

**MINUTES OF AN INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN THE CITY OF SURREY,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M.**

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

T. Allen
P. Glass
W. Jefferson
R. Masi
L. McNally
H. Stilwell
S. Wilson

Staff

M.A. McKay, Superintendent
W.D. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer
P.B. Drescher, Deputy Superintendent
L. McCuaig, Administrative Assistant

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary-Treasurer, W.D. Noye, serving in the capacity of Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees-elect, Administration and the audience sang "*O Canada*".

[2] **FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

Mr. Noye read a letter from the City Clerk, City of Surrey, announcing the election of Terry Allen, Pam Glass, Wayne Jefferson, Reni Masi, Heather Stilwell and Shawn Wilson, as well as a letter from the Chief Election Officer, City of White Rock, announcing the election of Laurae McNally.

[3] **ROLL CALL**

In order to establish the presence of each Trustee-elect, Mr. Noye called the Roll. All Trustees-elect were present.

[4] **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIGNITARIES**

Mr. Noye acknowledged the presence of the many dignitaries present at the Inaugural Board meeting to honour the Trustees-elect.

[5] **DECLARATIONS AND OATHS OF OFFICE OF ELECTED TRUSTEES**

Judicial Justice of the Peace, Mark Osborne administered the oaths of office and oaths of allegiance for newly elected Trustees Wayne Jefferson and Reni Masi; and re-elected Trustees Terry Allen, Pam Glass, Laurae McNally, Heather Stilwell and Shawn Wilson.

[6] **INVOCATION**

Pastor Peter Nikkel, Panorama Community Church, gave the invocation.

[7] **APPROVAL OF ELECTION PROCEDURE**

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

THAT the election procedure be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

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

THAT Kelly Thomson, Director, Fiscal Management Services and Simon Ayres, Senior Manager, Finance be appointed scrutineers for the election of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
CARRIED

[8] **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

Mr. Noye called for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2005/2006. Trustee Jefferson nominated Trustee Wilson. Trustee Wilson accepted the nomination.

As Trustee Wilson has served two consecutive terms of office as Chairperson, a waiver of Board Policy #2915 – *Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson*, is required.

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

THAT Board Policy #2915 – *Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson* be waived in order to permit Trustee Wilson to hold the office of Chairperson for a third consecutive term of office.
CARRIED

Mr. Noye called twice more for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2005/2006 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.

[9] **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Mr. Noye called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson for 2005/2006. Trustee Masi nominated Trustee Glass. Trustee Glass accepted the nomination.

Mr. Noye called twice more for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson for 2005/2006 and hearing none, declared Trustee Glass 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.

[10] **BOARD CHAIRPERSON ASSUMES THE CHAIR**

Mr. Noye congratulated Trustees Wilson and Glass on their elections and turned the Chair over to Chairperson Wilson at 7:36 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.

[11] **REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Wilson and Vice-Chairperson Glass extended their thanks and appreciation to the communities of Surrey and White Rock for their support.

[12] **GREETINGS**

Greetings and congratulations were brought to the newly elected Board of School Trustees by:

- Jessica Friesen, Grade 12 Student and President of the Student Council; and Andrew Lee, Grade 12 Student and Secretary of the Student Council, Sullivan Heights Secondary School, on behalf of the students in the school district;
- Stephanie Hotchkiss and Mark Adams, Co-Presidents, District 36 Parents' Advisory Council, on behalf of the parents in the school district;
- Carolyn Oram, President, Surrey Principals' and Vice Principals' Association, on behalf of all the district's employees; and
- Michael A. McKay, Superintendent of Schools, on behalf of the school district's administrative staff.

On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Wilson specially acknowledged retiring Trustee Kim for her leadership and dedication to keeping our learners at the centre. Trustees extended best wishes to Ms. Evoy in all her future endeavours.

- Retiring Trustee Kim Evoy congratulated the newly elected Board of School Trustees and provided some highlights of the work accomplished during her six years as a Trustee.

[13] **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Chairperson Wilson advised that the next Regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the City of Surrey, Council Chambers.

[14] **ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

S. Wilson
Chairperson

WDN/lm

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer