

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 9th, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
P. Glass, Vice-Chairperson
T. Allen
W. Jefferson
R. Masi
H. Stilwell

Staff

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

Absent

L. McNally

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Presenters & Staff:

In addition to the Table Officers named above, the following presenters and staff were in attendance at the meeting:

John Ormond, Director of Instruction; Burt Deeter, Principal, James Ardiel Elementary; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Selina Millar, Science Helping Teacher; and Lynn Robertson, Assistant Superintendent.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

Announcements

Chairperson Wilson advised that Trustee McNally was not present at the meeting as she was serving as a chaperone on a school trip to Ecuador.

Chairperson Wilson introduced Patti Dundas, the newly appointed Assistant Secretary-Treasurer to the Board and welcomed her to her first Surrey School Board meeting. Patti previously worked for the Langley School Board for approximately fifteen (15) years, most recently as their Director of Finance.

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(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Dan Kehler, Surrey Fire Fighters, Re: School Snack Program

The Board recognized the Surrey Firefighters Charitable Society for their charitable initiatives in support of Surrey School District students, in particular, their Nutritional Snack Program.

Burt Deeter, Principal, James Ardiel Elementary School, provided Trustees with information about the Nutritional Snack Program created by the Surrey Firefighters' Charitable Society. The program provides a variety of healthy foods to students in need, such as fruit juice, granola bars, cheese and crackers, chocolate milk and more.

Jon Caviglia, Leader and Dan Kehler, Program Coordinator, representing the Surrey Firefighters' Charitable Society, described the program and advised that the Surrey Fire Department provides transportation, and the labour is provided by the firefighters and school administrators to ensure the program is as efficient as possible and resources go towards providing the snacks. It's expected that this year, the Nutritional Snack Program will spend between \$50,000 and \$60,000 on feeding hungry children in the district. This money comes from the Surrey firefighters themselves, along with public donations. The program began about six (6) years ago and has grown to involve more than forty (40) elementary and secondary schools.

In addition to the Nutritional Snack Program, the Surrey Firefighters' Charitable Society supports students in Surrey and White Rock through other initiatives such as the Firefighters' Drag Race Series that teaches students about cars and car safety as well as the dangers of racing. The Society also sponsors the "Slamfest" Surrey Wrestling Championships and the Goodwill High School Girls Basketball Tournament.

The Board recognized Jon Caviglia, Leader and Dan Kehler, Program Coordinator, of the Surrey Firefighters' Charitable Society, for its compassionate support of needy Surrey School District students through its Nutritional Snack Program.

The Chairperson presented Mr. Caviglia and Mr. Kehler with a recognition certificate and pin in honour of the Surrey Firefighters' Charitable Society for its dedication and generous support of needy students in the Surrey School District.

(d) Presentation: Elementary Science Fair Projects

John Ormond, Director of Instruction, and Selina Millar, Science Helping Teacher, provided Trustees with information regarding the 40th Annual District Science Fair recently held at the Guildford Town Centre Mall. Ms. Millar introduced several of the Science Fair participants present. Each student made a short presentation of 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:

- Andy Ogilvy & Stan Cochrane, Grade 7, Boundary Park Elementary – *“Archimedes Principle”*
- Laveleen Jhajj & Vena Chami, Grade 6, Brookside Elementary – *“Laundry Detergent Competition”* (Vena was not able to attend the meeting.)
- Andrew Hicks & Qadeem Salehmohamed, Grade 6, Clayton Elementary – *“Bridge Trail”*
- Shriya Deshmukh, Grade 7, K.B. Woodward Elementary – *“Lung Cancer (French)”*
- Isha Janjun, Grade 8, & Kendra Hewlett, Grade 7, Kwantlen Park Secondary (Inter-A) – *“What Forces a Roller Coaster?”*

Chairperson Wilson recessed the meeting at 8:25 p.m. in order for Trustees to view the Science Fair Presentations more closely and reconvened the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No Items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2006-02-23

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2006-02-23 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Response to Delegation: Kathleen Garayt, Gifted Children's Association of BC, Re: Introduce New Chapter of Association

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

THAT the requests presented by the Gifted Children's Association of BC delegation to the Board on 2006-02-23, be referred to the 2006/2007 Budget Committee, for consideration.

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.

[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 Allen, seconded by Trustee Jefferson:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:58p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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