



PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, December 8, 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 – Stewart Sonne  
Manager, Communications – Seamus Nesling  
Executive Assistant – Tracy Smith

**A. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**Call to Order**

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Correspondence**
2. **Ordering of Agenda**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

The Board Chair passed the gavel to the Superintendent.

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS**

- a) **Election of Board Officers**

**Moved:** Trustee Ward

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Board proceed with the Election of Board Officers.

**CARRIED**

The Superintendent advised that in accordance with current bylaws, she would act as Chair pro-tem, the Secretary Treasurer be appointed as Returning Officer, and the Deputy Superintendent as Scrutineer for the election of Board Officers. The Returning Officer outlined the balloting procedures to nominate and elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board for the period of December 8, 2010 to December 14, 2010.

- i) **Chairperson of the Board**

- **Nominations**

The Chair pro-tem requested ballot nominations for the position of Board Chairperson for the term December 8, 2010 to December 14, 2011.

The Secretary Treasurer collected the nomination forms and departed the room with Scrutineer Sonne.

Upon completion of the nomination ballot count, the Returning Officer informed the Chair pro-tem of the nominated Trustees. The Superintendent asked each Trustee if they chose to accept the nomination of Board Chairperson:

Trustee Clarkson – Accepted;  
Trustee Huber – Declined;  
Trustee Rempel – Declined;  
Trustee Ward – Declined.

It was then announced by acclamation the Board Chairperson for December 2010 - 2011 would be Trustee Ken Clarkson.

ii) Vice-Chairperson of the Board

• Nominations

The Chairperson pro-tem requested ballot nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chairperson for the term December 8, 2010 to December 14, 2011.

Upon completion of the nomination ballot count, the Returning Officer informed the Chair pro-tem of the nominated Trustees. The Chair pro-tem asked each Trustee if they chose to accept the nomination of Board Vice-Chairperson:

Trustee Ward – Declined;  
Trustee Huber – Accepted;  
Trustee Rempel – Declined;  
Trustee Palis – Accepted.

Trustees Palis and Huber provided their reasons for accepting the nominations of Vice-Chairperson. The Secretary Treasurer collected the ballots and departed the room with Scrutineer Sonne.

It was then announced the Board Vice-Chairperson for December 2010 - 2011 would be Trustee Palis.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the nomination and voting ballots be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

b) Remarks of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were then requested to assume their roles and say a few words.

The Chair pro-tem then passed the gavel to Chairperson Clarkson and congratulated the Trustees Clarkson and Palis.

c) Annual Report of Past Chairperson

Chair Clarkson, provided his report on the past year as Board Chairperson thanking his fellow Trustees for their dedication and commitment to public education, the Superintendent, Senior Team, Secretary Treasurer, Executive Assistant, SD42 staff and parents for all that they do and the support they offer.

d) Re-adoption of District Policy Manual

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Board re-adopt the current School District Policy Manual for the period December 8, 2010 to December 14, 2011.

**CARRIED**

e) Appointment of Signing Authorities

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Ward

THAT the Board approve the signing authorities for 2010 – 2011 in the form attached.

**CARRIED**

**B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. November 24, 2010 Public Meeting Minutes

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Ward

Corrections:

Page six (6), paragraph one (1) to read, "Trustee Carr provided a verbal report updating everyone on the presentation made by the Christmas Hamper Society who partners with our DSAC students for the 'Coins for Kids' program."

THAT the Minutes of the November 24, 2010 Public Board Meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

Free the Children – Anne Hales

Deputy Superintendent Sonne introduced Anne Hales, District Facilitator and James Lombardi, Associate Director, Youth Programming for the Free the Children organization in Vancouver, who provided a powerpoint presentation on the history and action plans youth have been involved in generating inspiration and empowerment to local and global communities. Expressions of taking action and visiting their website were promoted. An overview of projects occurring in our School District was highlighted bringing awareness and social responsibility to world issues.

Ms. Hales thanked the Board for their continued strong support. Visit: <http://schools.sd42.ca/socresp> to celebrate, be encouraged and inspired by students in our schools. Next year's "We Day" will be taking place on October 13, 2011.

**D. DELEGATIONS**

**E. CHAIR REPORT**

**F. DEFERRED ITEMS**

**G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS**

**H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**1. Decision Items**

- a) Superintendent of Schools

Report on Student Achievement

The Superintendent provided an overview of the Student Achievement Report. Once approved, the Report will be posted to the School District website and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board approve the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement for December 2010.

**CARRIED**

- b) Deputy Superintendent  
c) Secretary Treasurer

Board Policy Development

Over the past several months, the Board has worked to create a foundational document to represent the process of Board Policy Development for new or existing policies. At the November 24<sup>th</sup> public meeting, Trustees voted to approve the policy as first reading and posted to the website for 30 days which has been done.

**Moved:** Trustee Carr

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Board grant second and final readings of the draft Policy titled 2500 – Board Policy Development.

THAT the Board receive Procedure 2500.1 for information.

**CARRIED**

Financial Information Act – Statements ("SOFI") Report for 2009/2010.

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the SOFI Report and thanked Finance Staff for their work. Once approved, the Report will be filed with the Ministry of Education and posted to the SD42 website.

When asked how the Government determines the \$75K limit given the variant geographical locations in the Province, the Secretary Treasurer responded it is the same amount for all Government Reporting Entities.

Questions were raised regarding Vancouver Public Alliance, Topia Ivy Club, and Yili Wang to which the Secretary Treasurer explained they represent International Education Agents' commissions.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Huber

THAT the Board approve the Financial Information Act (the "Act") Statements of employee earnings and payments to suppliers as per the stated requirements of the Act for the period of 2009/2010, and the said statements be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

**CARRIED**

**2. Information Items**

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

**I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

**K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Ward reminded the Board of the upcoming January 24, 2011 Provincial Council motion deadline. The Annual General Meeting is April 14 – 17, 2011.

Trustee Carr provided a DPAC report handout and thanked the MRTA office for hosting the year end DPAC meeting.

Trustee Rempel provided a verbal report on the Tzu Chi Foundation. The meeting was held on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Highlights included: Approval of bursary applications; receipt of letter of appreciation; change of annual celebration to the month of May; and following-up to the Celebration party.

Trustee Huber confirmed the Social Planning and Municipal Advisory and Accessibility committees will be attending the January 12<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting.

A member of the public provided information packages to each Trustees outlining the negative impacts of WiFi on students in schools. She intends to be speaking with Deputy Superintendent Sonne at some point. Laity View Elementary parents have formed an action group and would like to make a presentation to the Board.

**L. OTHER BUSINESS**

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

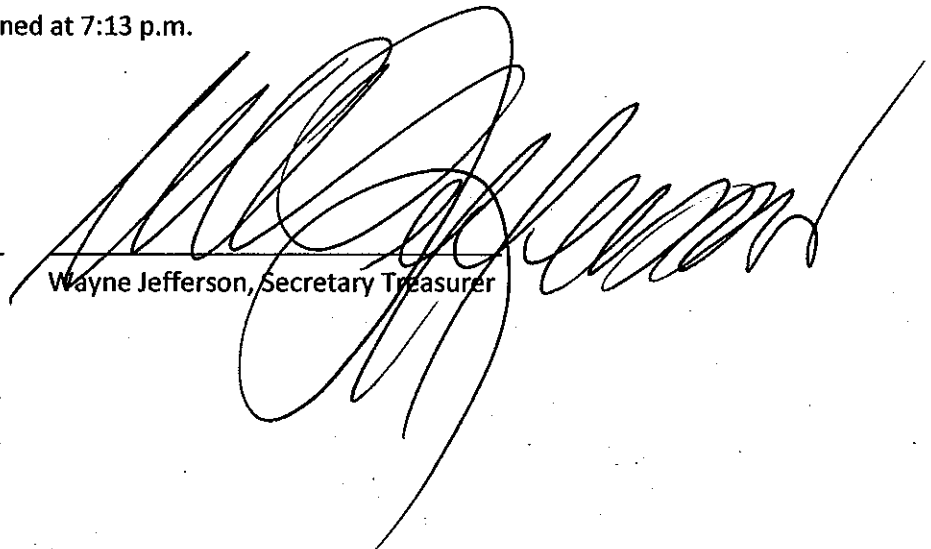
**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

**CARRIED.**

  
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Ken Clarkson, Chair

  
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Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer