

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 28th, 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 7:32 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Debbie Gomersall, Administrative Assistant, Business Management Services; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Mark Mathiasen, Architect Graham Hoffart Mathiasen Architects; John Ormond, Assistant Superintendent; Stephen Redding, Principal, Semiahmoo Trail Elementary; Scott Sayer, Teacher, Semiahmoo Trail Elementary; 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**

The Chairperson requested that item 3(b) *Approval of Sketch Plans: South Newton West Area Elementary – Site #212 – New School*, be revised, item 4(a) *Trustee Reports*, be removed from the agenda and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

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(c) Recognition: Scott Sayer, Teacher, Semiahmoo Trail Elementary, re: Exceptional Dedication and Leadership

The Board recognized Scott Sayer, a recently retired teacher from Semiahmoo Trail Elementary for his exceptional dedication and leadership. Stephen Redding, Principal, Semiahmoo Trail Elementary, and several students and parents from the school provided Trustees with information.

Surrey School District teachers are dedicated and caring educators who give much of themselves in their role. Almost everyone has special memories of a particular teacher who made a difference in their lives, a teacher whose spirit and commitment was truly special.

Mr. Scott Sayer is one of those special teachers and is described as a true hero to teaching and the school community.

For 30-years, Mr. Sayer put his heart and soul into his work with students. He loved teaching and he touched the lives of many students, parents and colleagues. Mr. Sayer

- had a passion for teaching science
- was a leader in incorporating technology into teaching
- developed and maintained the school's computer lab and mobile lab
- was a choreographer and director at many school theatre productions
- was an amazing sports coach and a Games Day leader
- had a dynamic teaching style and hands-on learning focus
- and always modelled a glowing and positive attitude.

The Board recognized Scott Sayer for his exceptional dedication to teaching, and his outstanding school community support and leadership. The Chairperson presented Mr. Sayer with a certificate of recognition and a pin commemorating the formal Board recognition.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2008-02-14

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2008-02-14 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Cont'd...

- (b) Approval of Sketch Plans: South Newton West Area Elementary – Site #212 – New School

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer; Mark Mathiasen, Architect Graham Hoffart Mathiasen Architects; and Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed sketch plans for the new school South Newton West Area Elementary.

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

THAT the sketch plans for the construction of the new school South Newton West Area Elementary - Site #212, located at 6082 – 142nd Street, be approved as presented and the architect be instructed to proceed with the remaining stages of the project.

CARRIED

- (c) Capital Project Bylaw No. 108853 (South Newton West Area Elementary – Site #212 – New School)

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 108853 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 108853 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 108853 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 108853 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(d) Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126063-A – Combined Seismic Program

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126063-A be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126063-A be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126063-A be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126063-A be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Report on Pre-Kindergarten Initiatives

John Ormond, Assistant Superintendent provided Trustees with information regarding pre-kindergarten initiatives in place in the district.

The results of the Early Development Instrument used throughout BC, highlight the enormity of the educational challenge. Using five indicators of readiness, the EDI successfully identifies communities of highest vulnerability. Those five domains are: physical health and well-being; social competence; emotional maturity; language and cognitive development and communication skills and general knowledge.

Research in early childhood development makes it clear that for school readiness to be achieved we need to work on multiple fronts by addressing the range of needs of pre-school learners.

The Early Learning Framework, currently under development by the Ministry of Education, reinforces this notion of appropriate developmental intervention by:

- Emphasizing that learning must be developmentally appropriate
- Play-based learning is most suitable for targeting multiple developmental needs
- Children learn most effectively when that learning is nurtured and reinforced by the active involvement of families and caregivers.

The Early Learning Framework also emphasizes the primacy of literacy development in the preparation of pre-schoolers for entry to school, an obligation reflected in the mandated responsibility to develop a District Literacy Plan that highlights literacy programs for pre-school learners.

To support Surrey's pre-school learners a broad array of programs and initiatives are underway. These programs include:

- Ready, Set, Learn
- Welcome to Kindergarten
- Kindergarten Readiness Program / Play, Connect and Learn
- StrongStart Programs
- Family Literacy and Library Programs
- Grow and Learn Together
- First Steps Program
- City-Operated ECD Programs.

(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 Jefferson, seconded by Trustee Wilson:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:56 p.m.
CARRIED

R. Masi
Chairperson

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W.D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer