

**[2] DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Delegation: Councillor Judith Higginbotham, Chair, Heritage Advisory Commission, Re: Heritage Awareness Award

City of Surrey Councillor Judy Higginbotham, Chair of the Heritage Advisory Commission, provided Trustees with information regarding the City's Heritage Awareness Award. The Heritage Advisory Commission has created a Heritage Awareness Award Program designed to encourage the development and implementation of curriculum to teach Surrey history. The program is intended to be included in the elementary and secondary curriculum in all Surrey School District schools to build interest in and awareness of Surrey history and heritage. The program includes recognition and reward initiatives to integrate Surrey history into school curriculum.

The Program is open to both elementary and secondary schools in the City of Surrey or under the jurisdiction of the Surrey School District. Projects should involve a whole class or grade and should produce an enduring product that creates a permanent resource or record. The projects must be completed by December 2005 and a nomination form submitted in early January 2006. The projects will be judged according to identified criteria and a prize of \$2,000 will be awarded to one elementary school and to one secondary school.

The delegation is requesting that the Board endorse the Heritage Awareness Award Program and provide the assistance to make this program a success. The requested assistance by the Board would include:

- Include the heritage program in classroom curriculum.
- Distribution of information to schools.
- Announcement of heritage program in school newsletters.

Chairperson Wilson thanked the delegation for its presentation and advised that a response would be provided at the next meeting.

**[3] ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2005-05-12

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2005-05-12 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) District Education & Conference Centre (DECC) Report – Feasibility Study

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

THAT the Grant Thornton, March 2005 report “Feasibility Study for a District Education and Conference Centre” be submitted to the Ministry of Education in support of the Board’s 2005/2009 Capital Plan priority to replace the current Board Office and Conference Centre as approved at the 2004-10-28 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

(c) School District No. 36 Business Company Shareholders’ Loan

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

THAT the Board approve a shareholders’ loan to the School District No. 36 Business Company (SD36BC) of \$100,000 with annual interest charged at bank prime rates, effective 2005-06-16.

CARRIED

(d) Annual Bus Pass Fees 2005/2006

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

THAT the charge for school bus passes, referred to in Board Policy #5400 – Pupil Transportation, be maintained at \$30 per month for the 2005/2006 school year.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(c) School Planning Councils

Peter Drescher, Deputy Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding School Planning Councils.

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

THAT the Board receive the report on the review of School Planning councils Policy and Regulation as presented.  
CARRIED

(d) Policy Development & Review Project – Completed Segments

Trustees received the draft policies provided in the Policy Development & Review Project for information. The policies will be presented at the next meeting for formal consideration.

(e) 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 Evoy, seconded by Trustee Stilwell:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.  
CARRIED

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CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY-TREASURER