

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

Tuesday, November 25, 2008 (6:00 PM)

The Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows) was called to order by

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

C. Ashlie, Chair
K. Ward, Vice Chair
K. Marshall, Trustee
Dr. D. Rempel, Trustee
S. Vdovine, Trustee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

J. L. Simpson, Superintendent
J. Unwin, Deputy Superintendent
D. Woytowich, Secretary Treasurer
T. Fuchs, 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.

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

ORIGINAL - Motion P180 – 08/09

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Stepan Vdovine) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

3. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. November 10, 2008 Public Board Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: That the Minutes of the November 10, 2008 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

ORIGINAL - Motion P181 – 08/09

Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Stepan Vdovine) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

C - PRESENTATIONS

1. SIP Presentation from Directors

The Deputy Superintendent introduced Stewart Sonne, Director of Secondary & Adult Education, David Vandergugten, Director of IT, and Joanne Rowan, Director of Early Learning & Elementary Education. Laurie Meston, Director of Equity Advocacy & community was not available due to illness.

The Directors provided an outline on the school improvement plans for the District's secondary, elementary, and alternate programs. The SIP's provide a summary of the school's goals, rational for goals, data used, plan for improvement, connection to District review, and future directions. Deputy Superintendent Jan Unwin noted that the new model being followed this year was leading to meaningful conversations within and between schools and that there was an increasing emphasis on assessment for learning.

The Board thanks the Directors for their informative presentation and they left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

D - DELEGATIONS

E - CHAIR REPORT

1. Inaugural Meeting Notification

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the Board Chair report for information.

Chair Ashlie confirmed that the Inaugural Meeting will take place on Monday, December 8, 2008 at 4:00 pm. Official photographs will also be taken following the meeting. The first regular meeting of the new Board will be held on December 10, 2008.

ORIGINAL - Motion P182 – 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

F – DEFERRED ITEMS

G – TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H - CEO DECISION ITEMS – SUPERINTENDENT

There were no items.

H - CEO DECISION ITEMS – DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

1. School Size Policy - second and final reading

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the school size policy for second and final reading.

ORIGINAL – Motion P183 – 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

H - CEO DECISION - SECRETARY TREASURER

1. Best Buy Canada Signage Proposal & Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's report and recommendation on the Best Buy Signage Proposal.

The Secretary Treasurer confirmed that the proposal is aligned with existing Board policy.

ORIGINAL - Motion P184 – 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: 1. The motion CARRIED. 4 - 1

Trustee Vdovine was opposed to the recommendation.

2. Best Buy Canada Signage Report and Approval

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the proposal from Best Buy Canada to place reader boards in high schools at no cost to the Board.

ORIGINAL - Motion P185 – 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: 1. The motion CARRIED. 4 - 1

Trustee Vdovine was opposed.

3. Trustee Remuneration Committee Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the Trustee Remuneration Committee report.

As directed by the Board, a committee was formed to review Trustee remuneration for the next term. The committee consisted of Dan Kosicki of Pitt Meadows, Steve Dillon and Jake Rudolph of Maple Ridge.

ORIGINAL - Motion P186 – 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

4. Trustee Remuneration Committee

RECOMMENDATION: That Trustee remuneration for the next term be adjusted annually January 1, 2009, 2010 and 2011 by the forecasted CPI for the Greater Vancouver Regional District to a maximum of 2% annually.

The committee considered remuneration levels, enrollments and budgets of neighbouring Districts, along with CPI rates and inflation rates.

ORIGINAL - Motion P187 – 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

H - CEO INFORMATION ITEMS - SUPERINTENDENT

1. Good News

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive Good News items from Senior Staff and Trustees.

- Local DSAC students being accepted to Spirit of BC Altitude Youth Experience;
- Attendance at a recent workshop on brain functioning by 70 teachers and parents;
- Completion of a student designed mural sponsored by the Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation and the Maple Ridge Business Improvement;
- The Kicks4Kids fundraising event this Saturday, November 29, 2008.

ORIGINAL - Motion P188 – 08/09

Member (Kathy Marshall) Moved, Member (Dr. Dave Rempel) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

H - CEO INFORMATION ITEMS - DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

1. School Fees

RECOMMENDATION: that the Board receive the information on school fees distribution for 08/09 school year

Deputy Superintendent Unwin gave a report on the amounts that will be distributed to schools in the 2008/2009 school year to cover costs of materials previously covered by school fees. She said the amounts were determined based on the amount approved for each course and the number of students registered on September 30, 2008. The total budget is \$350,000 which includes approximately \$15,000 for trade programs.

ORIGINAL – Motion P189 – 08/09

Member (Kathie Ward) Moved, Member (Kathy Marshall) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS - COMMITTEE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Education Committee
2. Human Resources Committee
3. Finance Committee
4. Policy Advisory Committee

5. Fees Hardship Policy

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board grant second and final reading to the Policy entitled Fees – Hardship.

The Policy received first reading on October 29, 2008. There have been no suggestions for change.

ORIGINAL – Motion P190 – 08/09

Member (Kathie Ward) Moved, Member (Kathy Marshall) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 1. The motion CARRIED 4 – 1.

Trustee Vdovine was opposed.

6. Official Ceremonies Policy - 1st Reading

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board grant first reading to the Official Ceremonies Policy, as circulated.

ORIGINAL - Motion P191 – 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

7. Official Ceremonies Procedure

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the Official Ceremonies Procedure for information.

ORIGINAL – Motion P192 – 08/09

Member (Kathie Ward) Moved, Member (Kathy Marshall) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ". Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

8. Policies & Procedures requiring Board direction

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board provide direction as to whether the attached policies are relevant, require updating, deletion, or should be assigned to a senior staff member for review.

Trustee Ward advised that the Policy Committee met on November 19, 2008 and reviewed the previous list of polices and procedures. She said that there are some polices that require Board direction but the Committee felt that they could go to designated staff or Board committees for action as follows.

- GCMB – Supervision of Professional Board Executive Staff – forward to HR committee for review
- GCNB – Evaluation of Professional Staff Board Executive Offices – Forward to HR committee for review.
- JECBB – International Education Program – direct to new board for review
- JFCJ – Dangerous Weapons – forward to consultant undertaking code of conduct project
- JFCK – Intimidation, Harassment, Bullying and Violence in Schools – forward to consultant undertaking code of conduct project
- JFD – Adult Students Enrolling in Local High Schools – forward to Policy committee for review
- JG – Student Discipline - forward to Policy committee
- JGD – Student Suspension – forward to Policy committee
- JGDA – Failure to Attend to Studies or Continued Infraction of Rules – forward top Policy committee
- JHF – Student Safety – forward to Policy committee
- JJ - Student Volunteers for School and Public Service - delete
- KGA – Public Sales on School Property – delete
- KGB – Public Conduct on School Property – forward to Policy committee
- KH – Public Gifts to Schools or the District – new Board to review
- LGBT Students – must be referenced in District Code of Conduct
- Student Supervision – new policy to be complied by Policy committee

ORIGINAL - Motion P193-08/09

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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

9. Aboriginal Education Committee
10. French Immersion Advisory
11. Inclusive Education Committee
12. District Student Advisory

13. Communications Advisory - Renaming of the District Education Office Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the communication's office's report on renaming of the District Education Office for information.

ORIGINAL - Motion P194-08/09

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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

14. Communications Advisory - Renaming of the District Education Office Report

RECOMMENDATION: That the District Education Office not be renamed at this time.

ORIGINAL - Motion P195 – 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

15. Communications Advisory - Renaming of the District Education Office

RECOMMENDATION: That the seeking out of potential names be an ongoing process so that when required in the future, a list of possibilities would be available for Board and community consideration.

ORIGINAL - Motion P196 – 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: 1. The motion CARRIED 4 – 1.

Trustee Vdovine was opposed to the motion.

16. Communications Advisory - Renaming of the District Education Office

RECOMMENDATION: That a formal approach be made to representatives of the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations to ask for their input in developing a list of appropriate aboriginal names.

ORIGINAL - Motion P197 – 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: 1. The motion CARRIED 4 – 1.

Trustee Vdovine was opposed to the motion.

18. Anti-Vandalism Committee Report

RECOMMENDATION: That upon review of the following policies by the Anti-Vandalism Committee, it is recommended that Policy ECAC - Public Surveillance Systems, be deleted from the Policy Manual, and further, that policies EACB - General Property Damage and JFC - Student Vandalism, be deleted from the Policy Manual and be incorporated into the District Code of Conduct.

Trustee Ward announced that Blue Mountain Elementary recently completed their anti-vandalism mural and she wanted to share the thank-you card from the students who participated.

ORIGINAL - Motion P198 – 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion CARRIED. 5 - 0

19. Youth Society Committee

J - QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Questions
2. Public Questions
3. DPAC Questions
4. Employee Group Questions

K - TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports
2. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility
3. Joint Leisure Services
4. Social Planning Advisory

5. Ridge Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Rempel attended the Ridge Meadows Arts council meeting that had taken place last night. The Council discussed the upcoming celebration of arts which will take place on April 20-25 and will include a gala on Friday and Saturday. Tickets for the Once Upon a Christmas Raffle will be on sale soon.

Trustee Rempel also reminded the Board that there will be an Indoor Track Meet taking place at Blue Mountain tomorrow.

6. BCSTA Provincial Council
7. Tzu Chi Foundation
8. Youth Society Committee
9. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

10. District Parent Advisory

11. Board Liaison Representative Reports

12. Other Trustee Reports

Trustee Ward informed the Board that DSAC is participating in the "Coins for Kids" campaign, together with the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Christmas Hamper Society. Donations will be collected until December 16, 2008.

Chair Ashlie presented Dr. Dave Rempel with a plaque to recognize his services to the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. Dr. Rempel was unable to receive this award at the recent RMEF dinner.

Fond farewells for trustees and Board Executive Assistant

Trustees and staff bid farewell and paid tribute to Chair Cheryl Ashlie, Trustee Kathy Marshall and Board Executive Assistant Christine Jones. Cheryl Ashlie has served on the Board for nine years, six as Chair, and now joins the council of the District of Maple Ridge. She was praised for her focus on students, contributions to good governance and always knowing “what was the right thing to do.” Kathy Marshall retires from the Board after six years. Her colleagues noted her sense of humour, sense of justice and the fact that you “always got the whole Kathy.” The two trustees will continue to support local public education through their work on the Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation. Board Executive Assistant Christine Jones retires from the school district after 25 years. She was described as “an absolute gem” with grace, humour, patience and “unflappable professionalism,” who always made sure that “people were served.”

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer