

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, OCTOBER 22nd, 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:

Jeff McMillan, Manager, Security & Infrastructure; Lance Nordling, Director, Physical Plant & Transportation Services; 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 1(c) *Recognition: Student Leadership Sponsors* be deleted from the agenda; item 4(c) *Notice of Motion, Trustee T. Allen, Re: Need for Additional Classroom Space*, be added to 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: Halloween 2009 – Safety & Anti-vandalism Measures

Lance Nordling, Director, Physical Plant & Transportation Services and Jeff McMillan, Manager, Security & Infrastructure, provided Trustees with information regarding the anti-vandalism measures that will be taken for Halloween this year.

The school district will continue to take ownership of our schools and get the message out that vandalism will NOT be tolerated! Safety and anti-vandalism measures that will be taken over the Halloween weekend include:

- Enlisted help of school neighbours who will report to the security monitoring company or the RCMP if they see any unusual activity,
- Organized district patrols, which include area residents, guards, staff, and a Trustee. These patrols go from site to site, reporting on activities and concerns to a central monitoring company. They do not intervene.
- Ensure all exterior lights are left on for the entire weekend,
- school neighbours area residents and PAC groups watching over schools;
- Arranged for 40 security guards throughout district;
- 4 additional manned patrol cars;
- Close communication with RCMP,
- Management patrol team cars from security company to ensure service quality;
- Surrey Crime Prevention & RCMP have increased staffing levels for that weekend and will be out in the district.
- Safe School Liaison Officers will be assisting this Halloween. They know the youth and will be a great asset in dealing with them. These officers from the RCMP Youth Section play a valuable role as they take anonymity from youth.
- Direct communication to all security guards and patrols.
- Will be providing sites with additional weekend coverage for the full weekend.

There has been no significant damage to schools over the last several years as a result of similar measures being taken annually.

The Chairperson expressed the Board's appreciation for all of staff's efforts and projects for the anti-vandalism preparations and patrols on Halloween night.

[2] DELEGATIONS

No items.

[3] ACTION ITEMS**(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2009-10-08**

It was moved by Trustee Wilson seconded by Trustee Chatha:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2009-10-08 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(b) Schedule of Board Meeting Dates - 2010

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

THAT the Board waive Policy #2400 – *School Board Meetings and Trustee In-Service Sessions* in determining the Board meeting dates for March, April, May, October and November 2010; approve the 2010 schedule of Board meetings as presented and the meetings scheduled for the last Thursday in August and the first Thursday in September be held only if the Chairperson determines there is a need for such meetings.

CARRIED

(c) Trustee & Senior Administration Attendance at BCSTA Conference

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

THAT the Board waive Policy #4410 – *Travel Expense Reimbursement* in order to permit Trustees and Senior Administration to stay overnight in Vancouver to attend the BCSTA Trustees' Academy in December 2009.

CARRIED

(d) International Students – Tuition Fees

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

THAT the Board approve the 2010/2011 tuition fees for international fee-paying students at \$12,800.00 (comprised of \$12,100 tuition + \$700.00 medical).

CARRIED

[4] INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**(a) Trustee Reports**

Trustees reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

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(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

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

(c) Notice of Motion, Trustee T. Allen, Re: Need for Additional Classroom Space

Trustee Allen provided Trustees with information regarding a “*Need for Additional Classroom Space*” and presented a Notice of Motion for information.

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the *Notice of Motion, Trustee T. Allen, Re: Need for Additional Classroom Space*, at the 2009-10-22 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS the Surrey School District has grown by more than 2,700 students since 2005/2006 and is expected to have continued growth for several years; and

WHEREAS school districts are expected to accommodate Strong Start programs, community programs and full day Kindergarten; and

WHEREAS the Board has added 43 portable classrooms since 2004 to support student growth for a total of 215 classroom portables currently in the district; and

WHEREAS the Board will be adding an additional 20 portable classrooms in the 2010/2011 school year for a total of 235 classroom portables by 2010/2011; and

WHEREAS portable classrooms are a temporary solution to accommodate enrolment pressures; and

WHEREAS portable classrooms are less energy efficient than permanent structures; and

WHEREAS portable classroom expenditures are a significant impact on a shrinking operating budget; and

WHEREAS portable classroom pressures at some sites will require additional washroom facilities; and

WHEREAS the Surrey School District has not received government approval for additional space projects since the 2005/2006 Capital Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct the Chairperson to communicate to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance and local MLAs, the urgent need for additional school classroom infrastructure for the School District No. 36 (Surrey).

CARRIED

(d) 2010/2011 Board Authorized Courses

Peter Drescher, Deputy Superintendent provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed Board Authorized Courses for the 2010/2011 school year. The courses will be presented for formal consideration at the next meeting.

(e) 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 at the 2009-10-22 Special (In-Camera) meeting. Chairperson McNally, subsequent to the disclosure, left the meeting.

[7] **ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.
 CARRIED

L. McNally
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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