

**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008  
4: 00 P.M.**

<u>Present:</u>	Board Chair	C. Ashlie
	Vice Chair	K. Ward
	Trustee	D. Rempel
	Trustee	S. Vdovine
	Elected Trustee	S. Carr
	Elected Trustee	K. Clarkson
	Elected Trustee	M. Huber
	Elected Trustee	E. Palis
	Superintendent of Schools	Mr. J. L. Simpson
	Secretary Treasurer	Mr. D. Woytowich
	Deputy Superintendent	Mrs. J. Unwin
	Executive Assistant & Recorder	Mrs. T. Fuchs

**A - OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Call to Order

The Superintendent of Schools called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and, in his opening remarks, welcomed the public and guests to the meeting.

2. Secretary Treasurer's Report on Election Returns

The Secretary Treasurer referred to the official election returns from the Municipalities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows which confirmed that Dr. Dave Rempel, Susan Carr, Ken Clarkson, Mike Huber, and Stepan Vdovine had been elected to serve as School Board Trustees for the term December 8, 2008 to November 30, 2011, for the Maple Ridge Community and that Kathie Ward and Eleanor Palis had been elected to service as School Board Trustees for Pitt Meadows.

3. Installation of Trustees Elect

The Secretary Treasurer administered the Declarations of Office and the Oaths of Allegiance to the duly elected trustees as required by the School Act.

4. Superintendent of Schools' Comments

The Superintendent of Schools congratulated the trustees on their election to office and offered general comments regarding operations to the new Board members.

5. Ordering of Agenda

**P199 - 08/09** Mover: Trustee Ward  
 Seconder: Trustee Rempel

"That the agenda be ordered as circulated."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0

6. Board Organizational Matters

a) Election of Board Officers

The Superintendent of Schools advised that according to the current by-laws, the Secretary Treasurer is appointed as Returning Officer and Deputy Superintendent Unwin is appointed as Scrutineer for the election of Board Officers.

The Returning Officer outlined the balloting procedures which would be taken in order to nominate and elect a Chair and a Vice Chair of the Board, for the period starting December 8, 2008 until the first board meeting in December 2009.

b) Chair of the Board

- Nominations

The Superintendent requested ballot nominations for the position of Board Chair for the term December 8, 2008 until the first board meeting in December 2009.

Upon completion of the ballot count, the Returning Officer informed the Board that Trustees Dave Rempel and Kathie Ward had been nominated for the position of Chair.

The Returning Officer requested confirmation from both Trustees Ward & Rempel to agree to the nomination. Trustee Rempel declined the nomination. Trustee Ward agreed to her nomination for the position of Chair.

- Balloting

Upon completion of the Nominations for the position of Chair, and due to Trustee Rempel's declining of his nomination, The Superintendent then declared that Trustee Ward had been elected as Chair.

c) Vice Chair of the Board

- Nominations

The Superintendent requested ballot nominations for the position of Board Vice Chair for the term December 8, 2008 until the first board meeting of December 2009.

Upon completion of the ballot count, the Returning Officer informed the Board that Trustees Ken Clarkson and Dr. Dave Rempel had been nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Board.

The Returning Officer requested confirmation from Trustees Clarkson and Rempel that they agreed to their nomination.

The Trustees confirmed their agreement to the nomination for the position of Vice Chair. They both then said a few words as to why they would be the best candidate for Vice Chair.

- Balloting

The Superintendent called for a ballot for the election of Vice Chair.

On completion of the ballot, the Returning Officer advised that Trustee Clarkson had been elected to the position of Vice Chair.

Congratulations were extended to both trustees.

**P200 – 08/09** Mover: Trustee Ward  
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

"That the nomination ballots for the position of Chair and the ballots for the position of Vice Chair be destroyed."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

d) Remarks of Board Chair & Vice Chair

Trustee Ward and Trustee Clarkson assumed the Chair and Vice Chair at this time and thanked everyone.

e) Annual Report of Past Chair

The Superintendent called upon Past Board Chair Ashlie to give a report on the past year.

Past Chair Ashlie highlighted the successes and achievements of the Board during the past year. She recognized current issues and challenges in the community which will continue to require attention going forward. She recognized and thanked the Board and the Senior team for the work they have achieved and for all of their efforts. She reiterated her confidence in the abilities of the new Board for the term ahead and extended her encouragement to them. She also recognized the work and achievements of the committees and thanked the members for their efforts.

Past Chair Ashlie then presented the Board with a picture that was drawn by a young boy and that she had purchased at the *Ashley's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Art Auction* that took place on November 30, 2008. All proceeds from the auction went towards feeding children. Past Chair Ashlie then advised the Board that the picture will be a reminder for them to never forget the kids.

**P201 – 08/09** Mover: Trustee Ward  
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

"That the annual report of the immediate Past Chair be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

f) Re-adoption of District Policy Manual

**P202 – 08/09** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Huber

"That the Board re-adopt the current School District Policy Manual for the period December 8, 2008 to November 30, 2012."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

g) Appointment of Signing Authorities

**P203 – 08/09** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
 Secunder: Trustee Vdovine

"That the Board approve the signing authorities for 2008-2012."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

7. Adjournment

a) Motion to Adjourn Meeting

**P204 – 08/09** Mover: Trustee Rempel  
Seconded: Trustee Vdovine

“That the Board adjourn the meeting.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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**Chair**

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**Secretary Treasurer**