

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

Wednesday, October 08, 2008 (6:00 PM)

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS: Mrs. C. Ashlie, Board Chair
Mrs. K. Ward, Board Vice Chair
Dr. D. Rempel
Ms. K. Marshall

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. J.L. Simpson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. J. Unwin, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Mr. D. Woytowich, Secretary Treasurer
Mrs. C.J. Jones, Executive Assistant & Recorder

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Ordering of Agenda

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

Add:

C – Presentations – Meadowridge Rotary Donation
E – Chair Report – November Meeting Date Change
E – Chair Report – Press Release

Move:

H2 & H3 Deputy Superintendent Information items to be heard following the presentations

ORIGINAL - Motion P133-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathy Marshall**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED. 4 - 0**

3. Correspondence

RECOMMENDATION: That correspondence addressed to the Board be received for information.

ORIGINAL - Motion P134-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathy Marshall**) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 4 - 0

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. September 24, 2008 Public Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: That the Minutes of the September 24, 2008 Public Meeting be approved as circulated.

ORIGINAL - Motion P135-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathy Marshall**) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 4 - 0

C - PRESENTATIONS

1. The George Longstaff Award - Presentation to teacher Lorna Harmston from Harry Hooge

Ms. Debbie Keel, Healthy Living District Facilitator, advised the Board that the George Longstaff Award is presented annually to a recipient who exemplifies a set of criteria. She said that Lorna Harmston, a teacher at Harry Hooge has been nominated, and Mr. Longstaff is in attendance to present the Award.

Mr. Longstaff outlined the many contributions Lorna had provided to students and teachers in the District and that he was very pleased to present the award to her.

Ms. Harmston accepted the award and thanked those who nominated her to receive it.

2. Meadowridge Rotary Donation

Ms. Ineke Boekhorst, President of the Meadowridge Rotary, was present to present Mr. Tjernagel, Principal of Thomas Haney Secondary school with a cheque for \$1,000 for hosting the Rotary Clubs wine festival. Mr. Tjernagel said that the funds will be used to help students who cannot afford to participate in various school events.

E - CHAIR REPORT

1. Chair Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the Chair Report

ORIGINAL - Motion P136-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathy Marshall**) seconded to approve the

ORIGINAL motion . Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 4 - 0**

2. School Archives Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the correspondence from Val Patenaude of the Maple Ridge Museum & Archives, containing a request from Greybrook Academy to participate in the school archives program.

Board members agreed to have Greybrook Academy participate in the school archive program and they will be added to the SD42 roster.

ORIGINAL - Motion P137-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathie Ward**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED. 4 - 0**

3. Community Garden Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the Community Garden Grant Application in partnership with the CEED Centre.

ORIGINAL - Motion P138-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathy Marshall**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **CARRIED 4 - 0**

4. November Board Meeting Date Change

The Board Chair announced that the Board will be changing the date for the last Board meeting in November, since both staff and trustees have other commitments. The meeting will be held on November 25, 2008 and this information will be posted on the website.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve moving the end of November Board meetings to the last Tuesday of the month.

NEW - Motion P139-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathy Marshall**) seconded to approve the **NEW** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (4) Nay: (0). The motion **CARRIED 4-0.**

5. Press Release

The Board Chair read a Press Release regarding a situation which took place at the last public meeting. She said that at the meeting a picture was taken of the Board proceedings by a member of the public in attendance, and was subsequently posted to a Facebook page belonging to the Vice Chair of DPAC, Mr. Todd Hill. She said the caption which accompanied the picture read "Paperless Board meeting \$25,000 – trustee asleep – priceless". There were further derogatory comments made by Mr. Vdovine, a trustee, towards all of the trustees.

Dr. Rempel, the trustee named, had put his head down during the meeting but it was an act of contemplation. He was not feeling well that evening and he was certainly not sleeping.

Dr. Rempel said that he was disappointed at the behaviour exhibited at the last meeting by the public, particularly since the Board had recently hosted a stakeholder dinner, in the hope of building better relationships.

The Board Chair said that she would like the Board to send a letter to Mr. Hill expressing its concern about his behaviour, and to take this opportunity to move forward in building a more respectful relationship. She suggested that perhaps the Board bylaws could be amended to include the exclusion of cell phones at Board meetings. It was stated that the Paperless Board meeting cost was approximately \$14,000 not \$25,000 as referenced by Mr. Hill.

G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS

1. International Travel Policy

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board develop a policy and accompanying procedures to guide staff assigned to travel on behalf of the Board of Education for the purposes of International Education business. The policy should outline a belief statement, that substantiates the reasoning for such travel and the need for a reporting process that encompasses the business purpose of the trip, summarizing the goals and key issues that will be of benefit to the school district, as it relates to International Education.

ORIGINAL - Motion P140-08/09

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathy Marshall) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 4 - 0

H - CEO DECISION - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

1. FI Needs Assessment Update

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the FI Needs Assessment Update

Deputy Superintendent Unwin advised that staff is conducting a needs assessment to develop a program in the East. The French Immersion Advisory committee will be reviewing the matter and a report should be completed before Christmas. The FI Advisory meeting date change will be posted on the website.

ORIGINAL - Motion P141-08/09

Member (**Cheryl Ashlie**) Moved, Member (**Kathie Ward**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED. 4 - 0**

2. Bill 33 Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the Bill 33 Report

Ms. Meston, Director of Instruction, Student Support Services, was welcomed to the meeting. Ms. Meston referred to her report and advised that class size limits for all primary and intermediate classes at the elementary level (except 1), are at or below class size limits. She said the teacher with a class of 31 has indicated that she believes it is educationally sound. The Principal also agrees. Ms. Meston said that twenty four classes at the elementary level are reported to have more than three Ministry identified students who are entitled to an IEP. Class size averages at the secondary level are lower than Ministry expectations. Secondary class sizes by school were included in Ms. Meston's report.

ORIGINAL - Motion P142-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathy Marshall**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion . Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED. 4 - 0**

3. Bill 33 Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board grant an extension for the final Bill 33 report to be submitted for signature at the next Board Meeting on October 29,2008

Ms. Meston said that due to the ongoing nature of some of the consultations and the continued identification of students with special needs up to the September 30th deadline, she would like to request an extension until the date of the next Board meeting, to ensure that the organization of classes is in compliance with the provisions fo the School Act and the classes are appropriate for student learning.

ORIGINAL - Motion P143-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathy Marshall**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED. 4 - 0**

H - CEO INFORMATION ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

1. Good News

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive good news items from Trustees and staff.

Ms. Unwin advised that she had today received a letter from an individual who is both a parent and District employee, congratulating the District administration team at the secondary level for doing its job well.

Dr. Rempel said that the recent MeadowRidge Rotary Sports Banquet was a great success again this year, and that three Home Town Heroes were in attendance.

Chair Ashlie gave a brief report on the recent Maple Ridge Economic Advisory Summit she attended with the Superintendent.

ORIGINAL - Motion P144-08/09

Member (**Kathie Ward**) Moved, Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED. 4 - 0**

H - CEO INFORMATION ITEMS - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

1. SD 42 Enrollment Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the SD 42 Enrollment Report.

Ms. Unwin, Deputy Superintendent, advised that the report is based on the final 1701 data. Budget information that corresponds with the final 1701 data was circulated.

ORIGINAL - Motion P145-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathie Ward**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED. 4 - 0**

2. School Improvement Plan Reporting Process

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the plan for reporting out on School Improvement Plans.

Ms. Unwin, Deputy Superintendent said that the Directors have been working on finding a way to present the School Improvement Plans in a meaningful and efficient manner. They will be gathering important information to be included in the District's Achievement Contract and will provide the Board and Superintendent with a synopsis which will allow for a more in-depth understanding of the SIP's before finalization.

ORIGINAL - Motion P146-08/09

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathie Ward**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED. 4 - 0**

3. School Improvement Plan Approval Template

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the School Improvement Plan Synopsis and Approval Form.

Ms. Unwin, Deputy Superintendent advised that District Directors will use the SIP template to engage in conversations with SPC's and Administrators on individual school improvement plans.

Ms. Unwin advised that the template will be adjusted to expand and include a communication plan to the larger school community, and it will be posted on the website.

ORIGINAL - Motion P147-08/09

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathy Marshall) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 4 - 0

4. Full Day Kindergarten Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the report on some pros and cons of All Day Kindergarten

Ms. Unwin, Deputy Superintendent advised that the Senior Team and Administrators have had several discussions on the pros and cons of full day kindergarten. A summary is attached for Board information. The report will be forwarded to the BCSTA which has requested input from each District.

ORIGINAL - Motion P148-08/09

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 4 - 0

H - CEO INFORMATION ITEMS - SECRETARY TREASURER

1. Day Care Status Update

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive for information, the attached report regarding day care operations in the District.

Chair Ashlie asked whether there had been any consideration for the provision of daycare for District staff children. It was agreed that this item will go forward for discussion at the next Human Resources Committee meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion P149-08/09

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 4 - 0

I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS - COMMITTEE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Education Committee

2. Human Resources Committee

3. Finance Committee

4. Policy Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board grant second and final reading to the Optimal School

Size Policy

Ms. Unwin, Deputy Superintendent said that the Optimal School Size policy was reviewed by the committee today, and the committee would like her to request the Board to delay final reading to allow for further input from the committee and senior team.

ORIGINAL Motion P150-08/09

NEW - Motion P151-08/09

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board table Motion **P150-08/09**

Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) Moved, Member (**Kathie Ward**) seconded to approve the **NEW** motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **CARRIED**.
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5. Aboriginal Education Committee

6. District Student Advisory

7. French Immersion Advisory

8. Inclusive Education Committee

9. Communications Advisory

J - QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Questions

There were no Trustee questions

2. Public Questions

Mrs. Gillam asked for clarification regarding the facebook posting issue, specifically to Dr. Rempel's illness, and the Board Chair gave clarification.

3. DPAC Questions

There were no DPAC questions.

4. Employee Group Questions

Ms. Franklin, CUPE President, asked the Board why Board members should be exempt from criticism and ridicule.

Chair Ashlie advised Ms. Franklin, that the Board accepts criticism, but it has a right to defend itself against unfounded accusations.

K - TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports

2. Joint Leisure Services

3. Social Planning Advisory

4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility

5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council

6. BCSTA Provincial Council

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board give its Provincial Council representative, direction on how to vote on the motions going forward to Provincial Council

Motion 5.1 – Clarification by Ministry of Education of Transportation Funding Review. The Board supported this motion.

Motion 5.2 – Summer School. The Board supported this motion.

Motion 5.3 – Community Living Authority Regulation and IQ Variable. This was SD#42's motion and it was fully supported.

Motion 5.4 – Consultation on School Closures and Disposal of School Property. The Board supported the motion.

Motion 5.5 – Provincial Under-funding of School Districts. The Board was unsure why this was being considered as an emergent motion. However, if it goes ahead, the Board will support it.

Motion 5.6 – Future Accounting Standards and the Potential for Change. The Board supported the motion.

Motion 5.7 – Funding for Energy Costs. The Board supported the motion.

ORIGINAL - Motion P152-08/09

Member (**Kathie Ward**) Moved, Member (**Dr. Dave Rempel**) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 4 - 0

7. Tzu Chi Foundation

8. Youth Society Committee

9. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

10. District Parent Advisory Council

11. Board Liaison Representative Reports

12. Other Trustee Reports

L – OTHER BUSINESS

M – ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer