

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, MARCH 25th, 2010 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, Executive 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:

Sharon Cohen, Assistant Superintendent; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Pat Horstead, Director of Instruction, CISC; Shelagh Lim, Numeracy/Science Helping Teacher; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; 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**

Chairperson McNally requested that action item 3(c) *Award of Construction Contract – Johnston Heights Secondary – Site #045 – Building Envelope Restoration* be added to the agenda; 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 Glass:

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

CARRIED

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(c) Presentation: Science Fair Students

Patricia Horstead, Director of Instruction and Shelagh Lim, Numeracy/Science Helping Teacher, provided Trustees with information regarding the 44th Annual District Science Fair and introduced each of the Science Fair participants present.

The SD36 (Surrey) Science Fair is the largest science fair in Western Canada. Over 40 schools participated in this year's science fair.

The generous support of the Central City Mall for the venue was most appreciated.

Four years ago a new K-7 science curriculum was implemented. One of the main features of the new curriculum is for students to use an inquiry approach. They pose a question and really think about what they want to know and that drives the research and the presentation. The new curriculum approach is evident again in this year's science fair projects.

Each student made a short presentation on his/her project to the Board. The projects covered a wide variety of scientific concepts and highlighted the achievements of the students. Science Fair projects were presented by:

- Akash Sharma, Grade 7, Bothwell Elementary – *“Working Towards Zero Waste”*
- Soni Kalair Grade 6, Colebrook Elementary – *“Ski Jumping”*
- Doreen Varghese, Grade 7, Henry Bose Elementary – *“L’agriculture industrielle serres/l’agriculture biologique”*
- Sara Van Slageren, Grade 7, Sullivan Elementary – *“Composting”*
- Morgan McLean, Grade 6, White Rock Elementary – *“Secrets of Sound”*

The Board thanked the Science Fair Committee, for their dedication and commitment in organizing the annual District Science Fair, as well as the students for bringing their projects to share with Trustees.

Chairperson McNally recessed the meeting at 7:58 p.m. in order for Trustees to view the Science Fair Presentations more closely and reconvened the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2010-02-11

It was moved by Trustee Wilson seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2010-02-11 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

(b) Carbon Neutral Action Report

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer and Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services, provided Trustees with information on the Carbon Neutral Action Report.

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

THAT the Board adopt the Carbon Neutral Action Report and submit a copy of the report to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

(c) Award of Construction Contract – Johnston Heights Secondary– Site #045 – Building Envelope Restoration

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

THAT, subject to receiving government funding, the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, Oakridge General Contractors (a Division of Oakridge Painting Decorating Ltd.), in the total amount of \$2,594,850 (excluding GST) for a building envelope restoration at Johnston Heights Secondary – Site #045, located at 15350 – 99th Avenue.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

(a) **Progress Report – Active Capital Projects**

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, provided Trustees with 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 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

(c) **Report on District Portable Inventory**

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer and Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services, provided Trustees with a report on District Portable Inventory.

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

THAT the report on District Portable Inventory be received for information.

CARRIED

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

THAT the Board direct Administration to send a copy of the District Portable Inventory report to the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance, the City of Surrey, and the City of White Rock, for their information.

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 Wilson, seconded by Trustee Chatha:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 9:24 p.m.
CARRIED

L. McNally
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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