

**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, DECEMBER 14th, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**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  
L. McCuaig, Administrative Assistant

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:31 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; Sharon Cohen, Assistant Superintendent; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction, CISC; Amy Newman, Elementary Fine Arts Helping Teacher, CISC; Angela 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 1(c) be revised to *Presentation: Student Winners of Centennial Bookmark Designs Competition* and item 4(b) *Progress Report – Active Capital Projects* be updated and added to the agenda.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Presentation: Student Winners of Centennial Bookmark Designs Competition

Amy Newman, Fine Arts Helping Teacher, provided Trustees with information about the Centennial Bookmark Designs Competition that was held during the last school year. Students from K-12 in the district's oldest schools participated with over 100 entries being submitted. The top 12 entries were selected. As a legacy to the district's Centennial Celebration, 65,000 bookmarks have been printed and a bookmark will be provided to each K-12 student in the district.

The winning students included:

Simran Nahal, Grade 3, Strawberry Hill Elementary  
Leanne Steeves, Grade 3, Strawberry Hill Elementary  
Matthew Hitchinson, Kindergarten, Cloverdale Traditional School  
Grace French, Grade 3, Port Kells Elementary  
Katie Alexandre, Grade 5, Port Kells Elementary  
Shasin Hamal, Grade 6, Anniedale Traditional School  
Joanne Yiu, Grade 6, Anniedale Traditional School  
Brianna Geoghegan, Grade 5, Crescent Park Elementary  
Patricia Buenaventura, Grade 9, Guildford Park Secondary  
Lisa Nguyen, Grade 9, Guildford Park Secondary  
Thea Respicio, Grade 9, Guildford Park Secondary  
Marilyn Mach, Grade 9, Guildford Park Secondary

Katie Alexandre, a grade 6 student at Port Kells Elementary, described the reasons she chose the feather pen and modern pen for her bookmark theme. Combining a school tool from 100 years ago with a modern version of the tool, appealed to her as a good visual representation of the Board's Centennial celebration.

The Chairperson presented each of the winning students with a plaque acknowledging their winning entry in the Centennial Bookmark Designs Competition.

[2] DELEGATIONS

No items.

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[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2006-11-23

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2006-11-23 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) 2007/2008 Board Authorized Courses

Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction, provided Trustees with information on the proposed 2007/2008 Board Authorized Courses.

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

THAT the Board approve the following Board Authorised Courses for the 2007/2008 school year:

- Broadcasting Recording Arts Technology 12
- Interdisciplinary Studies 11
- Interior Design 11
- Photo Design 12.

CARRIED

(c) Accountability Contract for 2006/2007

Sharon Cohen, Assistant Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the 2006/2007 Accountability Contract. The contract addresses three (3) major district goals for improving student achievement in the areas of: Reading, Writing and Social Responsibility. These goals have found expression in the vast majority of school plans submitted by School Planning councils across the district.

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

THAT the Board approve the Accountability Contract for 2006/2007.

CARRIED

(d) Annual Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the Year Ended 2006-06-30

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the Annual Statement of Financial Information for the year ended 2006-06-30.

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

THAT the Board approve the statements and schedules included in the Statement of Financial Information for the Year Ended 2006-06-30, as required under Section 2 of the *Financial Information Act*; and

THAT the report be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

(e) Election of Board Chairperson & Vice Chairperson - 2006

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

THAT the Board proceed to elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson in accordance with Policy #2915 – *Trustee Elections – Chairperson & Vice Chairperson* and its Regulation #2915.1.

CARRIED

Chairperson Wilson passed the gavel to Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, at 8:04 p.m.

**Election of Chairperson**

Mr. Noye called for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2006/2007. Trustee Glass nominated Trustee Wilson. Trustee Wilson accepted the nomination.

As Trustee Wilson has served three consecutive terms of office as Chairperson, a waiver of Board Policy #2915 – *Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson*, is required.

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

THAT Board Policy #2915 – *Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson* be waived in order to permit Trustee Wilson to hold the office of Chairperson for a fourth consecutive term of office.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Allen, McNally and Stilwell)

Mr. Noye called twice more for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2006/2007 and hearing none, declared Trustee Wilson elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 36 (Surrey) for a one year term of office.

### **Election of Vice Chairperson**

Mr. Noye called for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson for 2006/2007. Trustee Jefferson nominated Trustee Masi. Trustee Masi accepted the nomination.

Mr. Noye called a second time for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson for 2006/2007. Trustee Allen nominated Trustee McNally. Trustee McNally accepted the nomination.

Mr. Noye called a third and final time for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson for 2006/2007. There were no further nominations.

Mr. Noye recommended that Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services, act as scrutineers.

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

THAT Patti Dundas and Simon Ayres be appointed scrutineers for the elect of Board Vice Chairperson.

**CARRIED**

The scrutineers conducted the voting for the office of Vice Chairperson and provided the results to Mr. Noye. Mr. Noye announced that Trustee Masi was elected as Vice Chairperson of the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 36 (Surrey) for a one year term of office.

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

THAT the scrutineers destroy the ballots for the election of Vice Chairperson and the scrutineers be discharged with gratitude.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Noye congratulated Chairperson Wilson and Vice Chairperson Masi on their elections. The newly elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson assumed their new positions.

Mr. Noye returned the gavel to Chairperson Wilson at 8:13 p.m.

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[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their recent activities.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(c) Twelfth Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee 2005/2006

Sharon Cohen, Assistant Superintendent, provided Trustees with information on the Twelfth Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee for 2005/2006.

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

THAT the Board receive the Twelfth Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee 2005/2006, for information.  
CARRIED

d) Report on Changes to Classes Pursuant to Section 76.4 of the School Act

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with an update report on changes to classes pursuant to Section 76.4 of the *School Act*.

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

THAT the Board accept the report on changes to classes pursuant to Section 76.4 of the *School Act*.  
CARRIED

(e) Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments – 2007

Trustees were requested to advise the Chairperson of particular committees they wished to serve on for 2007, by 2006-12-31. The 2007 Board Committees and Trustee Representation appointments will be brought to a future meeting for information, when completed.

The Chairperson thanked Trustee Glass for her service to the Board as Vice Chairperson throughout the last year.

(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 McNally, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.  
CARRIED

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S. Wilson  
Chairperson

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W. D. Noye  
Secretary-Treasurer