

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9, 2008**

Present:

Chair	Mrs. C. Ashlie
Vice Chair	Ms. K. Ward

Trustees:	Mr. R. Butler
	Dr. D. Rempel
	Mr. S. Vdovine

Superintendent of Schools	Mr. J.L. Simpson
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. D. Woytowich
Asst. Superintendent	Dr. R. Cranston
Asst. Superintendent	Mrs. J. Unwin
Communications Officer	Mr. S. Nesling
Executive Assistant & Recorder	Mrs. C.J. Jones

Absent:	Trustees:	Mrs. N. Joostema
		Mrs. K. Marshall

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Correspondence & Announcements

P240-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Butler

“That correspondence addressed to the Board be received for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Ordering of Agenda

P241-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the agenda be ordered as circulated and amended as follows:

Add:

H1(c) Garibaldi Project Agreement

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Chair asked whether anyone present had questions regarding items on the agenda. Ms. K. Wagner requested to speak to the agenda.

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1) December 12, 2007

P242-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Seconder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Minutes of the December 12, 2007 Public meeting be approved as circulated and amended as follows:

Page 2 - voting on Motion **P218-07/08** should show Trustees Marshall and Butler as affirmative

Page 4, first paragraph should read:

Trustee Ward said that she has the time available to fully commit to the Vice Chair position, and in response to Trustee Rempel’s statement of continuity and the challenges the Board is facing, she said that every trustee at the table is well aware of he issues and is capable of taking on the role as Vice Chair. She said she has aspired to the position for a number of years, and should she have the opportunity to be voted into that role, she would continue to devote all of her time to the Board and the community

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C – PRESENTATIONS

1. Student Support Services – Kristi Lauridsen, Gifted Facilitator

Ms. Kristi Lauridsen provided the Board with an overview on the Gifted Learners Program. She said that, as the Gifted Facilitator, she is able to dedicate time to assess and improve the level of service to gifted learners within an inclusive classroom, and to determine a focus for gifted education.

Ms. Lauridsen said that she provides information to facilitate networking, assists support teachers, coaches classroom teachers, accesses all resources, and acts as a community liaison. She introduced students present, who have participated in the gifted programs. Each student told the Board what he/she liked about the programs they attended.

The Board thanked Ms. Lauridsen for her informative presentation.

Ms. Wagner said that it is extremely difficult to hear debate and discussion, owing to the heating noises in the room, and the Board may wish to give this consideration. Her question she said was with respect to the Trustee Access to Information Bylaw under the Chair Report. She said she is concerned that the Board is considering passing the bylaw tonight without allowing 30 days for public input. She felt that the public should be allowed to have input. Ms. Wagner outlined her personal concerns with the proposed bylaw and said that bylaws should emphasize the positive rather than the negative.

D – DELEGATIONS

E - CHAIR REPORT

- a) Correspondence for Board Action
- b) Board Announcement
- c) Other Matters

- Trustee Access to Information Bylaw

P243-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsections c) and d), the Board advance through to final stage in one meeting the Trustee Access to Information Bylaw”.

Trustee Rempel asked the Secretary Treasurer whether there was legislation to allow trustees to pass bylaws in this manner (all three readings at one meeting). The Secretary Treasurer stated that the Board can change a bylaw, and give it all three readings at one meeting. It is the Board's responsibility to develop its own bylaws as it feels necessary.

Trustee Vdovine stated that the procedure for adopting bylaws has changed. He stated that Roberts Rules of Order, in his opinion, had not been followed, and he had a number of amendments to put forward.

Trustee Ward said that she had no problem adopting the bylaw through all three readings, that it is a Trustee bylaw, and it warrants all three readings.

Following discussion the question was called on Motion **P243-07/08** which was DEFEATED.

P244-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Seconder: Trustee Rempel

"That the Board grant first reading to the Trustee Access to Information Bylaw".

Trustee Butler said that he had a problem with point 5.00 and he felt that it required amendment.

Trustee Rempel stated that the bylaw was a Board bylaw and there is no requirement for consultation. He agreed with point 3.00 as it was not fair to ask for individual reports from staff. He stated that there is no Agenda Preparation Committee, and this could be reworded.

Chair Ashlie said that the Board agreed to move the bylaw to a Board Work Day for discussion. Trustee Vdovine was not present at the Board Work Day meeting but the Board had directed how it should be dealt with.

The Vice Chair was asked to assume the Chair to permit Chair Ashlie to speak to the issue.

Trustee Ashlie said that she disagreed with the wording of point 3.00 and the word "Committee" could be removed from point 5.00.

P245-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ashlie
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board amend Motion **P244-07/08** by removing the words “**or answer questions**” from point 3.00.”

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Abstained

CARRIED

Trustee Vdovine referred to his original bylaw and asked that item 3 and 6 be included.

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that it has no right to access individual personnel files as referred to in item 6, and the suggestion for inclusion in the bylaw was out of the question.

P246-07/08 Mover: Trustee Vdovine
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board amend Motion **P244-07/08** as amended by **P245-07/08** by adding the following words from Trustee Vdovine’s original bylaw as follows:

“Trustees shall make no direct request to schools (school principals, teachers, or others) for written information, verbal information may be sought from a principal, but if that verbal information would take longer than thirty (30) minutes to impart, then the principal has the right to advise the trustee that the Superintendent of Schools will have to seek Board approval, prior to the principal providing the information to the trustee”.

Trustee Ward asked what would happen to a Trustee who did not follow the Code of Conduct. The Secretary Treasurer stated that the trustee could be censured by the Board.

The question was called on Motion **P246-07/08**:

Trustee Ashlie	Opposed
Trustee Ward	Opposed
Trustee Rempel	Opposed
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Affirmative

DEFEATED

P247-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Seconder: Trustee Vdvone

"That the Board amend Motion **P246-07/08** by amending item 3 as follows:

"Trustees shall make no direct request to schools (school principals, teachers or others) for written information. Verbal information may be sought from a principal. The Principal may choose to consult with the Superintendent prior to supplying the requested information".

The question was called on Motion **P247-07/08** and the vote was as follows:

Trustee Vdovine -	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Ashlie	Negative
Trustee Ward	Negative
Trustee Rempel	Negative

DEFEATED

Motion **P244-07/08** as amended by **P245-07/08** received the following vote:

Trustee Vdovine	Negative
Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

CARRIED

The Bylaw will be amended and brought forward to the January 30th meeting.

F - DEFERRED ITEMS

G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Assistant Superintendents

- Equestrian Academy Update Report

P248-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Second: Trustee Rempel

"That the Board lift Motion **P234-07/08** from the table."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P249-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Second: Trustee Rempel

"That the Board receive the Equestrian Academy Update Report, for information."

The Board requested that it be assured that optional student accident insurance must be in place before the academy can be implemented. Staff will ensure that sufficient student accident coverage has been considered in other academies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P250-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board approve in principle the document completing the detailed proposal phase of the Thomas Haney Secondary School Equestrian Academy providing the appropriate accident insurance is investigated for possible inclusion.”

Trustee Vdovine	Negative
Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

CARRIED

P251-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board direct staff to investigate and ensure that all academies in SD42 offer the Student Accident Insurance package and, where deemed necessary, require it.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c) Secretary Treasurer
- Truck Ads

P252-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the following report regarding the placement of ads on District vehicles as part of its revenue generation arrangement with School Fleet Media.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P253-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve School Fleet Media’s request to place an ad for Atkinson and Terry Insurance on the side of a District vehicle.”

Trustee Vdovine	Negative
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Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

CARRIED

P254-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve School Fleet Media’s request to add “Stolen Lives” to the list of approved charities and public service campaigns.”

Trustee Vdovine	Negative
Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

CARRIED

P255-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve School Fleet Media’s request to refer to School District No. 42 in an advertising flyer they wish to distribute to potential clients.”

Trustee Vdovine	Negative
Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Rempel	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

CARRIED

C256-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer’s Garibaldi Update Report.”

The Secretary Treasurer said that the Ministry had reviewed the project and had requested some minor changes. The changes included:

- an increase in the project to reflect the latest escalation information that it has just approved;
- the removal of the clause which the District inserted regarding the funding for LEEDS and replaced it with a list of green/sustainable initiatives included in the project;
- updated costing information in the schedules.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C257-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve the Garibaldi Project Agreement as amended by the Ministry of Education”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Good News Items

P258-07/08 Mover: Trustee
 Secunder: Trustee

“That the Board receive the following “good news” items:

- the appropriate actions of staff at Hammond school during a recent incident involving a student and the positive outcome;
- the use of BCeSIS at the provincial level by four local teachers
- the production of the first Early Childhood Development calendar (which was distributed to all present)
- that Dennis Tjerneragel, Principal, of Thomas Haney Secondary has been asked to be the guest speaker at the upcoming Meadowridge Rotary luncheon
- the delightful and informative presentation on the Gifted Program this evening
- a bookmark developed by Yennadon Elementary to encourage students to read.

b) Assistant Superintendents

- Common Timetable

P259-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Assistant Superintendent’s “Move to a Common Timetable” Report, for information.”

Assistant Superintendent Unwin provided the Board with a report outlining progress towards a common timetable. She said that a committee, which included teacher representatives from each high school had met three times to develop proposals and that she, together with the Superintendent had visited each high school to gather further input. A meeting will be held on January 11th to discuss a prototype with the following features: common start times, stop times, and lunch times; the same block length for four days (Wednesday the day to be considered for altered block length); lunchtime to be 50 minutes long; instructional time to be 1545 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Secretary Treasurer

I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committee-of-the-Whole
2. Committees & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Education Committee
 - b) Human Resources Committee
 - c) Finance Committee
 - d) Policy Advisory Committee
 - e) Education Advisory Committee
 - f) Aboriginal Education Committee
 - g) French Immersion Advisory Committee
 - h) Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee
 - i) District Student Advisory Committee

J - QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Questions
2. Public Questions
3. DPAC Questions

Ms. Froelich, President of DPAC, announced that the next DPAC meeting will be held on Monday, January 14th at Hammond Elementary, 7:00 p.m.

4. Employee Group Questions

K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports
2. Board Liaison Representative Reports
3. Other Trustee Reports

Chair Ashlie advised that the Historical Committee had reviewed the proposed policy on archiving historical information at the schools and had suggested amendments. The amendments will come forward to the January 30th public meeting.

L - OTHER BUSINESS

M - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer