

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, NOVEMBER 23rd, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

[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:

Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Lui Passaglia, BC Lions Director of Community Relations; Pius Ryan, Director of Instruction; Angie Smith, Administrative Secretary and Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

Chairperson Wilson requested that item 2(h) *Transportation Committee Report (verbal)* be removed from the agenda and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: BC Lions, re: Support of Surrey School District Students

The Board recognized the BC Lions organization for their long-standing support of education and Surrey School District students in particular.

Pius Ryan, Director of Instruction and Maureen Cobb, Helping Teacher, provided Trustees with information regarding the many different ways the BC Lions organization has supported K-12 education in Surrey and White Rock.

Through sponsorships and personal, classroom involvement of team members, the BC Lions make a difference in the learning and the lives of Surrey School District students.

This is the fifth year of the very popular BC Lions' "*Read, Write and ROAR!*" program in which students in Grades 1 to 3 are provided reading incentives and materials. As part of the program, BC Lions players, former Lions star Lui Passaglia and the team mascot visits several elementary schools to promote reading. In addition, the BC Lions has awarded a \$250 Registered Education Savings Plan to a Surrey student for each of the last three years.

At the secondary level, the "*Lions in the House*" program involves BC Lions' team members speaking to students about the importance of a positive attitude and staying in school. The players also engage students in athletic competitions during a school assembly.

The BC Lions has been a partner and strong supporter in the development and promotion of the district's very successful PSST student website. The BC Lions also worked closely in development of the district's substance use educational DVD, "Gateway" which will be formally launched in a few weeks. Players provided personal, powerful messages in the DVD.

In addition, over the last five years, the BC Lions have donated autographed footballs to schools and books to school libraries. Players also visit students in the hospital at Christmas.

On behalf of the BC Lions, Lui Passaglia, provided additional information on their long-standing participation in support of the Surrey School District. Mr. Passaglia also brought the recently won Grey Cup to show to the Board and audience members.

The Surrey School Board recognized the BC Lions Football Club for its outstanding support of education and the students in the Surrey School District. The Chairperson presented Lui Passaglia, on behalf of the BC Lions organization, with a certificate of recognition and pin commemorating their formal Board recognition.

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[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2006-11-09**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2006-11-09 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) **Response to Delegation: Brian Roodnick, Chairman, Concerned Parents of BC, Re: Recent Agreement Between Government and the Correns**

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

THAT the Board extend its appreciation to Brian Roodnick, Chairman, Concerned Parents of BC, Re: Recent Agreement Between Government and the Correns delegation for his presentation at the 2006-10-26 Regular Board meeting; and

THAT the Board acknowledge the points raised in the delegation presentation and confirms its support of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child – Principal 7 as interpreted and directed by the Ministry of Education for the Province of British Columbia; and

THAT the Superintendent of Schools offer to meet with representatives from Concerned Parents of BC to:

- share with them the district policies and practices currently in place that may allay their concerns regarding the Alternative Delivery of curriculum;
- communicate the district's confidence in its procedures for informing parents regarding such matters; and
- advise the organization's representatives of processes in place for ongoing policy review and potential amendments in order to ensure that community needs and concerns are appropriately addressed.

CARRIED

(c) Amendment to the Five-Year Capital Plan 2007-2011

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, advised the Board that the Ministry of Education had originally requested Boards to submit a separate seismic plan for their capital program. In November 2006, the Ministry directed Boards to amalgamate their seismic plans into their Five-Year Capital Plans.

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

THAT the Board approve the Amendment to the Five-Year Capital Budget for 2007 – 2011 as presented, for submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

(d) Interim Financial Report – Special Purpose Funds – Three Months Ended 2006-09-30

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the interim financial report for the Special Purpose Funds for the three months ended 2006-09-30.

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

THAT the Board accept the Special Purpose Fund Schedules for the three (3) months ended 2006-09-30 as presented.

CARRIED

(e) Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures – Three Months Ended 2006-09-30

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer and Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services, provided Trustees with information regarding the Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures for the three months ended 2006-09-30.

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

THAT the Board accept the Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures for the three (3) months ended 2006-09-30, as presented.

CARRIED

(f) Capital Project Bylaw No. 115356 (Senator Reid Elementary – Site #060 – Project Funding)

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115356 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115356 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115356 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115356 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(g) International Students – Tuition Fees

Peter Drescher, Deputy Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed modest increase for the tuition fees for international fee paying students for the 2007/2008 school year.

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

THAT the Board approve the 2007/2008 tuition fees for international fee-paying students at \$12,800 (comprised of \$12,100 tuition + \$700 medical).

CARRIED

[4] INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) 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 McNally, seconded by Trustee Jefferson:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer