

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, MARCH 12th, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

Absent

P. Glass

[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; Pat Horstead, Director of Instruction; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Selina Millar, Helping Teacher 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**

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

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

CARRIED

Trustee Absence:

Chairperson McNally advised that Trustee Glass was absent due to illness.

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(c) Presentation: Science Fair

Patricia Horstead, Director of Instruction and Selina Millar, Science Helping Teacher, provided Trustees with information regarding the 43rd Annual District Science Fair and introduced each of the Science Fair participants present.

The SD36 (Surrey) Science Fair is the largest science fair in Western Canada. Over 40 staff members, many of them volunteers, assist with the mechanics of hosting the science fair. Approximately 30 judges, including Trustees, UBC and SFU professors and corporate professionals participated in this year's science fair.

The generous support of the Guildford Town Centre through their financial support, renting tables, chairs and providing the host dinner for judges was most appreciated.

Three years ago a new K-7 science curriculum was implemented. One of the main features of the new curriculum is for students to use an inquiry approach. They pose a question and really think about what they want to know and that drives the research and the presentation. The new curriculum approach is evident again in this year's science fair projects.

Each student made a short presentation on his/her project to the Board. The projects covered a wide variety of scientific concepts and highlighted the achievements of the students. Science Fair projects were presented by:

- Saif Sajid, Grade 7, Cougar Creek Elementary – *“Flying High”*
- Arsh Kaler, Grade 6, Hall's Prairie Elementary – *“Roller Coaster Physics”*
- Sahil Dhami, Grade 5, J. T. Brown Elementary – *“Chromatography”*
- Niraj Raniga & Mark Nash, Grade 8, Kwantlen Park Secondary – *“Aerodynamics of a Plane”*
- Jordan Tardi, Grade 7, Sunrise Ridge Elementary – *“Magno-Car”*
- Kelly Porter, Grade 6, Simon Cunningham – *“Pine Beetles”* (via Video Presentation)

The Board thanked the Science Fair Committee, for their dedication and commitment in organizing the annual District Science Fair, as well as the students for bringing their projects to share with Trustees.

Chairperson McNally recessed the meeting at 8:10 p.m. in order for Trustees to view the Science Fair Presentations more closely and reconvened the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2009-02-12

It was moved by Trustee Allen seconded by Trustee Chatha:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2009-02-12 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees briefly reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

(b) Notice of Motion, Trustee S. Wilson, re: Infrastructure Stimulus

Trustee Wilson provided Trustees with information regarding Infrastructure Stimulus and presented a Notice of Motion for information.

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the *Notice of Motion, Trustee S. Wilson, Re: Infrastructure Stimulus*, at the 2009-03-12 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS the world economic crisis has negatively affected the Canadian and Provincial economies; and

WHEREAS the provincial government has recognized the disturbing effect of this crisis and in partnership with the federal government has announced a financial stimulus package which includes significant infrastructure spending; and

WHEREAS School District No. 36 (Surrey) as the province's largest school district has several "shovel ready" and almost "shovel ready" infrastructure projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board Chairperson be directed to send a letter to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance and all local MLAs providing details of School District No. 36 (Surrey) "shovel ready" and almost "shovel ready" infrastructure projects.

CARRIED

(c) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

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

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the changes to classes in the last month.

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

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

CARRIED

(e) Incoming Correspondence

Trustees reviewed Correspondence #3-03 from Laurie Cavan, General Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture, City of Surrey, regarding Bid for 2012 and 2014 BC Summer Games.

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

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) endorse the City of Surrey's bid to host the 2012 or 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 2012 or 2014 BC Summer Games be reimbursed by the City of Surrey.

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 Chatha, seconded by Trustee Wilson:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
CARRIED

L. McNally
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer