

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)
WEDNESDAY JUNE 25, 2008**

Present:

Chair	Mrs. C. Ashlie
Vice Chair	Mrs. K. Ward
Trustees:	Mr. R. Butler
	Mrs. K. Marshall
	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

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Correspondence & Announcements

3. Ordering of Agenda

P490-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

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

Add:

H1(b) Board/Authority Authorized Course

Remove:

G1 – Coca Cola Contract

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Chair asked whether anyone present had questions regarding items on the agenda. There were no questions.

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1) June 11, 2008

P491-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Minutes of the June 11, 2008 Public meeting be approved as circulated and amended:

Page 12 – top paragraph – Mr. Bateson, should be noted as being from Yuen Marshall Arts.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C – PRESENTATIONS

1. Big Brothers/Big Sisters – Mr. Sheach, Ms. Wilson, and Mr. Solomon

Mr. Sheach, Executive Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters for Abbotsford, Mission and Ridge Meadows outlined the organization’s work which includes two primary programming streams – Community Based Mentoring and School Based Mentoring. Mr. Solomon and Ms. Wilson explained that future plans will include expanding to provide Group and Teen Mentoring programs.

Katrina Huberman, a Grade 12 student, commented on her experience of having a Big Sister, and how she had benefited from the experience.

Chair Ashlie thanked the presenters for their informative presentation and they left the meeting.

2. Achievement Contract – Ms. Joanne Rowen, Director of Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment

The Board welcomed Ms. Rowen to the meeting.

Ms. Rowen presented the 2008/2009 Achievement Contract and reported that this year data was collected electronically using BCeSIS. She provided an overview of the different types of assessments reflected in the Contract. Four goals have been identified – literacy, graduation rates, numeracy, and social responsibility. The document will be submitted to the Ministry by the July 15th deadline.

Ms. Rowen was thanked for providing an overview of the Achievement Contract and she left the meeting.

3. SPED Review – Ms. Laurie Meston, Director of Instruction and Ms. Laurie Smith, District Principal, Student Support Services

Ms. Meston and Ms. Smith were welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Meston said that, following a Special Education Review in February 2007, in which direction was provided by many individuals and organizations, staff developed plans for implementation. She said feedback from stakeholder groups identified the need for a unified vision; the importance of collaboration; meaningful consultation with parents and community partners; differentiating curriculum to meet the needs of all learners; building a positive culture; increasing the knowledge of all personnel; and becoming more efficient.

The Board thanked the presenters for the information provided and they left the meeting.

D – DELEGATIONS

E - CHAIR REPORT

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

- Tabled Assessment Motions

This item will be moved to the August 27th meeting.

F - DEFERRED ITEMS

G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- 1. Decision Items
 - a) Superintendent of Schools
 - Achievement Contract

P492-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board approve the Achievement Contract as circulated and subject to changes as necessary.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Assistant Superintendents

- Board/Authority Authorized Course

P493-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board approve “BA DigiPen Academy – 12B” proposed by Grant Frend, Vice Principal at Garibaldi Secondary School, as a BAA course.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Secretary Treasurer

- Section 11 Appeals Policy

P494-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board grant second reading to the Appeal Procedural Bylaw (Section 11).”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P495-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board grant third and final reading to the Appeal Procedural Bylaw (Section 11).”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2008/2009 Annual Budget & Bylaw

P496-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That pursuant to part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection d), the Board advance the budget and bylaws through to final stages in one meeting”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P497-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board grant first reading to the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2008/09”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P498-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board grant second reading to the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2008/09”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P499-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board grant third and final reading to the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2008/09”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Annual Facilities Grant

P500-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve the Annual Facilities Grant, as circulated.”

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Annual Facilities Grant which outlines funding that has been approved for maintenance, repair and renovation of district facilities and grounds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Good News Items

P501-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

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

- Congratulations were extended to Dr. Cranston on his retirement and his many contributions to the District were highlighted;
- Ministry approval for four more StrongStart centres, which will open in September;
- The successful year-end ceremonies, which included the Katzie awards night; TOPIA leaving ceremony; and Ridge Meadows graduation.

- Congratulations to Laura Harmsten, a teacher at Harry Hooge Elementary who was featured in Parent Magazine for her work with Action Schools B.C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Response to Parking Issues

P502-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Superintendent’s response to parking issues, for information.”

In response to the issue of parents parking illegally when dropping off or picking up their children and blocking access to schools by emergency vehicles, the Superintendent advised that all principals will receive a letter to send home to parents asking for their compliance with parking restrictions. He also advised that principals will meet with their PAC’s to develop other strategies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) Assistant Superintendents
- c) Secretary Treasurer

- Pitt Meadows Drainage Utility Report

P503-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the report on the proposed Pitt Meadows Drainage Utility, for information.”

The Secretary Treasurer outlined the amounts assessed by the City of Pitt Meadows for drainage maintenance at several school Pitt Meadows sites. The total assessed is \$11,291 for five sites and may take effect in 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Notice of Procedural Bylaw Change

P504-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive a Notice of Motion to change the Procedural Bylaws to accommodate change in format to Agenda to include the new paperless board meeting software.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Ridge Meadows College Report

P505-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Ridge Meadows College Report, as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Inventory Ministry Response Re: Playground Equipment

P506-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Inventory Ministry Response regarding Playground Equipment, for information.”

The inventory list compiled by maintenance staff will be sent to the Ministry of Education as requested. The Board asked staff to prepare a letter to the Ministry to state that the Board would like to have the opportunity to determine where the funds should be allocated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

- Official School Opening Policy – Deletion

P507-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board delete Policy INDC: Official School Opening from the district policy manual.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- School District Ceremonies – Procedure

P508-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the procedure entitled School District Ceremonies for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- e) Education Advisory Committee
- f) Aboriginal Education Committee
- g) French Immersion Advisory Committee
- h) Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee

- Vandalism Statistics Report

P509-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the Vandalism Statistics Report, for information.”

Trustee Ward, as Chair of the Anti-Vandalism Committee, provided the Board with a summary of vandalism statistics. She said that vandalism incidents have increased by 25% over the previous year. It was noted that schools which initiated anti-vandalism strategies appear to have suffered less vandalism.

A total cost report for vandalism will be brought forward to the September Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- i) District Student Advisory Committee

J - QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Questions

Trustee Vdovine asked how the Ministry's latest announcement on school closures will affect the District.

The Superintendent stated that there were some brief discussions in early March on the impact to the District, that there will be challenges, and the District will have to ensure that there is space for full time kindergarten should it become a reality.

Chair Ashlie said the Board doesn't want to be pushed by the Ministry on the use of its own schools. It needs to establish a community plan on use of District facilities and to advise the Ministry. The Board requires further discussion on this, and the item will be placed on the Chair report for the August 27th meeting.

Staff were asked how the District will be manage field trips now that new legislation is in place. Assistant Superintendent Randy Cranston advised that the District's field trip procedure will be amended to reflect the new guidelines.

2. Public Questions

Ms. Psota referred to the June 11th minutes and asked that it be noted in her comments about parent volunteers, that she was referring specifically to parents volunteering as crossing guards.

Ms. Carr asked how the District determines what playground equipment is still suitable for use by students. She said that the report presented to the Board shows Mount Crescent playground equipment as being "good" but she said she did not feel this to be the case.

Mr. Clarkson, a teacher, noted that the Director of Instruction in her Achievement Contract report, called the DART scoring as professional development. He said he felt it would be more accurate to call it an "in-service".

Ms. Georgi, a parent, referred to the playground equipment at Davie Jones which she said was in poor condition. She said she could not understand why the report shows everything rated as "good". She asked whether staff will be looking at better rating criteria in the future. She said that there should be clear playground standards, and consideration for wheelchair accessibility.

The Secretary Treasurer said that he would discuss the parents concerns with maintenance staff who undertook the review of the equipment.

3. DPAC Questions

Ms. Froelich referred to the June 11th minutes and said that her comments about the Appeals Bylaw should show that she did not oppose the procedure process but felt that a preamble would be helpful.

4. Employee Group Questions

Mr. Serra, asked in what year did International Education move into Ridge Meadows College.

The Secretary Treasurer said that it has never moved to RMC, some courses are offered to international students, but they are two separate entities.

K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports

Trustee Rempel advised that the Pitt Meadows Arts Council met on June 23rd and reviewed the successes for the past year. It passed a scholarship policy, and the Craft Committee discussed locations for next years Craft Fair.

2. Board Liaison Representative Reports
3. Other Trustee Reports

L - OTHER BUSINESS

M - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

