

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Kathy Marshall
Trustee – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Mgr. of Communication/Community Relations – Irena Pochop
Executive Assistant – Karen Yoxall

ABSENT: Trustee – Sarah Nelson

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

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

Correspondence

- Darrel Ganzert, Chair – SD No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
- Sharel Warrington, Chair – SD No. 57 (Prince George)
- Rob Wood, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education
- Teresa Rezansoff, President, BCSTA

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

Addition: Trustee Question on BC Hydro rate increases.

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

The Chair opened the floor to others wanting to speak to the Agenda.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **November 13, 2013 Public Board Meeting Minutes**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Minutes of the November 13, 2013 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1. International Education – Michael Polan

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

Bruce Grady, Darren Rowell and Michael Polan presented information on International Education. Live footage was shown on the type of activities international students participate in. Michael Polan reported on projected revenue and expense, provided a breakdown of international students by country and by grade and listed the short term cultural programs that occur throughout the year. There are currently 88 new international students registered for the 2013/2014 school year and an additional 49 students choosing to extend their stay. Six international students were introduced to the Board and gave short explanations on their experiences here.

THAT the Board the International Education Presentation, for information.

CARRIED

D. CHAIR REPORT

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

G. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. **Decision Items**

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

i. Capital Plan Update

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

The Secretary Treasurer reported at the advice of the Ministry of Education staff the Building Envelope Remediation Project for Maple Ridge Secondary School has been added to the 2013/2014 Capital Plan. This project is currently in the design phase and it has the potential to be funded in this round of funding.

THAT the Board approve the attached 2013/2014 Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education and that a full five year Capital Plan be submitted after the completion of the School District Strategic Facilities Plan.

CARRIED

ii. Procedural Bylaw 2-2208 Trustee Remuneration Rescission – First Reading

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

The Secretary Treasurer reported that as a Board a bylaw is not required for the establishment of Trustee Remuneration, and that the Board Policy Development Committee is recommending to the Board to rescind the existing bylaw and replace it with Policy 2920: Trustees' Remuneration and Procedure 2920.1 Trustees' Remuneration Procedure

THAT the Board rescind Procedural Bylaw 2-2008 Trustee Remuneration and replace with a Board policy and procedure.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT the Procedural Bylaw 2-2008 Trustee Remuneration be rescinded as read a first time.

CARRIED

1. Information Items

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

H. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committees of the Whole

- a) 2013 – 2014 Finance
- b) 2013 – 2014 Budget

2. Committee & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Aboriginal Education
- b) Board Policy Development

i. Proposed Draft Policy: 2920 Trustees' Remuneration Policy

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

The Secretary Treasurer reported that at the recommendation of the Board Policy Development Committee ("Committee") input is invited from education partners and from the public on Proposed Draft Policy: 2920 Trustees' Remuneration and Proposed Draft Procedure: 2920.1 Trustees' Remuneration. Discussion ensued on amending the wording of the proposed draft policy for better clarity.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process: Policy 2920 – Trustees' Remuneration and Procedure 2920.1 – Trustees' Remuneration.

CARRIED

ii. Proposed Draft Policy: 5780: Information Technology and Communication Systems – Appropriate Use Policy

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Secretary Treasurer reported that at the recommendation of the Board Policy Development Committee ("Committee") input is invited from education partners and from the public on Proposed Draft Policy: 5780

Information Technology and Communication Systems – Appropriate Use and Proposed Draft Procedure: 5780.1 Social Media Guidelines.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process: Policy 5780 – Information Technology and Communication Systems – Appropriate Use Policy and Procedure 5780.1 – Social Media Guidelines.

CARRIED

- iii. Proposed Draft Policy: 7210: Workplace Discrimination or Bullying and Harassment Policy

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

The Secretary Treasurer reported that at the recommendation of the Board Policy Development Committee (“Committee”) input is invited from education partners and from the public on Proposed Draft Policy: 7210 Workplace Discrimination or Bullying and Harassment, Procedures 7210.1 – Reporting Procedure – Workplace Discrimination or Bullying and Harassment and 7210.2 Investigation Procedure – Workplace Discrimination or Bullying and Harassment.

The Secretary Treasurer explained that this policy is now required by law.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process: Policy 7210 – Workplace Discrimination or Bullying and Harassment and Procedures 7210.1 – Reporting Procedure – Workplace Discrimination or Bullying and Harassment and 7210.2 Investigation Procedure – Workplace Discrimination or Bullying and Harassment.

CARRIED

- c) District Student Advisory
- d) Education
- e) French Immersion Advisory
- f) Inclusive Education

I. QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee Questions

Trustee Carr asked if the Board should write a letter to BC Hydro explaining the potential impact of the proposed rate increases. The Secretary Treasurer reported that if energy consumption within School District stays at the same level, it will mean an increased cost for School District No. 42 of \$25,000 for 2013/2014 and \$150,000 for 2014/2015. BC Hydro’s Power Smart initiatives can help to offset increased costs. Staff

Employee Group Questions

Todd Patrick, Vice-President of the Maple Ridge Teachers’ Association questioned Proposed Draft Policy: 2920 Trustees’ Remuneration and Proposed Draft Procedure: 5780 Social Media Guidelines Procedure. It was requested that he submit any feedback in writing.

J. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Joint Parks and Leisure Services

Trustee Palis provided an update on the Grade 5 Active pass and Grade 6 Stay Active Pass.

Municipal Advisory and Accessibility

Trustee Marshall reported that the Committee is in the process of producing a survey to establish what is viewed as a disability in the community.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council

Trustee Rempel reported that there are two new members on the Arts Council. At the last meeting, the 10 year statistics were provided, and feedback was given that membership numbers are improving.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

The Superintendent provided an update on the 6 year completion rate for the past 5 years:

2008/2009 - 77%

2009/2010 - 78%

2010/2011 - 79%

2011/2012 - 83%

2012/2013 - 90.7 %

The provincial average is 83.6%.

The Superintendent also provided an update on the 6 year completion rate for Aboriginal students:

2008/2009 - 59%

2009/2010 - 63%

2010/2011 - 62%

2011/2012 - 67%

2012/2013 - 74%

The Provincial average has not yet been published but in 2011/2012 it was 57%.

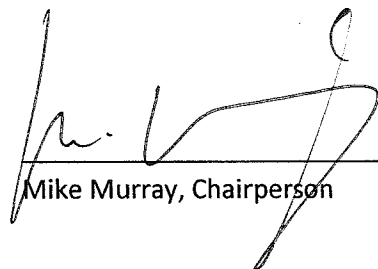
L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

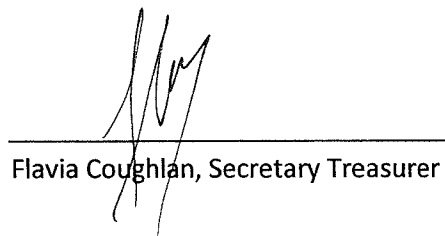
Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer