

**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, APRIL 16th, 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:

Susan Chow, Principal, Career Education; Bob Coventry, Assistant Superintendent; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Alasdair MacKinnon, Director of Instruction; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; John Ormond, Assistant Superintendent; Dave Paul, Assistant Superintendent; 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**

The Vice Chairperson requested that item 4(a) Trustee Reports, be removed from the agenda and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

**CARRIED**

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(c) Presentation: Career Education Programs

Dave Paul, Assistant Superintendent, and Susan Chow, Principal, Career Education, and two students provided Trustees with information regarding Career Education programs. Highlights included:

Career Preparation Program:

- Career Preparation programs at Learning Centres for “at risk” students.
- Twelve students recently participated in this program. The capacity for this program is twelve students. Six students participated last year.
- Partnership with Fleetwood Rona store and Shell Busey integral to this career preparation program.
- Students spent 1 week with Shell Busey and 2 weeks at the Fleetwood Rona Store (1 week of training, safety, etc. and 1 week of work experience).
- Allows students the opportunity to explore different career options
- Provides students with a realistic look at the changing Labour Market.
- Provides students with critical job seeking skills (resumes, interview skills, etc.) and attitudes required for the workplace.
- Direct link between classroom instruction and what is occurring in industry (classroom relevancy).
- Gives students an appreciation for the education/training required for the career of their choice.
- Provides students with a link to post-secondary education.
- Increased self-confidence, self-esteem and confidence in their job related skills.

Career Conference:

- April 3, 2009 – Aboriginal students from 4 schools attended the Career Conference.
- The conference was designed to help students develop their career path.
- Hope to involve more schools next year.
- Two guest speakers spoke on their career choices.
- One of the speakers had the students pick a photo of their dream career from a selection of different jobs. The students were then asked to explain how they intended to get from where they are now to their dream job.
- This assignment inspired one of the students, who wants to be a professional singer, to make a CD and send the CD in to enter the BC Junior Talent Show.

The partnership between the School District, Shell Busey and the Rona Foundation was acknowledged for enabling the school district to present these very special programs.

It was also noted that 136 Surrey School District students were Secondary Apprenticeship Winners and won \$130,000 in scholarships. This means that 20% of scholarships awarded in BC for these programs were awarded to Surrey students.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Delegation: Katharine Tobin, Parent, re: French Immersion Program at Laronde Elementary School

Dr. Katharine Tobin, a parent at Laronde Elementary School, provided Trustees with information regarding her concerns about the French Immersion Program and the proposal to move half of the French Immersion Program from Laronde Elementary to Ray Shepherd and provide a catchment boundary realignment.

The delegation noted that the above proposal was ultimately declined by school district administration and will not proceed.

The delegation is requesting that the Board receive a petition of 309 signatures in support of keeping the full French Immersion Program currently at Laronde Elementary intact.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2009-03-26

It was moved by Trustee Allen seconded by Trustee Chatha:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2009-03-26 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Bylaw #185, Re: Anniedale Traditional School – Site #042 – School Closure – 2010-09-01

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

THAT Bylaw #185, Re: Anniedale Traditional School – Site #042 – School Closure effective 2010-09-01 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #185, Re: Anniedale Traditional School – Site #042 – School Closure effective 2010-09-01 be read a first time.  
CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #185, Re: Anniedale Traditional School – Site #042 – School Closure effective 2010-09-01 be read a second time.  
CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #185, Re: Anniedale Traditional School – Site #042 – School Closure effective 2010-09-01 be read a third time and finally adopted.  
CARRIED

- (c) Bylaw #186, Re: Sunnyside Elementary School – Site #038 – School Closure – 2011-09-01

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

THAT Bylaw #186, Re: Sunnyside Elementary School – Site #038 – School Closure effective 2011-09-01 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.  
CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #186, Re: Sunnyside Elementary School – Site #038 – School Closure effective 2011-09-01 be read a first time.  
CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #186, Re: Sunnyside Elementary School – Site #038 – School Closure effective 2011-09-01 be read a second time.  
CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Wilson, seconded Trustee Allen:

THAT Bylaw #186, Re: Sunnyside Elementary School – Site #038 – School Closure effective 2011-09-01 be read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (d) Bylaw #187, Re: East Clayton Elementary School – Site #101 – School Closure – 2010-09-01

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

THAT Bylaw #187, Re: East Clayton Elementary School – Site #101 – School Closure effective 2010-09-01 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #187, Re: East Clayton Elementary School – Site #101 – School Closure effective 2010-09-01 be read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #187, Re: East Clayton Elementary School – Site #101 – School Closure effective 2010-09-01 be read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #187, re: East Clayton Elementary School – Site #101 – School Closure effective 2010-09-01 be read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (e) Award of Construction Contract – District Education & Conference Centre – Site #187

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, Ledcor Construction Limited, in the total amount of \$27,750,000 (excluding GST) for the District Education and Conference Centre – Site #187, located at 14044 – 92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

CARRIED

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[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received 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 information regarding the changes to classes in the last month.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) 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.

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[7] **ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

CARRIED

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L. McNally  
Chairperson

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W. D. Noye  
Secretary-Treasurer

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