

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, NOVEMBER 27th, 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 (part)
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:

Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Gary Holtz, Manager, Security; Alan Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Lance Nordling, Director of Physical Plant & Transportation Services; John Ormond, Assistant Superintendent; Angela Smith, Administrative Secretary; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services; and Glenn Young, Physical Education and Athletics Helping Teacher.

(a) **"O Canada"**

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

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

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

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

(c) Recognition: Surrey School District Coaches

The Board recognized the district's many Teacher-Coaches who give so much of their time and expertise to ensure our students have an opportunity to experience and benefit from a school sport or athletic activity.

Glenn Young, Physical Education and Athletics Helping Teacher, provided Trustees with information regarding the outstanding dedication of the Teacher-Coaches throughout the district. There are many studies and countless examples that show athletic activity through school sports programs benefits students in many significant ways including increasing self-confidence, promoting social skills, improving physical health and increasing school spirit.

Most people appreciate the importance of school athletics programs, to the point that many take such programs for granted; believing all schools will have them all the time. However, it takes a considerable amount of time and effort to make these programs happen. Much of the time and effort for these athletic activities is donated.

To highlight the commitment required by our Teacher-Coaches: in our district at the elementary level there are approximately 475 sports teams involving more than 17,000 students, supported by 650 coaches. There are another 500 teams, 7,500 students and 650 coaches at the secondary level.

The amount of time needed to support all these teams and students is estimated at well over 100,000 volunteer hours in total.

Many people think coaching is running practices and coaching the games. Teacher-Coaches not only teach, when it comes to athletics, they are also mentors, managers, organizers, referees and even fundraisers. They also help cover each others' classes when someone has a road trip or other student sport commitment.

The Board recognized Surrey School District Teacher-Coaches for their extraordinary commitment and dedication to supporting students through school athletic programs.

The Chairperson presented certificates of recognition to the Surrey Elementary Athletics Society and the Surrey Secondary School Athletics Association on behalf of all Teacher-Coaches in the district.

(d) Recognition: Facilities and Business Management Staff, re: Halloween

The Board recognized employees from the Facilities and Business Management Services departments for their exceptional support and perseverance in the protection of school facilities during Halloween.

Lance Nordling, Director of Physical Plant & Transportation Services, provided Trustees with information regarding annual Halloween security activities and challenges.

Every Halloween our community, like most others, faces a much heightened potential for vandalism. The district has seen its share of Halloween-related damage, ranging from littered school grounds to smashed windows and even fires.

However, a great deal of progress has been made in deterring such crime and activities over the last half-dozen years in particular. In fact, our district has been successful in significantly reducing the costs associated with Halloween vandalism.

While a number of initiatives involving several district departments, parents, the RCMP and the community have contributed to our success, staff members of two departments in particular have consistently gone above and beyond to personally assist our schools.

For eight consecutive years, employees from the Facilities and Business Management Services departments have given their time to organize, support, or be involved in school patrols each Halloween. These patrols usually start at about 7:00 p.m. and continue to midnight – sometimes later if the situation calls for it. They are out there on weekends as well.

There have been nights when the explosions and smoky haze of fireworks, combined with police helicopters overhead and throngs of young people shouting and running around on the ground, made the Halloween patrollers feel as though they were in a war zone. Yet, the Facilities and BMS staffs return each year.

The Board recognized the staffs of the Facilities and Business Management Services departments for their exceptional support and perseverance in the protection of school facilities during Halloween.

The Chairperson presented certificates of recognition to Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services and Lance Nordling, Director, Physical Plant & Transportation Services on behalf of all the participating staff in these departments. The Chairperson also presented a recognition pin to Gary Holtz, Manager, Security & Infrastructure Maintenance, for his leadership in implementing vandalism prevention on Halloween and throughout the year.

(e) Recognition: Vice Chairperson Wayne Jefferson – Retiring Trustee

The Chairperson noted that municipal elections were held a few weeks ago and, as is the nature of elections, change often results. The Surrey Board of Education, like most others in the province, will see change. While we all respect the democratic process and the choices made, it also means that we must say goodbye to a very respected and hard-working colleague on the Board.

For the last three years, Trustee Wayne Jefferson has been serving our school district and our community very well, and in many ways.

Trustee Jefferson has served as trustee representative on many district committees, including the French Immersion Program, our business development and partnership committees, school administrator selection committees, and the Public Relations Committee. In addition, he has represented our Board with two key external organizations: The B.C. Public School Employers' Association and the Surrey Board of Trade.

Trustee Jefferson's sharp business savvy and experience have been invaluable to our Board and the district. As some people know, prior to retiring and being elected to the Board, Trustee Jefferson worked in education for more than 32 years. Most of that time (about 28 years) he served the Surrey School District in senior business positions, including nine years as the Secretary-Treasurer. The BC Secretary-Treasurers' Association had earlier recognized Mr. Jefferson with an award for his pursuit of the highest professional standards, ethics and leadership.

Beyond this, Trustee Jefferson has served, and continues to serve on many boards outside the district, being particularly involved in the oversight of the province's public sector pension plans. He has also been on the board of the Learning Partnerships of BC, a provincial body that brings together school districts and business in the interest of supporting students.

The Chairperson expressed the Board's gratitude to Trustee Wayne Jefferson for his years of service and presented him with a small retirement gift.

(f) Recognition: Trustee Heather Stilwell – Retiring Trustee

The Chairperson noted that this is also the last Board meeting for Trustee Heather Stilwell who has worked tirelessly in her service to the Board and school communities of the Surrey School District. Trustee Stilwell made a very difficult and personal decision to not seek re-election.

It would be impossible to adequately summarize the contribution and impact Trustee Stilwell has made in our district since she was first elected in November 1991. Except for one three-year period in the mid-nineties, she has been a Board member since that time; a total of 15 years of service, including a three-year term as Board Chairperson.

Trustee Stilwell has championed many causes and concerns on behalf of students and the community during those 15 years. She almost single-handedly introduced Traditional Schools in our district, a very successful choice program that many other school districts have since introduced as well.

She has always been very passionate about the great work being done in our district and constantly advocated on its behalf. In the same way, Trustee Stilwell never hesitated to thank and commend the efforts of our students, teachers, administrators and other staff; whether at a public Board meetings or through a personal email or thank you.

She could be depended upon to actively participate in getting the work done and was always in our schools to help out; whether collecting and distributing book bags, or assisting and participating in many school events.

Trustee Stilwell has been a consistent, determined and effective leader for what she believes in and has earned our deepest respect.

The Chairperson expressed the Board's gratitude to Trustee Heather Stilwell for her years of service and presented her with an engraved gavel commemorating her years of service as Board Chairperson and a small retirement gift.

Mike McKay, Superintendent, left the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Peter Drescher, Deputy Superintendent, assumed the Superintendent's place at the Board table.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2008-10-23**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2008-10-23 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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(b) Response to Delegation: Martin Rooney, re: HIV/AIDS Awareness Day/Week

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

THAT the Board extend its appreciation to Mr. Rooney for his thoughtful input during his presentation at the 2008-10-23 Regular Board meeting regarding HIV/AIDS Awareness; and

THAT the Board acknowledges concerns regarding the ongoing AIDS pandemic and the importance of education as one of the key strategies needed to end this human tragedy; and

THAT the Board acknowledges some of the delegation's suggestions are already being activated in SD36 schools through the learning outcomes associated with health and responsible decision making; and

THAT Administration be directed to ensure that secondary schools and learning centres are reminded of the World AIDS Day on December 1, 2008 and opportunities are considered to give profile to this symbolic day and to the key messages important to youth.

CARRIED

(c) 2009/2010 Board Authorized Courses

Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed 2009/2010 Board Authorized Courses.

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

THAT the Board approve the following Board Authorized Courses for the 2009/2010 school year:

- English Language Development 10
- English Language Development 11
- Orientation and Mobility 11
- Orientation and Mobility 12
- Principles of Social Interactions 10.

CARRIED

(d) Annual Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the Year Ended 2008-06-30

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the Annual Statement of Financial Information for the year ended 2008-06-30.

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

THAT the Board approve the statements and schedules included in the Statement of Financial Information for the Year Ended 2008-06-30, as required under Section 2 of the *Financial Information Act*; and

THAT the report be submitted to the Ministry of Education.
CARRIED

(e) Award of Construction Contract – Colebrook Elementary – Site #012 – Seismic Upgrade

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed award of construction contract for Colebrook Elementary School's seismic upgrade project.

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, RTE Developments Ltd., in the total amount of \$686,500.00 (excluding GST) for seismic upgrade at Colebrook Elementary – Site #012, located at 5404 – 125A Street.
CARRIED

(f) Trustee & Senior Administration Attendance at BCSTA Conference

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

THAT the Board waive Policy #4410 – *Travel Expense Reimbursement* in order to permit Trustees, Trustees-elect and Senior Administration to stay overnight in Vancouver to attend the BCSTA Trustees' Academy in December 2008.
CARRIED

(g) Report of the Public Relations Committee, re: School Naming

Wayne Jefferson, Vice Chairperson, provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed names for three new schools.

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

THAT the Clayton Centre Area school (site #203) located at 19077 – 70th Avenue, scheduled to open in September 2009 be named "**Hazelgrove Elementary**"; and

THAT the North West Cloverdale Area school (Site #153) located at 18228 – 68 Avenue, scheduled to open September 2010 be named "**Adams Road Elementary**"; and

THAT the South West Newton Area school (Site #212) 6068 – 142 Street, scheduled to open September 2010 be named "**Woodward Hill Elementary**".

CARRIED

[4] INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

(a) Trustee Reports

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

(b) Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the Year Ended 2008-06-30

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with a report on Business Development Financial Activity for the year ended 2008-06-30.

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

THAT the Board receive the Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the year ended 2008-06-30, for information.

CARRIED

(c) Report on Changes to Classes Pursuant to Section 76.4 of the School Act

Peter Drescher, Deputy Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the changes to classes pursuant to Section 76.4 of the *School Act*.

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.

[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 Stilwell, seconded by Trustee Jefferson:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

CARRIED

R. Masi
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer