

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, OCTOBER 9th, 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:

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Lise Schrag, Vice Principal, Newton Elementary; Mugs Staller, volunteer, Newton 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**

Chairperson Masi requested that item 2(a) *Delegation: Martin Rooney, re: HIV / AIDS Awareness Day / Week*, be removed from the agenda.

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

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

(c) Presentation: Newton Elementary School re: Invitation to Newton Kee Sham, Aap Kay Naam

Mugs Staller, a volunteer at Newton Elementary School and two grade 5 students, Jayda and Amy, provided Trustees with information regarding a significant fundraising event the school, parents' advisory committee and neighbourhood community are working on to raise funds for a new playground. The school will be hosting the Newton Kee Sham, Aap Kay Naam (translation: "a celebration in your honour") event on Friday, November 21st at the Dhaliwal Banquet Hall at 6:30 p.m. The evening will feature entertainment put on by many of the students; a fashion show; a silent auction; a three course dinner buffet and a very special dance performed by the staff.

Chairperson Masi thanked the students for their presentation and advised that the Trustees would try to attend the event in November.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2008-09-25

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2008-09-25 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Award of Construction Contract – Dr. F. D. Sinclair Elementary – Site #037 – Seismic Upgrade

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed seismic upgrade construction project for Dr. F. D. Sinclair Elementary.

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, H.R.C. Construction Inc., in the total amount of \$1,818,000. (excluding GST) for seismic upgrade at Dr. F. D. Sinclair Elementary - Site #037, located at 7480 – 128 Street.

CARRIED

(c) Award of Construction Contract – South Newton West Area Elementary – Site #212 – New School

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed new school construction project for South Newton West Area Elementary.

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 with the lowest qualified bidder, Envoy Construction Services Ltd., in the total amount of \$10,245,000. (excluding GST) for a new school – South Newton West Area Elementary - Site #212, located at 6082 – 142nd Street.

CARRIED

(d) Schedule of Board Meeting Dates - 2009

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer; provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed Board meeting dates for the calendar year 2009.

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

THAT the Board waive Policy #2400 - *School Board Meetings and Trustee In-Service Sessions* in determining the Board meeting dates for January, April and November 2009; approve the 2009 schedule of Board meetings as presented and the meetings scheduled for the last Thursday in August and the second Thursday in September be held only if the Chairperson determines there is a need for such meetings.

CARRIED

(e) Organization of Classes

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the organization of classes for 2008/2009.

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

THAT the Board accept the report of Superintendent McKay regarding the organization of classes in the school district; and

THAT the report be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees 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) Policy Development & Review Project – Completed Segments

Trustees received information on the draft revisions and proposed changes to policies. The policies will be brought to the next meeting for formal consideration.

(d) Report re: Extent of the Effects of the New Food Safety Regulations

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the extent of the effects of the new Food Safety Regulations.

(e) Report on Class Sizes

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding class sizes.

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

 THAT the Board receive the 2008/2009 Report on Class Sizes for information.

CARRIED

(f) 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 McNally:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:11 p.m.
CARRIED

R. Masi
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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