

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, MAY 28th, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M.

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

[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:

Cheryl Andres, Principal, Kennedy Trail Elementary; Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services; Sharon Cohen, Assistant Superintendent; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Rick Fabbro, Assistant Superintendent; Linda Gertz, Assistant Manager, Fiscal Management Services; Mary Gibbons, Principal, Holly Elementary; Alan Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Phil Linklater, Principal, Rosemary Heights Elementary; Tamara Michalas, Teacher, Holly Elementary; John Ormond, Assistant Superintendent; Angela Smith, Administrative Secretary 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 the order of item 2(c) *Report of the 2009/2010 Budget Committee* and 2(d) *Proposed Local Calendar for 2009/2010 School Year* be changed; item 4(a) *Trustee Reports* be removed from the agenda and all items be renumbered accordingly.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Mrs. Sandy Henderson, Volunteer, Kennedy Trail Elementary

Cheryl Andres, Principal, Kennedy Trail Elementary, provided Trustees with information regarding Mrs. Sandy Henderson, a volunteer at the school.

Sandy Henderson answered the call when a note was posted in her residential complex five years ago asking for volunteers to read with the young students at Kennedy Trail. She was the only person from her complex to respond.

Ever since then, Mrs. Henderson, who is 94-years-old and uses a walker, makes her own way to the school, and back to her complex about once a week. The only time she does not make the trip is, quite understandably, when it is raining or snowing.

When she sits down with the Grade 2 and Grade 3 students to read, she insists on bringing out the best in the students. She makes sure they read with appropriate clarity, expression and volume and that they take into account sentence punctuation as they're reading.

Mrs. Henderson ensures she has a bag of candy on hand to reward the students for their efforts. The students love it when she visits and call her "Granny".

The Board recognized Sandy Henderson for her caring, dedicated and valued work in helping the students of Kennedy Trail Elementary learn to read.

The Chairperson presented Mrs. Henderson with a pin and certificate commemorating the recognition.

(d) Presentation: Recycling Program, Holly Elementary School

Mary Gibbons, Principal and Tamara Michalas, Teacher, Holly Elementary School, provided Trustees with information regarding the recycling program at the school.

Holly Elementary School has the largest student lunch program in the school district. As a result, they have a large amount of garbage that

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could be recycled. The school started a recycling program several years ago and with the dedication of many students and staff, the program has grown significantly in the last two years.

The school joined the City of Surrey's Elementary School Waste Reduction Challenge. They spread information throughout the school community through daily announcements and articles in the school's newsletter. They increased awareness and participation in the recycling program and won an event for the school and activity books in the Reduction Challenge.

The following students highlighted the recycling activities and projects in the school and how their recycling program has grown:

- Sabrina Grabish
- Henna Khisro
- Stephanie Malundo
- Denise Villacorte.
- Tahmeed Hossain
- Josh Leopoldo
- Adrian Santos

(e) Presentation: Rosemary Heights Elementary, re: Hero Project

Phil Linklater, Principal, Rosemary Heights Elementary provided Trustees with information regarding the Hero Project at the school. Each of the Hero Projects was made entirely by students and captures the importance of community.

The following students presented their projects and introduced their Heroes:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Hero</u>
Cairo Chapman	Ivy, neighbour's mother
Safa Salman	Dad
Sydney Parr	Brandon, cousin
Scott Johnston	Sam, nana's friend
Allison Hill	Dad
Brittany Cairns	Chelsey, sister
Brighton Vinet	Rick, uncle

Jasmina Poonian and Jessica Challand, students, provided technical assistance to the participating students in creating an iMovie for each Hero Project.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] ACTION ITEMS**(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2009-05-14**

It was moved by Trustee Glass seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2009-05-14 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Response to Delegation: Surrey/White Rock Food Action Coalition

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

THAT in response to the Surrey/White Rock Food Action Coalition delegation presentation on 2009-05-14, the Chairperson appoint a representative to serve on the Surrey/White Rock Food Action Coalition.

CARRIED

Chairperson McNally advised that Trustee Glass was appointed to represent the Board on the Surrey/White Rock Food Action Coalition.

(c) Report of the 2009/2010 Budget Committee

Trustee Allen, Chair of the 2009/2010 Budget Committee presented the report to Trustees.

Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers)**Pecuniary Interest**

Trustees Masi and Larsen declared a pecuniary interest with reference to the Annual budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) and did not participate in discussions or voting on this matter.

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

THAT all decisions taken by the 2009/2010 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Teacher costs totaling \$338,496,153 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff)

Pecuniary Interest

Trustees Allen, Larsen and McNally declared a pecuniary interest with reference to the Annual budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) and did not participate in discussions or voting on this matter.

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

THAT all decisions taken by the 2009/2010 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Unionized Support Staff costs totaling \$113,084,057 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other)

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

THAT all decisions taken by the 2009/2010 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding all Other costs totaling \$93,920,291 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) 2009/2010 Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(d) Proposed Local Calendar for 2009/2010 School Year

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information on the proposed changes to the local school calendar for the 2009/2010 school year.

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

THAT the school calendar for SD36 (Surrey) schools for the 2009/2010 school year be adopted with the following alterations to the Standard Ministry of Education school calendar:

Closure Days - Six fewer days of instruction (with an increase of instructional time to make up the six days):

- One day: November 12, 2009 (Thursday after Remembrance Day)
- Five days: March 15 – 19, 2010 (the week following the provincial school calendar spring break week); and

THAT the Board approve six district-wide non-instructional days (known as “Pro-D” days) on common dates throughout the school district for the purpose of providing families with greater consistency for their planning, as follows:

- September 28, 2009
- October 23, 2009
- November 13, 2009
- February 5, 2010
- May 7, 2010
- May 31, 2010; and

THAT the Board grant variances to the common non-instructional days for two schools, James Ardiel Elementary and Hjorth Road Elementary which had made previous commitments which cannot be changed, as follows:

- September 18, 2009 instead of September 28, 2009; and
- February 12, 2010 instead of February 5, 2010.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) 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.

Pecuniary Interest

Under article 58 of the *School Act*, the following information about a Special (In-Camera) meeting is recorded:

A pecuniary interest was disclosed by Chairperson McNally and Trustee Larsen at the 2009-05-28 Special (In-Camera) meeting. Chairperson McNally and Trustee Larsen, subsequent to the disclosure, left the meeting.

[7] **ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:59 p.m.
CARRIED

L. McNally
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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