

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, MAY 8th, 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:

Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services; Susan Byrom, Corporate Citizenship Officer; Shell Busey, Housesmart Referral Network; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Mark Flynn, Secondary School Apprenticeship Coordinator; Linda Gertz, Assistant Manager, Fiscal Planning & External Reporting; Debbie Holmes, Secondary School Apprenticeship Coordinator; King Lum, Manager, Newton Rona Store; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Vicki Munn, Career Education Principal; Dave Paul, Assistant Superintendent; David Price, Principal, Cindrich Elementary School; Liane Ricou, Manager, Business Development; Angie Smith, Administrative Secretary; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services; and Lois Wilkinson, Board, Envision Financial.

(a) **“O Canada”**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang “O Canada”.

(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Cindrich Elementary Global Fighters re: Global Warming Education

The Board recognized the “Global Fighters” a small group of Grade 6 students at Cindrich Elementary, for their initiative and amazing leadership in social responsibility.

Dave Price, Principal, Cindrich Elementary, provided the Trustees with information regarding the Global Fighters, noting that the group was started in January when, after a conversation about global warming with her older sister, a Cindrich student was moved to talk with her school friends about the issue. From there, the friends decided they would take the lead in warning and informing others in their school – and the Global Fighters was born.

These students did a considerable amount of research and assembled a computer slide show on the topic of global warming, and they presented it to a school assembly on Earth Day last month.

The Global Fighters have succeeded in generating much discussion at Cindrich and in the community.

The Surrey School District recognized the Cindrich Global Fighters for their exceptional leadership and initiative in social responsibility regarding global warming.

Chairperson Masi presented each of the students with a pin commemorating the formal Board recognition. He also presented the Principal with a certificate of recognition.

(d) Presentation: Shell Busey, Rona & SD36 Home Improvement Retail Partnership Program for Youth at Risk

The Board received a presentation which introduced a new district program for Learning Centre students called the Home Improvement Retail Program. This innovative program was started by the Career Education Department when staff identified a need to give students in

Learning Centres an opportunity to explore viable and immediate career options. The Career Education Department should be commended for their determination to turn vision into reality in a short amount of time.

Debbie Holmes, Career Development Facilitator, Mark Flynn, Secondary School Apprenticeship Coordinator, and students in the program, provided Trustees with information on the new program and the committed team of community partners that make the program work.

King Lum, Manager, of the Newton Rona store, advised that Rona and the Rona Foundation have donated \$3,000 to cover program costs. Rona's three Surrey stores will also be accepting the program's ten students for three week work experience sessions.

Lois Wilkinson, Board, Envision Financial, indicated that Envision Financial is very pleased to participate in the program and have contributed \$2,500 – the final funding needed for the program to proceed.

Shell Busey, Housesmart Referral Network has been championing the program since it was a mere idea. Shell is teaching one week of the program in his South Surrey workshop and bringing a variety of home improvement gurus to visit with participating students. Shell's support and enthusiasm have been invaluable to the commencement of this new program.

The group unveiled the cheques presented by the Rona Foundation and Envision Financial.

On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Masi thanked Mr. Lum, Ms. Wilkinson and Mr. Busey for their generosity and support and presented each of them with a plaque of recognition.

(e) BCSTA Presentation to Trustees

On behalf of the BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA), Chairperson Masi presented certificates of recognition to the following Trustees for their completion of specific years of service:

- Trustee Terry Allen – 6 years of service
- Trustee Pam Glass – 9 years of service
- Trustee Heather Stilwell – 15 years of service; and
- Trustee Shawn Wilson – 12 years of service.

The BCSTA honours long-servicing Trustees with a special presentation and pin at their AGM and after the AGM, with certificates. The Chairperson noted that Trustee Laurae McNally has more than 20 years of service and was previously awarded life membership in the BCSTA.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2008-04-17

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2008-04-17 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Policy Development & Review Project – Completed Segments

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

THAT the Board approve the following new and revised policies:

Policy #2400 School Board Meetings & Trustee In-Service Sessions
Policy #2925 Trustees – Provision of Resources
Policy #6204 Selection of Project Architects and/or Consultants
Policy #7805 Principals and Vice Principals – Performance Reviews
Policy #8200 Local School Calendar
Policy #8425 Health and Career Education (K-10)
Policy #9902 Appeal Procedures

CARRIED

(c) Appeal Procedures Bylaw - Amendment

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

THAT *Amended Bylaw No. 5A – Appeal Procedures* be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT *Amended Bylaw No. 5A – Appeal Procedures* be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT *Amended Bylaw No. 5A – Appeal Procedures* be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT *Amended Bylaw No. 5A – Appeal Procedures* be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(d) Report of the 2008/2009 Budget Committee

Trustee Allen, as Chair of the 2008/2009 Budget Committee, provided Trustees with information regarding the Report of the 2008/2009 Budget Committee.

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

THAT all decisions taken by the 2008/2009 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 2008/2009 totalling \$525,910,155 in operating expenditures be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2008/2009 Annual Budget Bylaw be given three (3) reading at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2008/2009 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2008/2009 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2008/2009 Annual Budget Bylaw be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees briefly reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(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 Glass, 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) 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 Jefferson:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:57 p.m.
CARRIED

R. Masi
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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