

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 26th, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

Absent

P. Glass

[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; Denise Brown, BC Hydro Power Smart Program; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Barry Fergusson, BC Hydro Power Smart Program; Linda Gertz, Assistant Manager, Fiscal Planning & External Reporting; Dan Hall, Technologist, Mechanical Dept.; Wendy Long, Visual Arts Department Head, Enver Creek Secondary; Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Lance Nordling, Director, Physical Plant & Transportation Services; and Angie Smith, Administrative Secretary.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

The Chairperson requested that item 4(b) *Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, re: Continuing Education Teachers*; be removed from the agenda.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Wendy Long, Visual Art Department, Enver Creek Secondary School; re: Contribution to Art Education

The Board recognized Wendy Long, Visual Arts Department Head at Enver Creek Secondary, for her commitment and contribution to Art education.

Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction provided the Board with information about Ms. Long and her accomplishments. Wendy Long is one of the district's Art teachers who is clearly among the best and most dedicated in this province, if not the country. She is the Visual Arts Department Head at Enver Creek Secondary; however, her commitment and contribution to Art education extends well beyond her school.

Late last year, the "Canadian Society for Education through Art" awarded Ms. Long its "B.C. Art Educator Award" for excellence in teaching, as well as her leadership and significant contributions to Art education. The society's President says Ms. Long "*has an energetic approach to her teaching and a passion for art that captures her students and leads to their successes.*"

In February this year, Ms. Long received the B.C. Art Teachers' Association's "Excellence in Art Education Award".

Besides these recognitions, Ms. Long has advocated and promoted Arts education on many fronts. She's been involved in the B.C. Student Film Festival, served on the B.C. Art Teachers' Association Executive for several years--including as president, and she has written curriculum for the Ministry of Education.

Ms. Long also hosts an exhibition of professional artists' work to raise funds for a senior art student scholarship at Enver Creek. She also teaches in the "Artists For Kids Trust" summer arts program. It's fair to say, Ms. Long has her profession down to a "fine art".

The Board recognized Wendy Long for her passionate dedication and contribution to art education in the Surrey School District.

The Chairperson presented Ms. Long with a certificate of recognition and a pin commemorating her formal Board recognition.

(d) Presentation: BC Power Smart Students' Program

Lance Nordling, Director, Physical Plant & Transportation Services, provided the Board with information on the BC Power Smart Students' Program. As a district we are committed to using energy saving efforts in our buildings. BC Hydro has been very supportive of the BC Power Smart Students' Program in Surrey.

Dan Hall, Technologist, Mechanical Dept., SD36 (Surrey); Denise Browne and Barry Fergusson, BC Hydro; worked with the students participating in the program.

Participating students presented an Energy Efficiency Agenda which highlighted the Power Smart Students' Program. The BC Hydro Power Smart Students' Program is a work experience program that provides information on energy and energy conservation. The students gained an understanding of engineering and presentation skills.

The students want to help the school communities bring out their potential in long-term energy savings to save money, protect the environment and to reduce the impact of possible price inflations. They propose the "Gotta Little Energy?" competition between comparative secondary schools to create awareness in school communities about the importance of saving energy; to encourage good habits and self-discipline; to increase unity and teamwork within schools; to promote leadership and to save energy and money.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2007-04-12

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2007-04-12 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Report of the 2007/2008 Budget Committee

Trustee Allen, as Chair of the 2007/2008 Budget Committee, provided Trustees with information regarding the Report of the 2007/2008 Budget Committee.

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

THAT all decisions taken by the 2007/2008 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 2007/2008 totalling \$502,970,819 in operating expenditures be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2007/2008 Annual Budget Bylaw be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2007/2008 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2007/2008 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2007/2008 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (c) Interim Financial Report – Special Purpose Funds – Nine Months Ended 2007-03-31

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

THAT the Board accept the Special Purpose Funds Schedules for the nine (9) months ended 2007-03-31 as presented.

CARRIED

- (d) Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures – Nine Months Ended 2007-03-31

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

THAT the Board accept the Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures for the nine (9) months ended 2007-03-31, as presented.

CARRIED

- (e) Award of Contract – Senator Reid Elementary School – Site #060 – Seismic Mitigation Project

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract Documents with the lowest qualified bidder, Envoy Construction Services Ltd., in the total amount of \$760,000 (excluding GST) for a seismic upgrade to Senator Reid Elementary – Site #060, located at 9341 – 126 Street.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

- (a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

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

THAT the Board write to the Members of Parliament for Surrey and White Rock and the federal Minister of Finance to support the exemption of school districts/boards from payment of the Goods and Services Tax; and

THAT a copy of the letter be sent to the SD36 District Parents' Advisory Council and Parent Advisory Councils in the district.

CARRIED

District Review Process

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information on the District Review Process which is currently being revised.

The district recently underwent a District Review by a team of eight (8) people over a four (4) day period. The team met with all areas of district leadership, employee groups, DPAC and the Aboriginal Advisory Council and visited twenty-four (24) schools.

- (b) Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, re: Student Use of the Film "An Inconvenient Truth"

Trustee Stilwell provided Trustees with information regarding Student Use of the Film "An *Inconvenient Truth*" and presented a Notice of Motion for information. This motion will be brought to the next meeting for formal consideration.

- (c) Report on Changes to Classes Pursuant to Section 76.4 of the *School Act*

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with a report outlining the changes to classes that have taken place since the last reporting. The organization of classes is in compliance with the provisions of the *School Act* and is appropriate for student learning.

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

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

CARRIED

(d) Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the Six Months Ended 2006-12-31

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the Business Development Department's report on the financial activity for the six (6) month period ended 2006-12-31.

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

THAT the report regarding Business Development Activity for the Six Months Ended 2006-12-31, be received for information.
CARRIED

(e) 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 Allen:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

WDN/lm

W.D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer