

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, JUNE 12th, 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 7:30 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Gwen Adair, Career Education Coordinator; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Vicki Munn, Career Education Principal; Dr. Gina Ogilvie, Associate Director, BC Centre for Disease Control; Dr. Veronic Ouellette, Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health Authority; Marlene Penner; Susan Powell, Associate Dean, Community & Health Studies, Kwantlen University College; and Angela Smith, Administrative Secretary

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

(b) **Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting**

Chairperson Masi requested that item 3(f) – *Award of Construction Contract – Green Timbers Elementary – Site #043 – Seismic Upgrade* be added to the Agenda.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Presentation: Kwantlen University College & the Quad School Districts, re: Education & Community Health Specialties Program Partnership

Vicki Munn, Career Education Principal, Susan Powell, Associate Dean, Community & Health Studies, Kwantlen University College and Gwen Adair, Career Education Coordinator, provided Trustees with information regarding a new transition program partnership in Education and Community Health Specialties.

The program provides instruction in interpersonal communication, principles of person-centred practice, written communication for the workplace, principles of observation and 200 hours of practicum work in facilities in specialty areas including Residential Care Attendant, Community Support Worker, Special Education Assistant and, Geriatric-based Therapeutic Recreation. The focus of this program is building foundations and exploring options. The 200 hour practicum allows the students to experience the four options in professional settings.

Students transition to post secondary in their second semester of grade 12. The program provides dual credits, for both Grade 12 and for post secondary that are transferable to Kwantlen University College as well as other post secondary institutions.

The program will commence in February 2009 and will accommodate thirty students during its first session. The thirty seats will be available to the four participating school districts.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

(a) Delegation: Marlene Penner, re: Voluntary Gardasil Vaccination Program

Marlene Penner provided Trustees with her many concerns regarding the voluntary Gardasil Vaccination program proposed by the government of BC.

The delegation is requesting the Board to decline the immunization program out of consideration for the future health of the young women participating in the program.

- (b) Delegation: Dr. Veronic Ouellette, Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health Authority, re: Voluntary Gardasil Vaccination Program

Dr. Veronic Ouellette, Medical Health Officer, and Dr. Elizabeth Brodtkin, Medical Health Officer, Fraser Health Authority, provided Trustees with information regarding the voluntary Gardasil Vaccination program proposed by the government of BC.

The delegation is requesting the Board to support the immunization program out of consideration for the future health of the young women participating in the program.

- (c) Delegation: Dr. Gina Ogilvie, Associate Director, BC Centre for Disease Control, re: Voluntary Gardasil Vaccination Program

Dr. Gina Ogilvie, Associate Director, BC Centre for Disease Control, provided Trustees with information regarding the voluntary Gardasil Vaccination program proposed by the government of BC. Carmen Rock provided Trustees with information regarding her experiences as a patient with cervical cancer.

The delegation is requesting the Board to support the immunization program out of consideration for the future health of the young women participating in the program.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2008-05-29

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2008-05-29 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Trustee H. Stilwell Motion, re: Gardasil Vaccine

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

THAT WHEREAS the Ministry of Health has announced its plans to distribute information to parents regarding the voluntary vaccine, Gardasil; and

WHEREAS the vaccine has had fewer than 10 years of testing; and

WHEREAS some very serious side effects have been reported; and

WHEREAS some of these reported side effects included blood clots, seizures, paralysis, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, and even some deaths; and

WHEREAS the testing done included very few young girls; and

WHEREAS there is no knowledge yet about the long-term consequences of this vaccine, so the very real possibility exists of future harm; and

WHEREAS the administration of the vaccine in schools gives an impression of endorsement by the Board, and, indeed of safety; and

WHEREAS if harm occurred, the Board of Education could be included in any future suit because of this impression of endorsement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board inform the Ministry of Health that we will not have the schools used for administering Gardasil.

DEFEATED (In Favour: Trustees Stilwell & Glass)

(c) Response to Delegations re: Voluntary Gardasil Vaccination Program

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

THAT the Board extend its appreciation to Ms. McNeeley for her very thoughtful input during her presentation at the 2008-05-29 Regular Board meeting regarding the Voluntary Gardasil Vaccination Program; and

THAT the Board extend its appreciate to Ms. Penner, Dr. Ouellette and Dr. Olgivie for their thoughtful input during their presentations at the 2008-06-12 Regular Board meeting regarding the Voluntary Gardasil Vaccination Program; and

THAT the Board considered a motion on 2008-06-12 regarding the Voluntary Gardasil Vaccination Program; and

THAT Administration be directed to formally advise all delegations who made presentations on this matter of the Board's decision.

CARRIED

- (d) Establishment of Parent Advisory Councils: Cambridge Elementary – Site #151, Pacific Heights Elementary – Site #134, Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032 and North Surrey Learning Centre – Site #591

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

THAT the Board formally recognize the establishment of a Parents' Advisory Council for the following schools:

- Cambridge Elementary – Site #151,
- Pacific Heights Elementary – Site #134,
- Panorama Ridge Secondary – Site #032; and
- North Surrey Learning Centre – Site #591.

CARRIED

- (e) Award of Construction Contract – Sullivan Elementary – Site #021 – Seismic and Envelope Upgrades

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract Documents with the lowest qualified bidder, Wood Projects Ltd., in the total amount of \$827,900.00 (excluding GST) for seismic and envelope upgrades at Sullivan Elementary – Site #021, located at 6016 – 152nd Street.

CARRIED

- (f) Award of Construction Contract – Green Timbers Elementary – Site #043 – Seismic Upgrade

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract Documents with the lowest qualified bidder, Civil Construction Co. Ltd., in the total amount of \$1,998,888.00 (excluding GST) for seismic upgrade at Green Timbers Elementary – Site #043, located at 8824 – 144 Street.

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 Stilwell, seconded by Trustee Glass.

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.

[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 9:25 p.m.
CARRIED

R. Masi
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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