



**Trustees:**

Mike Murray (Chair), Eleanor Palis (Vice-Chair), Susan Carr, Ken Clarkson, Dave Rempel

**Executive:**

Laurie Meston (Acting Superintendent), Flavia Coughlan (Secretary Treasurer), Shannon Derinzy (Acting Assistant Superintendent), David Vandergugten (Acting Assistant Superintendent)

**2014 Achievement Contract**

The Board received the 2014 Achievement Contract and approved it for submission to the Ministry of Education. The contract identifies the progress the district has made in several key areas, including student reading results, school completion levels, and the achievement results for Aboriginal learners. Portions of the *Achievement Contract* will be reviewed during the course of public board meetings in the fall. A copy is available in its entirety on the district website at <http://www.sd42.ca>.

**Board of Education: Correspondence**

Trustees highlighted several important letters that had been sent out in the past two weeks. These letters included correspondence to Maple Ridge Mayor Ernie Daykin regarding the possibility of Translink assistance in helping reduce district bussing costs; letters to local MLAs in support of reinstating full funding to the Literacy Initiative; a letter to Minister Fassbender outlining the fiscal challenges that the district continues to face; and a letter to the BC Public Schools Employers Association and the BC Teachers' Federation. This last correspondence is available online at <http://www1.sd42.ca/board-of-education/board-meetings/board-meeting-agendas>

**Trustee Elections Bylaw**

The Board adopted the *Trustee Elections Bylaw*, which had been revised to reflect required changes after the adoption of Bill 21 (*Local Elections Statutes Amendment Act, 2014*).

**Policy Development Committee**

The Board approved *Policy 2400: School Board Meeting Proceedings*. The approved policy has been uploaded to the online SD42 Policy Manual, and is available for download and/or review under the Board Governance and Operations section: <http://www1.sd42.ca/section2000>.

### **Good news**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees thanked district staff for their contributions to the successful graduation ceremonies; congratulated Acting Superintendent Laurie Meston on her Inclusion BC Award; and also congratulated Vice Principal Kristi Blakeway on her Woman of Distinction Award. Trustees further noted the success of SRT student Anthony Wock, who won the National Championship in Microsoft PowerPoint and will be participating in the World Championships in California this July. Anthony, who was enrolled in the district's Microsoft Academy, completed the 50-minute exam in 17 minutes with a perfect score in the district's first year of running this Academy. The Microsoft Academy will be offered at both Samuel Robertson Technical and Westview Secondary School next year and is open to all students in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on September 10, 2014 in the District Education Office.**