

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN THE CITY OF SURREY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Masi called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Dolores Casellato, Past Chairperson, Fleetwood Elementary PAC; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Allison Sowinski, Vice Chairperson, Fleetwood Elementary PAC 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**

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

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

CARRIED

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

(a) **Delegation: Fleetwood Park Elementary Parents' Advisory Committee, Re: Pending Closure of Fleetwood Park Elementary School**

Allison Sowinski, Vice Chairperson, and Dolores Casellato, Past Chairperson, representing the Fleetwood Elementary School Parents' Advisory Council, provided Trustees with information highlighting concerns over the pending closure of Fleetwood Elementary School, scheduled for 2009.

The delegation's opinions and concerns included:

- Current parents were not involved in previous closure discussions.
- Closing the school will destroy the school community.
- Boundary changes have negatively impacted the school enrolment.
- Boundary changes parents wanted 5 years ago would not have destroyed the school community.
- Parents are not included in the decisions or advised of them.
- Parents were never told why the Board wants to close the school. Lots of excuses were given, but no reasons.
- What plans does the Board have for the property?
- If the school closes, the students will be sent to schools that are in the same condition as the school the Board is closing.

The delegation is requesting the Board to reconsider its decision to close Fleetwood Elementary.

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

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2007-12-13**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2007-12-13 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Annual Review of Kilometerage Expense Reimbursement Rate

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

THAT the Board increase the Kilometerage Expense Reimbursement Rate to \$0.51 per km. effective 2008-02-01.

CARRIED

(c) Award of Construction Contract – Ellendale Elementary – Site #084 – Seismic Upgrade

It was moved by Trustee Stilwell, 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, Point West Contract Management Ltd., in the total amount of \$808,000.00 (excluding GST) for seismic upgrade at Ellendale Elementary – Site #084, located at 14525 – 110A Avenue.

CARRIED

(d) Capital Project Bylaw No. 115772 – Replacement of Two New Seventy-Two Passenger Buses – Bus #3077 and Bus #3078

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115772 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115772 be read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115772 be read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115772 be read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (e) Bylaw #172, Re: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202 – Restrictive Covenant – No Building

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

THAT Bylaw #172, Re: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202 – Restrictive Covenant – No Building be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #172, Re: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202 – Restrictive Covenant – No Building be read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #172, Re: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202 – Restrictive Covenant – No Building be read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #172, Re: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202 – Restrictive Covenant – No Building be read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (f) Bylaw #173, Re: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202 – Restrictive Covenant – Creek Preservation

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

THAT Bylaw #173, Re: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202 – Restrictive Covenant – Creek Preservation be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #173, Re: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202 – Restrictive Covenant – Creek Preservation be read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #173, Re: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202 – Restrictive Covenant – Creek Preservation be read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #173, Re: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202 – Restrictive Covenant – Creek Preservation be read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees deferred this matter to a future meeting.

(b) Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments – 2008

Trustees received a list of the 2008 Board Committees / Trustee Representation Appointments for information. Several minor changes were noted.

(c) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

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

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the changes to classes in the last month.

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

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

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 McNally, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.
CARRIED

R. Masi
Chairperson

WDN/lm

W.D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer