

**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, JANUARY 15th, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

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

**Staff**

M.A. McKay, Superintendent  
W.D. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer  
P.B. Drescher, Deputy Superintendent  
L. McCuaig, Administrative Assistant

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson McNally 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; Bruce Filsinger, Principal, Queen Elizabeth Secondary School; Cheryl Grant, Future Shop Representative; John Hunter, Teacher, Queen Elizabeth Secondary School; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; John Ormond, Assistant Superintendent; Liane Ricou, Manager, Business Development; 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 McNally requested that item 4(a) *Trustee Reports*, be removed from the agenda.

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

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

**CARRIED**

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(c) Recognition: Future Shop – Queen Elizabeth Secondary Computer Lab Donation

The Board recognized Future Shop for its extraordinary support of students and technology education in the Surrey School District.

Bruce Filsinger, Principal, Queen Elizabeth Secondary and Cheryl Grant, Future Shop representative, provided Trustees with information regarding the computer-assisted drafting lab that was refurbished for September 2008.

Early last year, Future Shop, a B.C.-based electronics retailer, discussed with district staff a proposal to provide computers or other electronic equipment in a manner that would best assist district students.

District Business Development Manager Liane Ricou worked closely with Future Shop; contacting several schools and researching various options. In the end, it was decided new computers for Queen Elizabeth Secondary's computer-assisted drafting lab were needed and would serve that school community in a very effective and meaningful way.

However, Future Shop wanted to go further than this. The company effectively replaced the entire lab, including all computers, software, all furnishings and décor, as well as providing a state-of-the-art "Smart Board" to assist with teacher lessons and presentations.

The total cost of this donation was \$85,000 - one of the largest technology donations ever provided our district. The brand new lab opened this school year.

Through-out the process in working with Future Shop, it was clear to district and school staff that the company's objective was to assist students in the best way possible. Future Shop staff was sensitive and professional through-out the planning and announcement of the donation.

The Board recognized Future Shop for its generous donation and extraordinary support of students and technology education in the Surrey School District.

Chairperson McNally presented Ms. Grant, Future Shop representative, with a certificate and pin in acknowledgement of the Board's formal recognition.

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[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2008-12-11**

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

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

**CARRIED**

(b) **Annual Review of Kilometrage Reimbursement Rate**

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the annual review of the kilometrage reimbursement rate.

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

THAT the Board maintain the Kilometrage Reimbursement Rate at \$0.51 per km. effective 2009-02-01.

**CARRIED**

(c) **Grant Application Support re: Community Schools Program**

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding the Strengthening the Connection Funding Program.

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

THAT the Board support the submission of a funding proposal in the amount of \$24,000 to Strengthening the Connection to support the following projects:

- Addition of a keyed exterior door for Georges Vanier Elementary;
- Delivery and installation of a portable for community programs at Holly Elementary;
- Installation of a wheelchair accessible washroom at Bridgeview Elementary with a change table; and
- Installation of a sink into the early childhood learning room at Betty Huff Elementary.

**CARRIED**

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[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) **Progress Report – Active Capital Projects**

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, and Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services, provided Trustees with a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(b) **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 Wilson:

THAT the Board accept the report on changes to classes pursuant to Section 76.4 of the *School Act*.

**CARRIED**

(c) **Snow Issues Update**

Mike McKay, Superintendent provided Trustees with an update on the snow issues that took place throughout the district during the last two months. The many challenges faced by students, parents and staff were outlined. Highlights included:

- biggest snow event in area in 45 years.
- exceptional effort and commitment was made by staff.
- parking lots cleared and walkways from road to school front door had been cleared by Sunday evening, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Work was undone by new snowfall prior to Monday morning.
- recognized school based staff who did a remarkable job in working to ensure a safe environment for students and staff.
- reviewing process to provide better service in future.
- Staff met with City of Surrey staff to review realities, ie: some schools are only accessible by a side street, which will need to be plowed in order to provide access to the school.
- fair bit of learning was accomplished throughout this snow period which will enable us to establish some new guidelines.
- recognized Lance Nordling, Director, Physical Plant & Transportation Services and all of the staff at Physical Plant who worked sometimes 7 days per week, including Christmas Day, to address the snow situation.
- Have spent approximately \$300,000 so far on snow events during this school year.

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- It was noted that the Board usually budgets \$50,000 per year for snow removal.
- The Board commended school bus drivers who took great care to ensure the safety of students through the snow and icy conditions.

(e) Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments - 2009

Trustees received a list of the 2009 Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments for information.

(f) Incoming Correspondence

Trustees reviewed Correspondence #3-02 from Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, City of Surrey, regarding Bid for 2014 Summer Games.

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

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey), endorse the City of Surrey's bid to host the 2014 BC Summer Games and have agreed to allow the use of school facilities to stage sport competitions and accommodate participants; and

THAT any costs incurred by the school district in support of the 2014 BC Summer Games be reimbursed by the City of Surrey; and

THAT this endorsement be dated January 15, 2009.

CARRIED

[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 Wilson, seconded by Trustee Glass:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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L. McNally  
Chairperson

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W. D. Noye  
Secretary-Treasurer

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