

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, DECEMBER 11th, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

R. Masi, Retiring Chairperson
L. McNally, Chairperson
S. Wilson, Vice Chairperson
T. Allen
I. Chatha
P. Glass
L. Larsen

Staff

M.A. McKay, Superintendent
W.D. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer
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:

Susan Chow, On-Line Learning Communities Helping Teacher; Sharon Cohen, Assistant Superintendent; Alan Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Amy Leson, Student; Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Craig Marshall, Student; Selina Miller, Math Helping Teacher; Irina Shestak, Student; Angela Smith, Administrative Secretary; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services and Shyam Valera, Student.

(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(c) – *Award of Construction Contract – Surrey Traditional School – Site #080 – Seismic Upgrade Phase 1* be revised; item 3(e) – *Award of Construction Contract – Discovery Elementary – Site #074 – Seismic Upgrade* and item 3(f) – *Capital Project Bylaw No. 1149848 (McLeod Road Elementary – Site #063 – Structural Seismic & Building Upgrade)* be added to the agenda; item 4(a) *Trustee Reports* be removed from the agenda; and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Presentation: iDEAS 36 Student Leadership

Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction, provided Trustees with information regarding the iDEAS 36 Student Leadership program. The following staff and students also provided information on this leadership program:

- Susan Chow, Helping Teacher;
- Selina Miller, Math Helping Teacher;
- Irina Shestak, Student
- Craig Marshall, Student
- Amy Leson, Student
- Shyam Valera, Student

Highlights of the presentation included:

- “iDEAS” stands for “innovative, determined, enthusiastic and ambitious students”.
- The iDEAS 36 Student Leadership program started 3 years ago when 50 students from throughout the school district came together with teachers.
- The district team supporting this program includes Trustee McNally, Alasdair MacKinnon, Susan Chow, Selina Miller and Bonnie Mackwood.
- The group meets once a month to discuss problems that schools face and how to improve schools.
- Participating students attend conferences in Vancouver;
- One of the primary focuses of the group is to improve on leadership skills.
- Another focus is to present a student leadership conference every April. Keynote speakers are very young and have made significant achievements in their young lives.
- Student Voice Forums – allow student voices and opinions to be heard in the senior levels of the Surrey education system. These forums were initiated last year. Two Student Voice Forums were held in the first year and plans are to continue holding two forums every year. Last year Gary Holtz, Manager, Security and Infrastructure, presented information and helped to focus attention on reducing vandalism in the school district.
- A Student Voice Forum will be held on 2009-01-13 and will focus on what students would like our schools to look like in 2020 as well as the

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importance of report cards and interim reports and how students value them.

- iDEAS 36 also partners with post secondary institutions such as UBC, SFU, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, City of Surrey for Student Youth Council, and other school districts. The partnerships provide different leadership opportunities and techniques.

Chairperson Masi thanked the group for their presentation.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2008-11-27 and Inaugural Board Meeting held 2008-12-02

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2008-11-27 and Inaugural Board meeting held 2008-12-02 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Election of Board Chairperson & Vice Chairperson - 2009

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

THAT the Board proceed to elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson in accordance with Policy 2915 – Trustee Elections – Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson and its Regulation #2915.1

CARRIED

Chairperson Masi passed gavel to Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, at 7:46 p.m.

Mr. Noye assumed the Chair and called for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2008/2009. Trustee Glass nominated Trustee McNally. Trustee McNally accepted the nomination.

Mr. Noye called twice more for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2008/2009 and hearing none, declared Trustee McNally elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) for a one year term of office.

Mr. Noye called for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson for 2008/2009. Trustee Allen nominated Trustee Wilson. Trustee Wilson accepted the nomination.

Mr. Noye called twice more for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson for 2008/2009 and hearing none, declared Trustee Wilson elected by acclamation as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) for a one year term of office.

Remarks by Retiring Chairperson, Newly Elected Chairperson and Newly Elected Vice Chairperson

Retiring Chairperson Masi thanked Trustees and Administration for their support throughout his term as Chairperson.

Chairperson McNally extended the Board's appreciation to Retiring Chairperson Masi for his leadership and stewardship throughout the last year and welcomed new Trustees, Laurie Larsen and Ijaz Chatha to the Board.

Vice Chairperson Wilson extended his thanks and appreciation to the Retiring Chairperson for his leadership and expertise.

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD CHAIRPERSON ASSUMES THE CHAIR

Mr. Noye congratulated Chairperson McNally and Vice Chairperson Wilson on their elections.

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer passed the gavel to Chairperson McNally at 7:52 p.m.

- (c) Award of Construction Contract – Surrey Traditional School – Site #080 – Seismic Upgrade Phase 1

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute Standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, NY Construction Management Ltd., in the total amount of \$1,181,937 (excluding GST) for seismic upgrade phase 1 at Surrey Traditional School – Site #080, located at 13875 – 113th Avenue.

CARRIED

- (d) Capital Project Bylaw No. 107948 (NW Cloverdale Elementary – Site #153 – New School)

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 107948 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 107948 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 107948 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 107948 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (e) Award of Construction Contract – Discovery Elementary – Site #074 – Seismic Upgrade

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, Tritan Construction Ltd., in the total amount of \$525,000 (excluding GST) for seismic upgrade at Discovery Elementary – Site #074, located at 13104 – 109 Avenue.

CARRIED

- (f) Capital Project Bylaw No. 114948 (McLeod Road Elementary – Site #063 – Structural Seismic & Building Upgrade)

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 114948 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 114948 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 114948 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 114948 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

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

THAT the Board allocate \$1,000,000 from Restricted Capital for the seismic and building upgrade project at McLeod Road Elementary – Site #063 subject to the Ministry of Education approval.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(b) Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the *Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement* for the 2007/2008 school year. The report highlights the progress being made in attaining student achievement goals with a particular emphasis on literacy, on Aboriginal student success, on school completion achievements and on Career Education.

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

THAT the Board approve the *Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement* for the 2007/2008 school year; and

THAT the Superintendent submit the report to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

- (c) 14th Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee 2007/2008

Sharon Cohen, Assistant Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the *Fourteenth Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee for 2007/2008*. The report highlights the progress being made in attaining student achievement goals for the 2007/2008 school year.

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

THAT the Board approve the *Fourteenth Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee 2007/2008*.

CARRIED

- (e) Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments - 2009

Trustees were requested to advise the Chairperson of particular committees they wished to serve on for 2009, by 2008-12-31. The 2009 Board Committees and Trustee Representation appointments will be brought to a future meeting for information, when completed.

- (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 Allen, seconded by Trustee Masi:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
CARRIED

L. McNally
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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