



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**
Wednesday, June 30, 2010 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chair – Ken Clarkson
Vice Chair – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Mike Huber
Trustee – Dave Rempel
Trustee – Stepan Vdovine
Trustee – Kathie Ward

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Deputy Superintendent – David Vandergugten
Communications Officer – Seamus Nesling
Executive Assistant – Tracy Smith

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Correspondence

Ministry of Education – Capital Funding
Ministry of Education – FSAs
Thank you – 2009 Graduating Student, Ashley Brooks

3. Ordering of Agenda

Corrections:

Chair Report – Remove Superintendent's Facilitator

A member of the public read a statement to the Board regarding Budget Process Bylaw comments and requested an explanation publicly as to what was discussed in the Closed Meeting and thanked Trustee Ward for bringing it forward at the last meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion P343 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Carr) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board order the agenda as amended.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. June 9, 2010 Public Meeting Minutes

ORIGINAL - Motion P344 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the minutes of the June 9, 2010 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. PRESENTATIONS

National Physical and Health Education (“PHE”) Canada PE Award – Debbie Keel.

Healthy Living/Action Schools Facilitator, Debbie Keel, introduced Don Hutchinson, Board of Directors and BC representative for PHE Canada who provided an overview of the program which honours exceptional teaching of physical education and motivation of children. Mr. Hutchinson presented Lola Montgomery, Head of Physical Education at Westview Secondary School, with PHE Canada’s Physical Education Teaching Excellence Award. In addition, the award will be profiled in the National Physical Education journal to which she will receive one year’s enhanced membership which will provide her with access to all journals, write ups and resource information. Ms. Montgomery has been teaching for 30 years and continually strives to provide the promotion of active lifelong learners.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Board Self-Review

The chair provided handouts to the public highlighting the Board’s goal of improving student achievement and promoting the well being of students.

Cancellation of August Meeting

The meeting in August will be cancelled as the Administrators’ Conference coincides.

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

Ministry of Education

Trustee Vdovine commented the Ministry would like to make some changes to education and supported the Board’s desire to express the need for sufficient public engagement if reform is to take place ensuring the Ministry is transparent and inclusive. Comments regarding co-governance and support of the motion were provided from Trustees.

ORIGINAL - Motion P345 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Vdovine) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve 'THAT the Board urge the Minister of Education to ensure that any review of current co-governance model as recommended by the Comptroller General in the recent Vancouver School Board report, be conducted by an independent panel, similar to the recent Elections Financing Task Force, with a mandate that ensures time for adequate input from the public and education partners.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items:

- a) Superintendent of Schools

Achievement Contract (Available on the SD42 Website)

Superintendent Unwin spoke to the two hour Achievement Contract presentation made on the Board Work Day. The Achievement Contract will be available on the website following approval; hard copies will be available at the District Education Office. The first four Board meetings commencing September, components of the contract will be featured for presentation.

ORIGINAL - Motion P346 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Carr) Moved, Member (Trustee Vdovine) seconded to approve 'THAT the Board ratify the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2010 Achievement Contract which is to be sent to the Ministry of Education by July 15, 2010.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

2010/11 Preliminary Annual Budget and Bylaw Second and Final Reading

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the requirements of the *School Act*. Chair Clarkson passed the gavel to vice-Chair Palis and he and Trustee Huber exited the meeting due to conflicts of interest. A quorum was still present in order to proceed.

Trustee Ward apologized to the Board and Staff for comments made regarding the Preliminary Annual Budget at the last public meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion P347 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Vdovine) Moved, Member (Trustee Ward) seconded to approve:

1. 'THAT all decisions taken by the 2010/2011 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Teacher costs totaling \$78,724,443 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.

2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be given **two (2) readings** at this meeting.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORIGINAL – Motion P348 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Palis) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ‘THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) received first reading at the public meeting on June 9, 2010.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORIGINAL – Motion P349 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Palis) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion ‘THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a **second** time.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORIGINAL – Motion P350 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Palis) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a **third and final** time and finally adopted.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORIGINAL - Motion P351 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve:

1. ‘THAT all decisions taken by the 2010/2011 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Unionized Support Staff costs totaling \$21,932,777 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.
2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be given **two (2) readings** at this meeting.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORIGINAL - Motion P352 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve ‘ THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) received first reading at the public meeting on June 9, 2010.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORIGINAL - Motion P353 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve ‘ THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a **second** time.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORIGINAL - Motion P354 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve ‘ THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a **third and final** time and finally adopted.’

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL - Motion P355 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve:

1. ‘THAT all decisions taken by the 2010/2011 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding all Other costs totaling \$27,506,066 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.
2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be given **two (2) readings** at this meeting.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL - Motion P356 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Ward) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve ‘THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) received first reading at the public meeting on June 9, 2010.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL - Motion P357 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Palis) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve ‘THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a **second** time.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL - Motion P358 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Carr) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve ‘THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a **third and final** time and finally adopted.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2010/14 Phase One Capital Plan Submission

The Secretary Treasurer was excited to provide an overview of capital projects including a new Albion South Elementary to which the Ministry has responded favourably in making it a number one project; mitigating space shortfalls; improving the District's carbon footprint; proposed additions; replacements, alterations and new school sites as identified in the District's Eligible School Site Proposal. Full day Kindergarten in September 2011 will expand use of existing surplus portables saving costs in modular units allowing for funding for a new school; reviewing housing starts around Kwantlen Indian Reserve No. 5; providing a local tour to the Ministry's Planning Officer, Craig Harris. Annual Facilities Grant money once suspended, has been reinstated. The Secretary Treasurer provided a handout outlining the five year capital plan and reminded the Board they are approving a capital plan which anticipates meeting the District's needs in meeting the enrollment pressures in the East and was pleased to present the capital plan for consideration and submission to the Ministry.

ORIGINAL - Motion P359 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Vdovine) seconded to approve 'THAT the Board approve the Phase One 2010/2014 Capital Plan Submission as presented for submission to the Ministry of Education.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

The Secretary Treasurer reminded the Board every six months he is required to bring the Resolution to the Board for approval. It is a preventative measure and is standard practice.

ORIGINAL - Motion P360 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve 'THAT the Board approve the following borrowing resolution:

WHEREAS Section 139 of the *School Act* and Regulation 10, provides that a Board may by resolution, with the approval of the Minister, borrow from time to time for a period not exceeding six months for purposes other than capital expenditures, by way of a temporary loan, such sums as the Board may deem necessary to meet current operating and debt services expenditures:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of Section 139 of the *School Act* and Regulation 10, the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) authorize the Secretary Treasurer to request the approval of the Minister of Education for the borrowing of an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000. These funds would be in the form of a \$3,000,000 line of credit and additional funds of \$3,500,000 if required to meet current operating and debt services expenditures, but all money so borrowed shall be repaid not later than the 30th day of November, 2010.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Eligible School Site Proposal

The Secretary Treasurer referred to the handout provided outlining the list of priorities and has been working with the District of Maple Ridge and City of Pitt Meadows reviewing the housing/school demands. It has been determined high growth area is forecasted for the East and comments were made regarding effects of the Golden Ears Bridge and early Kindergarten. The Secretary Treasurer referred to

the Cornerstone survey which projected a climb in enrollment would start in 2018 and the District would not see a school built until then however, the District is optimistic that growth will increase.

ORIGINAL - Motion P361 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Palis) moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board approve the following eligible school site proposal:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of School District No.42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) has consulted with the District of Maple Ridge and City of Pitt Meadows on these matters;

IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. Based on information from local government, the Board of Education of School District No.42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) estimates that there will be approximately 9,000 new development units constructed in the school district over the next 10 years, as presented in Schedule 'A';
2. These 9,000 new development units will be home to an estimated 3,689 school age children, as presented in Schedule 'A';
3. The School Board expects 7 new school sites, over the ten-year period, will be required as the result of this growth in the school district. The site acquisitions will be generally located as presented in Schedule 'B';
4. According to Ministry of Education site standards, the School Board expects that the 7 new school sites will require a total acquisition of 18.55 hectares (45.83 acres) of land, as presented in Schedule 'B'. These sites should be purchased within ten years and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$26 million.
5. That the Eligible School Sites Proposal as adjusted be incorporated in the 5 Year Facility Capital Budget, 2010-2014, and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Information Items:

- a) Superintendent of Schools

Audit Appeal

In January 2010, the Ministry conducted an audit of our secondary schools and SD42 was informed that it was not eligible for a total of \$204,054 enrolment funding. In response to the audit, Superintendent Unwin wrote an appeal and captured approximately \$36K back.

ORIGINAL - Motion P352 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Carr) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board receive for information, the Superintendent's report which is outlined below in the information taken from the Enrolment Audit Appeal letter:

The audit report detailing the auditors' observations and recommendations has been revised and is appended with this letter. Funding adjustments to the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows School District have been amended from \$204,054 to \$167,485 and will be applied against your current 2009/10 school year's grant distribution. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Anti-Vandalism Committee. Trustee Ward reported a full accounting will be taking place during July.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public following up on numerous requests made to staff and the Board, commented she has not been informed as to why the Board did not follow the bylaw process. Chair Clarkson reminded her of the responses that have been provided and stated the majority of the Board believes it has met the spirit and intent of the bylaw.

Susanne Bonny, CUPE Executive thanked the Board and senior staff for all their hard work during the year and wished them a good summer break.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel reminded everyone of the Bursary celebration on October 7th.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. Exciting changes to take place next year involving more schools and presentation at The Act.

Youth Society Committee. Trustees Carr and Ward attended the last meeting. The AGM will be in September and the committee is seeking new members and reminded the public that this committee is entrenched in the community and is far reaching for such a small group of people.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

Good News. Trustee Rempel reported on the success of Garibaldi Secondary's awards night and the success of the IB awards as this is the first graduation for IB students since inception of the program.

George Serra, MRTA Executive introduced Drusilla Wilson who attended the meeting to say farewell as outgoing President. Comments and well-wishes were exchanged by all expressing appreciation for her dedication, passion, commitment and hard work over the years and comments were made it has been her involvement that has fostered positive relationships and facilitated cooperation among partner groups.

M. ADJOURNMENT

ORIGINAL - Motion P353 – 09/10

Member (Trustee Rempel) Moved, Member (Trustee Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0.

The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer