

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, JUNE 15th, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
P. Glass, Vice-Chairperson
T. Allen (part)
W. Jefferson
R. Masi
L. McNally (part)
H. Stilwell

Staff

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

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Robert Coventry, Assistant Superintendent; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; David Howard, Principal, Earl Marriott Secondary School; and Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services.

Trustee Attendance

Chairperson Wilson advised that Trustees Allen and McNally were not present at the meeting as they were representing the Board at graduation ceremonies.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 1(c) *Recognition: Carla Visscher-Hensel, Student, Earl Marriott Secondary, Re: AirWaves Contest Winner*, be moved to later in the agenda, as the parties were not yet present.

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

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

CARRIED

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Anne Van Rhyn, Inter-A Student Society, Re: Inter-A as a Choice Program

Trustee Allen arrived to the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Anne Van Rhyn, parent; Chi-Chu Rasmusens, parent; Whitney Sharp, student; Adam Rossi, student; and Terry Forst, former student; representing the Inter-A Student Society, provided Trustees with information regarding the Inter-A program. The representatives explained the philosophy and key components of the program, which include:

- Inter-A was established in the Surrey School District twenty-five (25) years ago to encourage the growth of self-confidence, leadership and cooperative skills, to provide enrichment and challenge for able students as well as providing for a greater range and flexibility of remediation and individualized learning.
- The program motivates students to participate in designing their learning experience and develops their sense of responsibility to themselves, to others, to their environment and to their community.
- The program is open to students from Grades 7 to 12 wanting to work in a student-centred environment

The delegation is requesting that the Board provide continued support for the Inter-A program as a district choice program and highlighted several concerns, including:

- The Inter-A Student Society requested greater autonomy to run this district program without school administration impacting the Inter-A philosophy.
- A sense that there is a need for greater communication and consultation in general. The delegation wants to improve lines of communication and to establish a better consultation process with the Board and staff.
- The status of program component - Community Leadership.
- Reduction of classroom space for next year. There are currently seven (7) teachers in the Inter-A program, teaching in seven (7) classrooms. In the next school year, there will only be six (6) classrooms available to the program. (A portable will no longer be available to the program.)

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- The delegation also requested clarification on whether the Inter-A program will continue to be a program of choice and available to students from the entire district, or will the catchment area for this program be narrowed.

Trustees requested Administration to bring a report on the status of the Inter-A program curriculum reductions and spatial issues to the next Regular Board meeting.

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

[1] **CALL TO ORDER / continued**

- (c) Recognition: Carla Visscher-Hensel, Student, Earl Marriott Secondary, Re: Airwaves Contest Winner

The Board recognized Carla Visscher-Hensel, a Grade 12 student at Earl Marriott Secondary, who has very successfully combined social responsibility, creativity, writing ability, marketing savvy and a bit of broadcasting talent; resulting in a very high-profile achievement.

Carla chose to participate in an annual scholarship contest aimed at heightening awareness of the importance of reducing vehicle emissions to improve air quality.

This scholarship, called the AirCare AirWaves Scholarship contest, was open to Grade 11 and 12 students throughout the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley. Participants were required to script and produce a 30-second radio commercial encouraging the reduction of vehicle emissions. The scholarship had the sponsorship and support of the B.C. Lung Association, the B.C. Medical Association and the Environmental Youth Alliance, among others.

This year's contest had a total of 119 entries – double the number in the previous year. Carla's radio ad was number one and has been broadcast on radio stations CKNW, Z95-3, C-ISL and StarFM.

For her winning entry, Carla was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for use toward her post-secondary education. Earl Marriott Secondary received a \$250 grant to support an environmental initiative at the school.

The Surrey School Board recognized Carla Visscher-Hensel for her exceptional writing, creativity and initiative in winning the AirCare AirWaves Scholarship. The Chairperson presented her with a certificate of recognition and pin.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2006-06-01

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2006-06-01 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Bylaw #158, Re: Rosemary Heights West Area Elementary – Site #189 – Road Dedication

Trustee McNally arrived to the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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

THAT Bylaw #158, Re: Rosemary Heights West Area Elementary – Site #189 – Road Dedication be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #158, Re: Rosemary Heights West Area Elementary – Site #189 – Road Dedication be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #158, Re: Rosemary Heights West Area Elementary – Site #189 – Road Dedication be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #158, Re: Rosemary Heights West Area Elementary – Site #189 – Road Dedication be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(c) Annual Bus Pass Fees 2006/2007

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

THAT the charge for school bus passes, referred to in Board Policy #5400 – *Pupil Transportation*, be maintained at \$30.00 per month for the 2006/2007 school year.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

(b) Progress Report - Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(c) 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.

(d) 2006/2007 Board Authorized Courses

Robert Coventry, Assistant Superintendent, provided Trustees with information on the proposed 2006/2007 Board Authorized Course. The list of proposed 2006/2007 Board Authorized Courses will be presented to the Board for formal consideration at the next Regular Board meeting.

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the three additional *2006/2007 Board Authorized Courses* at the 2006-06-15 meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Board approve the Board Authorized Courses for Student Leadership 12, Growing Together Grade 11, and Growing Together Grade 12; for implementation in the 2006/2007 school year.

CARRIED

(e) Superintendent's Annual Report

Mike McKay, Superintendent of Schools, provided Trustees with a verbal report on his observations of the achievements and successes throughout the school district. He particularly noted the progress of the Board's key work relative to literacy initiatives, Vision 2010, the school review process and many other district programs. The Superintendent visited all of the schools in the district during his first year with the Board and has found these school visits very encouraging and informative. He assured the board that teachers are engaged in effective instruction and assessment and our students are receiving a wide variety of educational opportunities.

(f) 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 Jefferson, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer