

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

Present:

Chair	Mrs. C. Ashlie
Vice Chair	Mrs. K. Ward
Trustees	Mr. R. Butler Mrs. K. Marshall Mr. S. Vdovine
Superintendent of Schools	Mr. J. Simpson
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. D. Woytowich
Asst. Superintendent	Mrs. J. Unwin
Communications Officer	Mr. S. Nesling
Executive Assistant & Recorder	Mrs. C. Jones

Absent: Trustee Dr. D. Rempel

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

P100-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

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

Add

G – Notice of Motion.- Advocacy Committee
 K1 – BCSTA Provincial Council.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Chair asked whether anyone present had questions regarding items on the agenda. Ms. MacVeigh said she would like to speak to the agenda.

Ms. MacVeigh asked whether the lap tops had built in microphones. The Board Chair said they did not.

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1) June 25, 2008

P102-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secoder: Trustee Butler

“That the Minutes of the June 25, 2008 Public meeting be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C – PRESENTATIONS

D - DELEGATIONS

E - CHAIR REPORT

a) Correspondence for Board Action

- Correspondence from Nestle Waters Canada dated July 9, 2008.

Chair Ashlie said that the Board had received a letter from Nestle Waters Canada dated July 9, 2008 concerning reports that the District is considering banning bottled water from schools. She suggested that the letter go forward to the Nutrition Committee for further discussion.

Trustee Vdovine said that the Board has not discussed this issue.

Chair Ashlie stated that the issue of bottled water in schools was brought up when the Nutrition Committee was established.

Trustee Vdovine said that he would like the Board to send a letter thanking Nestle Waters Canada for its letter.

Trustee Ward asked whether the letter should also be directed to the Environmental Committee.

Chair Ashlie stated that the Nutrition Committee could direct this to the Enviromental Committee.

b) Board Announcements

Chair Ashlie stated that the Board would not be demonstrating the paperless board meeting system this evening as there were a few “glitches” which staff are working on.

c) Other Matters

- Tabled Assessment Motions

P102-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Second: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board lift the tabled Motions on the Student Assessment in B.C.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P103-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Second: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board request that the Achievement Contract reflect within the Goals’ objectives, an objective that states, “increased use of formative assessment will be used to improve student achievement in this area.”

Chair Ashlie stated that there have been discussions with staff since this matter was first brought forward, and the issue of formative assessment will be included in future Achievement Contracts.

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Ashlie	Negative
Trustee Butler	Negative
Trustee Marshall	Negative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

DEFEATED

P104-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Second: Trustee Butler

“That the Board direct the policies on assessment be reviewed at the next Board meeting with the intent of updating the language to ensure the District supports assessment for learning practices in the classroom.”

P105-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board amend Motion **P104-08/09** as follows:

That the Board direct the policies on assessment to be reviewed by the Education Committee with the intent of updating the language to ensure the District supports assessment for learning practices in the classroom.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The question was called on Motion **P104-08/09** as amended by **P105-08/09** CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P106-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

- a) “That the Superintendent supplies a report to the Board containing the budget allocation to teacher professional development, and the additional ways that the District provides professional development support to the teachers of this District.
- b) That the Superintendent reports to the Board, for the 08/09 budget process, his recommendations in regards to potential supports in the area of supporting teachers to examine and enhance classroom assessment practices.”

The Superintendent advised that the District had provided \$60,000 to the Maple Ridge Teachers’ Association for professional development activities this year, and a further \$100,000 to schools to support Learning Communities.

Discussion continued.

Chair Ashlie stated that the \$60,000 is used by the teachers, and they identify how it is to be spent. She said that she would like to see an amount put aside for formative assessment.

The Superintendent said that an amount could be targeted for formative assessment. However, there are amounts in senior staff budgets which could be assigned to enhance classroom practices.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P109-08/09 Mover: Trustee Marshall
 Seconder: Trustee Butler

“That Motion **P108-08/09** be voted on in two separate motions, one for a) and one for b).”

The question was called on part a) of the motion **P108-08/09**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P110-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Seconder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board defer part b) of Motion P108-08/09”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- I.Q. Variable – Young Adults

P111-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board write to the Housing and Social Development Minister Rich Coleman and Children’s Minister Tom Christensen, urging them to not use IQ as the sole reason for denying services; inclusive of the cc’s to the Premier, Minister of Education and all member boards of the BCSTA.”

Ms. Meston, Director of Equity Advocacy & Community, will be asked to assist with the compilation of the letter to Mr. Christensen, and an emergent motion for the BCSTA Provincial Council concerning the I.Q. restriction requirements for students with special needs once they transition into the adult classification.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- BCSTA – E-Alert – Changes to Rules on Closure and Disposal of Schools

P112-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Seconder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board commence the process to rename the District Education Office.”

The Board Chair said the name should be more indicative of the building’s function, and as per Board policy, should reflect local history or geographic features.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P113-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board commence the process of renaming the District Education Office.”

The Communications Officer was asked to proceed to seek suggestions from parents, students, staff and the community, for presentation to the Board at the end of October.

Trustee Ashlie	Affirmative
Trustee Butler	Affirmative
Trustee Marshall	Affirmative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative

CARRIED

- Party Bus

The Board Chair said she wished to clarify that she had not intended to bring this issue to the Board table as reported in the local newspaper. She said she would be taking it to the Substance Abuse/Misuse Committee.

P114-08/09 Mover: Trustee Marshall
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board forward a letter to the Solicitor General asking him to explore the regulations of alcohol on motor vehicles and the experiences of the community with the party bus issue”.

Chair Ashlie stated that this community has experienced some issues with underage drinking on the party buses and is therefore asking the Solicitor General to review the matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F - DEFERRED ITEMS

G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS

1. Notice of Motion – Trustee Vdovine

P115-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secoder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive Trustee Vdovine’s notice of motion.”

Trustee Vdovine said that his motion will be to ask the District to establish an Advocacy Committee comprised of representatives from all partner groups, and that the Advocacy Committee become part of the Board’s committee structure in the future.

A motion will be brought forward to the September 24, 2008 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

1. Decision Items
 - a) Superintendent of Schools
 - b) Assistant Superintendents
 - c) Secretary Treasurer
 - Procedural Bylaw Amendment

P116-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secoder: Trustee Butler

“That pursuant to Board Procedural Bylaw E3.1(d), the Board approve advancing amendment to Bylaw B, Part A, through all three reading stages at the meeting of the Board on August 27, 2008”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P117-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secoder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve first reading to amend Procedural Bylaw B, Part A, to accommodate change in format to Agenda to include the new paperless board meeting software”.

Trustee Marshall suggested several amendments, which the Secretary Treasurer will incorporate into the bylaw.

Chair Ashlie asked that the bylaws be reviewed after one year when the paperless board meeting lease has expired.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P118-08/09 Mover: Trustee Marshall
 Seconder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve second reading to amend Procedural Bylaw B, Part A, to accommodate change in format to Agenda to include the new paperless board meeting software”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P119-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Seconder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve third and final reading to amend Procedural Bylaw B, Part A, to accommodate change in format to Agenda to include the new paperless board meeting software”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

- Good News Items

P120-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Seconder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Good News items from Trustees and Senior Staff as follows:

- The tremendous success of the second annual “kick off” event on September 8th which featured Canadian author David Bouchard;
- The ongoing partnerships between the Districts Keeping Kids in School team and local community organizations, and a planned barbeque on September 18th. The intent is to connect with youth who need assistance to achieve graduation requirements;
- The recognition of the maintenance staff who worked throughout the summer to get schools and grounds ready for school opening;
- The successful playground opening at Davie Jones elementary;
- The progress on a new playground at Pitt Meadows elementary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) Assistant Superintendents
 - Preliminary Enrolment Report

P121-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Preliminary Enrolment Report, for information.”

Deputy Superintendent Unwin reported that as of September 5th, the District had a total enrolment of 13,948 full time equivalent. 146 more than the District had projected, and 246 more than the Ministry of Education had projected.

She said that secondary enrolments were in line with projections.

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) Policy Advisory Committee
 - d) Aboriginal Education Committee
 - e) Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee
 - f) District Student Advisory Committee
 - g) French Immersion Advisory Committee
 - h) Communications Advisory Committee

J - QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Questions

Chari Ashlie asked whether the principals had sent a letter out to parents asking for their compliance with parking restrictions.

Deputy Superintendent Unwin confirmed that the principals had sent out the letters. The Board was advised that the Health & Safety Officer is working with principals to address parking and safety issues.

2. Public Questions

A parent referred to the Keeping Kids in School initiative and asked which community organizations were involved.

Deputy Superintendent Unwin said that a variety of community organizations are involved including Parks & Recreation, Gregg Moore Youth Centre, Alouette Addictions, and the RCMP, to name a few.

Reference was made to the recent parent letter to the Editor in the local paper concerning the school start up at elementary schools, and the lack of classroom assignments, the parent asked whether this was now the policy.

Ms. Unwin stated that it is not policy, it is a staff choice as to how they handle the new school year start up and classroom assignments.

3. DPAC Questions

Ms. Kathy Froelich, DPAC Chair referred to the letter to the Editor and suggested that for the future, a communication be prepared for parents, either on the District website or posted on school doors as to class assignments.

Ms. Unwin said that a communication could go out to parents at the end of the school year to let advise them on class assignments, as well as details on school opening procedures first thing in the new school year.

Chair Ashlie suggested that this issue be a part of a future DPAC agenda and that the Superintendent make a presentation to the parents on the issue.

The Superintendent stated that this matter will also be discussed at the next Principals meeting.

4. Employee Group Questions

Ms. MacVeigh referred to the issue of parents parking illegally at schools and asked what the Board would be cited for if this continued.

Chair Ashlie said that the District has to ensure appropriate access to schools for emergency vehicles, not to do so would result in fines.

Ms MacVeigh asked whether the Board could bring in a bylaw enforcement officer to ticket parents who park illegally.

Ms. MacVeigh was advised that the bylaw enforcement officer has no authority to ticket parents on District property but the RCMP could do so with the District's permission.

MacVeigh asked how many students had taken advantage of the common timetable.

Deputy Superintendent Unwin said that a report will be brought forward to a future meeting when the statistics are known.

K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports

- BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Ward advised that the next Provincial Council meeting is on October 25th. Should the Board have any emergent motions they must be discussed at the next meeting and submitted to BCSTA by September 26th.

The Board Chair said that the Board will be submitting as discussed, an emergent motion on the IQ Variable – Young Adults matter, which will be brought forward to the next meeting.

2. Board Liaison Representative Reports
3. Other Trustee Reports

L - OTHER BUSINESS

M - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

