

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, May 11th, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
T. Allen
W. Jefferson
R. Masi
L. McNally
H. Stilwell

Staff

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

Absent

P. Glass, Vice-Chairperson

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Theresa Campbell, Manager, Safe Schools; Bob Coventry, Assistant Superintendent; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Gary McLaughlin, Social Studies Helping Teacher; Elaine Busby, Teacher-Librarian, École Riverdale; Edith Guay, Principal, École Riverdale; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Stephen Redding, Vice Principal, École Riverdale; and Lynn Robertson, Assistant Superintendent.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

It was requested that the agenda be amended to remove item 4(a) *Trustee Reports*; and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Elaine Busby, Teacher-Librarian, École Riverdale, Re: Extraordinary Dedication and Service

The Board recognized Elaine Busby, a Teacher-Librarian at École Riverdale, for her extraordinary dedication and service.

Edith Guay, Principal; Stephen Redding, Vice Principal; and several students from Riverdale Elementary, provided Trustees with information on Ms. Busby's contributions to the school community, her leadership and exceptional passion and commitment.

Ms. Busby has been Riverdale Elementary School's Teacher-Librarian for over twenty (20) years and created and maintained a first-class library and fostered in students a love of reading and pride in improving their reading skills. Recently, Ms. Busby developed a "levelled" section in the library, whereby students take out packs of 10 books at a time to read at home and systematically work their way through the levels. Teachers also use these books to teach guided reading in their classrooms.

Beyond the library, Ms. Busby is the organizer and spirit of the school's student leadership team, involving more than fifty (50) students from Grades 4 to 7. She leads this team in meetings every week of the school year. Through its many impressive accomplishments over the years, the Leadership Team has developed tremendous school pride – for Team members, as well as students and staff through-out the school.

The Leadership Team activities include: seeking, and overseeing many minor renovations; planting over twenty (20) trees; fundraising for four (4) school yard benches; writing the Superintendent for support and organizing a complete school courtyard renovation; sponsoring a child from India; campaigning for the food bank; making scarves and hats for homeless people; resurfacing the school earthquake bin; training and organizing the school mascot and working on community service plans with social development students.

Ms. Busby's efforts in supporting and directing this team in a crime prevention initiative resulted in recognition by the Attorney-General.

Whether as a knowledgeable resource person, or a planning partner to teachers, Ms. Busby is a valued colleague and leader in her school. She is a positive, altruistic educator who tirelessly works to improve student

learning and inspires students to be leaders and role models in our society. She continues to have an unbridled enthusiasm for teaching.

The Board recognized Elaine Busby for her leadership and selfless commitment to the students of Riverdale Elementary School. On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Wilson presented Ms. Busby with a certificate of recognition and a commemorative pin.

BCSTA Presentation:

On behalf of the BC School Trustees' Association, Chairperson Wilson presented Trustee McNally with a Certificate of Honour recognizing her receipt of a Long-Service Life Membership in the BC School Trustees' Association, at their recent conference in Prince George. The presentation of the BCSTA Honorary Life Membership to Trustee McNally was presented in recognition of twenty-one (21) years of dedicated service to public education. It expressed the appreciation and respect of the membership for her service to students, public schools and the community.

(d) Presentation: Heritage Fair Winners

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the new Surrey Museum's first Heritage Fair held on 2006-04-28 and the participation of three Surrey School District elementary schools.

Sponsored by Historica, The Historical Foundation of Canada, the Heritage Fair provides both elementary and secondary school students the opportunity to prepare research projects on local, regional, and national topics related to the history, culture, economics, geography, and sociology of Canada.

Spearheaded by Gary McLaughlin, Social Studies Helping Teacher, this year's Heritage Fair had "pilot" status. Historica, in recognition of Surrey's vast student population and the high quality of instruction in social studies, wanted to provide Surrey School District students and their teachers with a unique opportunity to display the knowledge, imagination, and presentation skills required to create a lively and engaging project. Three (3) schools chose to participate in the project: Sullivan Elementary, Boundary Park Elementary, and Royal Heights Elementary. The Surrey School District also had the opportunity to place up to five of this year's Surrey projects in the Regional Fair in Richmond, scheduled for May 5th.

The following students presented their Heritage Fair Projects to Trustees, were presented by:

- David Lo and Jimmy Lee, Boundary Park Elementary
- Alysha Sidhu, Boundary Park Elementary

- Michelle Littlewood and Rachel Riley, Sullivan Elementary; and
- Adam Schmidke, Sullivan Elementary

One entrant from each region is chosen to attend the National Heritage Fair in Ottawa each summer. Adam Schmidke from Sullivan Elementary won first place at the Richmond Regional Heritage Fair and was chosen to represent the Richmond Regional Heritage Fair at the Halifax National Fair.

Victoria Holden and Devon Hardie, Sullivan Heights Secondary, won the Laurier LaPierre Award at the Richmond Regional Fair.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No Items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2006-04-06

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2006-04-06 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) 2006-2007 Board Authorized Course

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

THAT the Board approve the Board Authorized Courses for the 2006-2007

CARRIED

(c) Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures – Nine Months Ended 2006-03-31

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

THAT the Board accept the Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures for the nine (9) months ended 2006-03-31, as presented.

CARRIED

- (d) Interim Financial Report – Special Purpose Funds – Nine Months Ended 2006-03-31

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

THAT the Board accept the Special Purpose Fund Schedules for the nine (9) months ended 2006-03-31 as presented.

CARRIED

- (e) Frank Hurt Secondary – Site #106 – Seismic Mitigation Program – Project Agreement

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

THAT the Board ratify the Capital Project Agreement in the sum of:

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| (a) \$796,120 | Capital funding from the Province |
| (b) \$ 78,962 | To be held as contingency reserve to address increases in capital project construction costs. |

CARRIED

- (f) Capital Project Bylaw No. 115329 Re: Frank Hurt Secondary – Site #106 – Project Funding

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115329 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115329 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115329 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115329 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Progress Report - Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(b) Report Re: Strategies to Address Halloween Night Activities

Theresa Campbell, Manager, Safe Schools, provided Trustees with a verbal report on the plans to address the safety and vandalism concerns surrounding activities that have taken place in the school district on Halloween night over the last few years.

School District staff have been working very closely with the RCMP to develop strategies and initiatives to improve the safety of students, staff, community members as well as school district property throughout Surrey and White Rock.

(c) School Calendars 2006/2007

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the 2006/2007 School Calendars.

The *School Act* requires that the School Calendar be provided to parents and the community prior to the end of May for the next school year. The Superintendent assured the Board this work is well underway in the schools throughout the district.

(d) Incoming Correspondence

Trustees reviewed Correspondence #3-02 from Mayor Dianne Watts, City of Surrey, requesting the Board's support in Maple Leaf Day Ceremonies across Canada.

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

THAT Administration be directed to advise the City of Surrey of the Board's support in working together to develop a City-wide celebration recognizing Maple Leaf Day on 2006-09-27.

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 Stilwell:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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