

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, FEBRUARY 14th, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

Absent

S. Wilson

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Masi 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; Bob Coventry, Assistant Superintendent; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Linda Gertz, Assistant Manager, Fiscal Planning and External Reporting; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services; Kelsey Swanson, Manager, Community Development Services, City of Surrey and Lisa White, Manager of Community & Leisure Services, City of Surrey

(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(a) *Trustee Reports*, be removed from the agenda and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2008-01-24

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2008-01-24 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) International Students – Tuition Fees

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

THAT the Board approve the 2008/2009 tuition fees for international fee-paying students at \$12,800.00 (comprised of \$12,100.00 tuition + \$700.00 medical).

CARRIED

(c) 2007/2008 Amended Annual Operating Budget

Trustee Allen, as Chairperson of the 2008/2009 Budget Committee presented the Amended Annual 2007/2008 Operating Budget to the Board for formal consideration.

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Operating Budget for 2007/2008 totalling \$516,970,370 including \$508,304,419 in operating expenditures, be approved and supplied to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

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

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2007/2008 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

(d) District Education & Conference Centre (DECC) – Site Recommendation

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

THAT the Board approve the District Conference Centre site located at 9260 – 140th Street, Surrey, as the location for the new District Education and Conference Centre; and

THAT the Board direct Administration to work with Bunting Coady Architects to prepare and present site layout and design options for Board consideration and approval; and

THAT the Board direct Administration to continue to develop a transition plan to relocate staff and services to the District Education and Conference Centre.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) **Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, re: New Food Safety Rules**

Trustee Stilwell provided Trustees with information regarding New Food Safety Rules and presented a Notice of Motion for information.

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the *Notice of Motion, Trustee H. Stilwell, Re: New Food Safety Rules*, at the 2008-02-14 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS the Board of Education has been given many new food safety regulations; and

WHEREAS the Board understands and appreciates these rules have been made with the best of intentions; and

WHEREAS the Board has heard from staff and parents indicating these new regulations are causing serious, unforeseen consequences for schools.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct Administration to poll each school to ascertain the full extent of the effects of these regulations; and

THAT when poll results are provided to the Board, the Board initiate conversations with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health to seek alternative solutions; and

THAT the Board direct the Chairperson to write to the Minister of Education, and recommend the new food safety rules as a topic for consideration at the Education Round Table discussions.

CARRIED

(b) **Progress Report – Active Capital Projects**

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(c) Community Schools Initiative – Progress Report

Bob Coventry, Assistant Superintendent, Lisa White, Manager, Community & Leisure Services, and Kelsey Swanson, Manager, Community Development Services, City of Surrey; provided Trustees with a progress report on the Community Schools Initiative.

The Community School Partnerships' (C-SP) mission statement notes that:

Members of the C-SP are committed to working together to building community through:

- An alignment of resources
- Improved access to neighbourhood and city-wide services
- Innovative partnerships
- New spirit of collaboration and sense of vision amongst residents, agencies and businesses in Surrey.

The core components of the C-SP include:

- Quality education and community based learning
- Youth leadership
- Early Childhood Development
- Family and parenting supports
- Family and community engagement/mobilization
- Inter-cultural competence, community liveability and crime prevention.

The Community School Partnership Committee includes representatives from the Surrey School District, the City of Surrey, the United Way, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Fraser Health, the Surrey Child and Youth Committee, the Surrey Public Library and the RCMP. There are many community organizations involved in the Community Partners Advisory.

To date, the C-SP has completed work or continues to work on:

- Community consultation – what do child and youth focus groups at schools
- Parent focus groups
- Community needs survey / assessment
- Identified gaps in services, role in community.
- Established 12 community schools – focussed in 3 inner city hubs Newton, Whalley and Guildford.

Early Years is a strong component of this program and includes: Strong Start Preschool Program, Ready Set Learn, ESL Preschool Program, Kindergarten Readiness Program, Parenting Programs and Making Children First.

Other aspects of the C-SP include: Healthy Kids Who Cook Program, Parent Resource Guide, Quality Assurance, Leisure Access Program, Sport Fit Program, Team Building, Youth Leadership Program, and IR3 Program (intervention, rethink, refocus, reintegrate – an alternate to suspension).

The next steps for C-SP include:

- Continue with community consultations
- Continue with the development of local C-SP partnerships
- Site specific programming based on the responses received through focus groups, surveys and identified areas of need
- Community mapping and asset building
- Expand number of hubs/schools.

(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 Glass, seconded by Trustee Jefferson:

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.

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[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 Stilwell:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
CARRIED

R. Masi
Chairperson

WDN/lm

W.D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer