

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, FEBRUARY 11th, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

M.A. McKay, Superintendent
W.D. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer
P.B. Drescher, Deputy Superintendent
L. McCuaig, Executive Assistant

Absent

P. Glass
L. Larsen

[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:

Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services; Merlin Chatwin, Community-Schools Program Coordinator; Sharon Cohen, Assistant Superintendent; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Linda Gertz, Assistant Manager, Fiscal Planning & External Reporting; Paul Grant, Architect, Grant & Sinclair Architects; Alan Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services; and Autumn Sweet, Architect, Grant & Sinclair Architects.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada".

(b) **Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting**

Chairperson McNally requested that action item 3(f) – *Award of Construction Contract – Construction of New Portable Classrooms – Various Sites* be revised on the Agenda.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition: Guildford Town Centre and Staples “Stuff the Bus” Campaign

The Board recognized the Guildford Town Centre and Staples Canada for their “*Stuff the Bus*” campaign to assist disadvantaged students with essential school supplies.

Pat Horstead, Director of Instruction, and Merlin Chatwin, Community-Schools Program Coordinator, provided Trustees with information regarding the “*Stuff the Bus*” campaign sponsored by Guildford Town Centre and Staples.

Last year, these two businesses launched the “*Stuff the Bus*” campaign in August and set up large bins in the Guildford mall and the two Surrey Staples locations to collect donations of supplies. They also collected cash donations. The two businesses also invested in a large event to launch the campaign, as well as promote it.

In the end, more than \$20,000 in cash and donations were collected; helping students in need across the school district learn and be successful in their education, and therefore, their future.

The Surrey Board of Education recognized the Guildford Town Centre and Staples Canada for their exceptional support of district students through their “*Stuff the Bus*” campaign.

On behalf of the Board, Chairperson McNally presented representatives from the Guildford Town Centre and Staples Canada with a certificate and commemorative pin in formal recognition.

Guests:

The Chairperson welcomed and introduced special guests from SD42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows):

Ken Clarkson, Chairperson; Eleanor Palis, Vice Chairperson; Jan Unwin, Superintendent and Wayne Jefferson, Secretary-Treasurer.

(d) Presentation: Community Partnerships Initiatives

Pat Horstead, Director of Instruction, provided Trustees with information regarding the Community-Schools Partnership Initiatives (CSP). Highlights included:

- Partnership includes: City of Surrey, United Way, SD36 (Surrey), community agencies and services.
- Working together to ensure that every vulnerable child and family have the support of the school and the community.
 - The work is based on the following purposes:
 - Working to remove barriers to learning and supporting the core instructional program.
 - Providing enriching and extending learning activities to develop the whole child through experiences that children might not otherwise have.
 - Creating opportunities to actively participate and develop an increased sense of belonging and sense of community.
- A few examples of programs and supports include:
 - Clothing exchange for families in need
 - Breakfast and lunch program to ensure that children have the necessary nutrition.
 - District is very concerned about chronic absenteeism in young children. Presently working on a letter of intent with one of the community agencies to implement strategies to support families to ensure that young, primary children are at school learning and receiving a strong foundation.
 - Community Integration Power Hour Squared – a wrap around program in Cougar Creek Elementary and KB Woodward Elementary. Through a partnership with the City of Surrey, DiverseCity, SU=FU and the Welcome Centre, this program provides service to immigrant and refugee families through intentional learning experiences, curriculum enhancement and social emotional supports for children and families. Children are engaged in recreational program and academic enhancement with SFU tutors while parents are participating in ESL classes and working with the SWIS workers to facilitate the transition to a new country.
 - Friends of Simon – a partnership with Kla-How-Eya to provide SFU students as tutors for our younger students.
 - Etcetera – a partnership with the City of Surrey and the United Way to provide an after school program that addresses improved self-esteem, social and group interactions and communication skills.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2010-01-28**

It was moved by Trustee Wilson seconded by Trustee Chatha:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2010-01-28 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(b) **2009/2010 Amended Annual Operating Budget**

Trustee Allen, as Chairperson of the 2009/2010 Budget Committee presented the Amended Annual 2009/2010 Operating Budget to the Board for formal consideration.

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

THAT the attached School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Operating Budget for 2009/2010 totalling \$553,943,575 including \$549,344,401 in operating expenditures, be approved and supplied to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

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

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2009/2010 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

- (c) Approval of Sketch Plans: Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site# 202 – New School

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer; Paul Grant, Partner; and Autumn Sweet, Architect, Grant & Sinclair Architects; provided Trustees with information regarding the proposed sketch plans for the new school, Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202.

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

THAT the sketch plans for the construction of the new school Grandview Heights NW Area Elementary – Site #202, located at 15955 – 28th Avenue, be approved as presented and the architect be instructed to proceed with the remaining stages of the project.

CARRIED

- (d) Bylaw #189, Re: Adams Road Elementary – Site #153 – Joint Statutory Right-of-Way with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, and Telus Communications Inc.

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

THAT, Bylaw # 189, Re: Adams Road Elementary – Site #153 – Joint Statutory Right-of-Way with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, and Telus Communications Inc. be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #189, Re: Adams Road Elementary – Site #153 – Joint Statutory Right-of-Way with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, and Telus Communications Inc. be read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #189, Re: Adams Road Elementary – Site #153 – Joint Statutory Right-of-Way with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, and Telus Communications Inc. be read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #189, Re: Adams Road Elementary – Site #153 – Joint Statutory Right-of-Way with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, and Telus Communications Inc. be read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (e) Bylaw #190, Re: District Education and Conference Centre – Site #187 – Joint Statutory Right-of-Way with British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, and Telus Communications Inc.

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

THAT Bylaw #190, Re: District Education and Conference Centre – Site #187 – Joint Statutory Right of Way with BC Hydro and Power Authority, and Telus Communications Inc. be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #190, Re: District Education and Conference Centre – Site #187 – Joint Statutory Right of Way with BC Hydro and Power Authority, and Telus Communications Inc. be read a first time.

CARRIED

It was moved Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee Wilson:

THAT Bylaw #190, Re: District Education and Conference Centre – Site #187 – Joint Statutory Right of Way with BC Hydro and Power Authority, and Telus Communications Inc. be read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Bylaw #190, Re: District Education and Conference Centre – Site #187 – Joint Statutory Right of Way with BC Hydro and Power Authority, and Telus Communications Inc. be read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(f) Award of Construction Contract – Construction of New Portable Classrooms – Various Sites

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with information regarding construction of new portable classrooms – various sites.

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, Shelter Industries Ltd., in the total amount of \$1,368,640 (excluding GST) for construction of new portable classrooms at various sites.

CARRIED

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

THAT the Board direct Administration to prepare a report on portables in the district to include the following information:

- a) The history of portable inventory;
- b) The impact of Full Day Kindergarten;
- c) The lack of capital funding since 2005/2006;
- d) The impact and history of continual enrolment pressures;
- e) The highest priorities for capital projects and their estimated costs; and

THAT the report be presented to the Board at its 2010-02-25 Regular Board meeting.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

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

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

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

(c) 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 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

(d) 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.

[7] **ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.
CARRIED

L. McNally
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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