

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 6th, 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

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

Absent

L. McNally

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mark Flynn, Career Education Facilitator; Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communications; Kelly Thomson, Director, Fiscal Management Services; and Lois Wilkinson, Principal, South Surrey/White Rock Learning Centre.

(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 representing the Board and the BCSTA at the College of Teachers' Professional Standards Review.

(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Shell Busey, Re: Student and Education Support

The Board recognized Shell Busey, for his participation in the Trading Up Fair and Exhibition and support of the students of Surrey and White Rock.

The district was very grateful for the participation of home improvement expert and radio/TV personality Shell Busey. Besides his considerable wisdom, Mr. Busey provided the evening audience his perspective on the trades.

Mr. Busey moved into an office adjacent to the South Surrey / White Rock Learning Centre a few years ago and quickly connected with the students and staff at the Learning Centre. Mr. Busey is generous with his time and advice to both students and school administration to discuss any aspect of trades or employment opportunities.

He initiated a \$500 scholarship for a graduating student each year. He hires students for short-term jobs whenever he has the opportunity.

Over the last two years, Mr. Busey has been conducting seminars for the students on career and employment opportunities in home construction and renovation. His seminars address the entrepreneurial opportunities of the trades, as well as opportunities for male and female students. As a result, South Surrey / White Rock Learning Centre students have had the opportunity to pursue work-experience through Shell Busey's House Smart Referral Network.

The Board recognized Shell Busey for his generous mentoring and compassionate support for the students of South Surrey / White Rock Learning Centre. The Chairperson presented him with a certificate of recognition and pin.

[2] DELEGATIONS

No Items.

[3] ACTION ITEMS**(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2006-03-23**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2006-03-23 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Request for Approval to Open New Schools: Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032, Pacific Heights Elementary – Site #134, Cambridge Elementary – Site #151; and to Open a Replacement School: White Rock Elementary – Site #009

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

THAT the Board submit a request to the Minister of Education for approval to open the following new schools and replacement school effective 2006-09-05:

Panorama Ridge Secondary (Site #032)
13220 – 64 Avenue
Surrey, BC V3W 1X9

Cambridge Elementary (Site #151)
6115 – 150 Street
Surrey, BC V3S 3H7

Pacific Heights Elementary (Site #134)
17148 – 26 Avenue
Surrey, BC V3S 0A4

White Rock Elementary (Site #009)
1273 Fir Street
White Rock, BC V4B 5A6

CARRIED

(c) Report of the 2006/2007 Budget Committee

Trustee Allen, as Chair of the 2006/2007 Budget Committee, provided Trustees with information regarding the Report of the 2006/2007 Budget Committee.

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

THAT all decisions taken by the 2006/2007 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 2006/2007 totalling \$455,158,869 in operating expenditures be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2006/2007 Annual Budget Bylaw be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2006/2007 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2006/2007 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2006/2007 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

TOC Daily Rate of Pay Increase

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

THAT the Chairperson send a letter to the Minister of Education, expressing the Board's appreciation for fully funding the Teacher-On-Call rate increase.

CARRIED

Trustees requested that the letter to the Minister of Education be copied to all BC school districts through the BCSTA e-mail service.

[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) 2006/2007 Board Authorized Courses

Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction, provided Trustees with information on the proposed 2006/2006 Board Authorized Courses. The list of proposed 2006/2007 Board Authorized Courses will be presented to the Board for formal consideration at the next Regular Board meeting.

(d) 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.

Pecuniary Interest

Under article 80, section 2 of the School Act, the following information about a Special (In-Camera) meeting is recorded:

A pecuniary interest was disclosed by Trustee Allen and Trustee Jefferson at the 2006-04-06 Special (In-Camera) meeting. Trustees Allen and Jefferson, subsequent to the disclosure, left the meeting.

[7] **ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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