

**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, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 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, Executive Assistant

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson McNally called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**Presenters & Staff:**

In addition to the Table Officers named above, the following presenters and staff were in attendance at the meeting:

Jason Cho, Student, Earl Marriott Secondary; Susan Chow, Principal, Career Education Programs; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Dave Paul, Assistant Superintendent; Angela Smith, Administrative Assistant 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 Chatha, seconded by Trustee Allen:

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

**CARRIED**

(c) Recognition: Jason Cho, Earl Marriott Secondary Student, re: Skills Canada Gold Medal Winner

The Board recognized Jason Cho, a grade 11 student at Earl Marriott Secondary, for his outstanding efforts and accomplishments in winning gold medals at the Skills Canada Trades Competitions in “Web Design” at the regional, provincial and national levels.

Susan Chow, Principal, Career Education Programs, provided Trustees with information regarding the outstanding accomplishments of Jason Cho.

Early this year, Grade 11 Earl Marriott student Jason Cho competed in the BC Skills “Web Design” competition and took the gold medal as the best in the province. Then in May, he went on to Prince Edward Island to represent B.C. in the Canada Skills competition.

There, Jason’s task was to completely revamp the PEI tourism website within 12 hours. This was particularly challenging since Jason had just travelled literally across the country and the competition began at 6 a.m. local time, which of course, is 1:30 a.m. B.C. time.

Never-the-less, Jason won the national gold medal and he is already planning for next year’s competition in Waterloo, Ontario where he’ll be seeking the right to represent Canada at the World Skills Competition in London, England in 2011.

Jason actually earned a different medal two years ago, when he was part of an Earl Marriott team that placed third of 24 Lower Mainland school teams in an engineering competition at the Kwantlen College Science Challenge. The team’s task was to build a vehicle that would safely transport an egg from 10 metres in the air to the ground as quickly as possible.

Jason’s work experience has taken him to Science World and to UBC where he is working in a neuro-immunology lab. Jason also currently does freelance work as a graphic design and web designer in his spare time.

The Board recognized Jason Cho for his outstanding efforts and accomplishments in winning a gold medals at the Skills Canada Trades Competitions in “Web Design” at the regional, provincial and national levels. The Chairperson presented Jason Cho with a certificate and commemorative pin in honour of his formal recognition.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2009-11-19**

It was moved by Trustee Allen seconded by Trustee Wilson:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2009-11-19 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

(b) **Election of Board Chairperson & Vice Chairperson – 2009/2010**

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

THAT the Board proceed to elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson in accordance with Policy #2915 – *Trustee Elections – Chairperson & Vice Chairperson* and its Regulation #2915.1.

**CARRIED**

Chairperson McNally passed the gavel to Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, at 7:41 p.m.

**Election of Chairperson**

Mr. Noye called for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2009/2010. Trustee Allen nominated Trustee McNally. Trustee McNally accepted the nomination.

Mr. Noye called twice more for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2009/2010 and hearing none, declared Trustee McNally elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey), for a one year term of office.

**Election of Vice Chairperson**

Mr. Noye called for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson for 2009/2010. Trustee Larsen nominated Trustee Wilson. Trustee Wilson accepted the nomination.

Mr. Noye called twice more for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson for 2009/2010 and hearing none, declared Trustee Wilson elected by acclamation as

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Vice Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey), for a one year term of office.

Mr. Noye congratulated Chairperson McNally and Vice Chairperson Wilson on their elections.

Mr. Noye returned the gavel to Chairperson McNally at 7:44 p.m.

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

(b) Notice of Motion, Trustee T. Allen, re: Lack of Capital Construction

Trustee Allen provided Trustees with information regarding Lack of Capital Construction and presented a Notice of Motion, for information.

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

THAT the Board give formal consideration to the *Notice of Motion, Trustee T. Allen, re: Lack of Capital Construction*, at the 2009-12-10 Regular meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT WHEREAS the Surrey School District has not received additional capital infrastructure projects since 2005/2006; and

WHEREAS the Surrey School District continues to experience significant growth particularly in the Newton and Clayton areas of the district; and

WHEREAS the lack of capital support from the provincial government increases the strain on the District's operating budget; and

WHEREAS the District may be unable to accommodate additional student growth without additional capital funds from the provincial government; and

WHEREAS without additional infrastructure the City of Surrey will be seriously impeded in the development of the community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct the Chairperson to formally request a meeting with the City of Surrey to discuss the lack of new school construction in the Surrey School District.

CARRIED

(c) Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement

Mike McKay, Superintendent, provided Trustees with information regarding the *Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement* for the 2008/2009 school year. The report highlights the progress being made in attaining student achievement goals with a particular emphasis on literacy, Aboriginal students, improving numeracy and improving the six year completion rate.

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

THAT the Board approve the *Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement* for the 2008/2009 school year.

CARRIED

(d) 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee 2008/2009

Peter Drescher, Deputy Superintendent provided Trustees with information regarding the *Fifteenth Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee for 2008/2009*. The report highlights the progress being made in attaining student achievement goals for the 2008/2009 school year.

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

THAT the Board approve the *Fifteenth Annual Report of the Improving Student Learning Committee 2008/2009*.

CARRIED

(e) 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 pursuant to Section 76.4 of the *School Act*.

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

(f) Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the Year Ended 2009-06-30

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with a report on Business Development Financial Activity for the year ended 2009-06-30.

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

THAT the Board receive the Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the year ended 2009-06-30, for information.  
CARRIED

(g) Board Committees/Trustee Representation Appointments - 2010

Trustees were requested to advise the Chairperson of particular committees they wished to serve on for 2010, by 2009-12-31. The 2010 Board Committees and Trustee Representation appointments will be brought to a future meeting for information, when completed.

(h) Incoming Correspondence

Trustees reviewed Correspondence #3-01 from Tracy Sutherland, Environmental Technologist, City of Surrey, regarding Board Representation on new committee – School Travel Planning.

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

THAT the Chairperson appoint a Board representative to serve on the City of Surrey's new committee, School Travel Planning.  
CARRIED

Trustees reviewed Correspondence #3-02 from Dianne Watts, Mayor, City of Surrey, regarding Right to Play Day.

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

THAT the Board declare January 14, 2010 as Right to Play Day and publicize the event throughout the school district by reminding staff, parents and students to wear red attire and advise them of the benefit of participating in active events during this special day.  
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 Allen, seconded by Trustee Wilson:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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L. McNally  
Chairperson

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W. D. Noye  
Secretary-Treasurer