



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 (4:00 PM)
Thomas Haney Secondary School**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice Chairperson – Susan Carr
Trustee – Lisa Beare
Trustee – Korleen Carreras
Trustee – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Executive Assistant – Karen Yoxall

ABSENT:

Trustee – Eleanor Palis

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The Chairperson acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation.

2. Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

- Teresa Rezansoff, President, BC School Trustees Association
- 2016-03-09 Frank Lento, SD5
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- 2016-03-09 T Goulet, SD28
- 2016-03-11 E Flynn, SD69
- 2016-03-22 L Trenaman, SD8

Trustee Carreras requested that correspondence from Frank Lento, SD 5 regarding "RE: Request to All Boards to Forward to SD5 Their Responses From Government Re: Board Advocacy" be moved to Decision Items, Chairperson.

THAT the Board receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Amendment:

Move letter from Frank Lento, SD 5, requesting "RE: Request to All Boards to Forward to SD5 Their Responses from Government Re: Board Advocacy" from Correspondence to Decision Items, Chairperson.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 9, 2016

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the March 9, 2016 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proposed Preliminary Budget 2016/17

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Proposed Preliminary Budget 2016/17. Budget Background Information, 2016/17 Ministry of Education Funding, 2016/17 Base Operating Budget, Three Year Operating Projections, Proposed Budget Changes and Partner Group and Public Consultation Schedule were explained.

The Secretary Treasurer asked the Trustees if they had any questions. Clarification was requested on the contingency fund, counselling time, class size, classroom supplies and succession planning.

THAT the Board receive the Proposed Preliminary Budget 2016/17 for information.

CARRIED

Trustee Rempel exited the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
 - a) Correspondence from Frank Lento, SD5 "RE: Request to All Boards to Forward to SD5 Their Responses from Government Re: Board Advocacy"

Discussion ensued on Ministry responses to Board advocacy letters. It was noted that this item will be discussed at the upcoming BCSTA AGM and it was agreed that if needed it will be brought back at a future meeting.

2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

- a) 2016/17 School Enhancement Program Submission

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the deadline for the 2016/17 School Enhancement Program Submissions to the Ministry of Education is April 15, 2016 and that the proposed submissions include capital projects that the school district did not receive funding for under the 2015/16 Routine Capital Program as well as new projects for roofing upgrades that cannot be funded from the Annual Facilities Grant.

THAT the Board approve the 2016/17 School Enhancement Projects for submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees
 - a) Budget
 - b) Finance
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - d) Education Committee
 - e) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Superintendents Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported on the attendance of school teams at the BC School Superintendents Association spring forum on the curriculum, that the Rotary Club will be launching its dictionary program in the fall, that the Metis Red River Cart projects are underway in the secondary schools and on current school activities.

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Update for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - i. Proposed Draft Policy 9430: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings

Moved/Seconded

The Director of Learning Services reported that on October 9, 2015, the Ministry of Education issued the Provincial Guidelines on Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings.

The proposed draft policy and procedure are in alignment with the Ministry of Education guidelines and reflects input from members of the School District 42 Inclusive Education Committee.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process:
Policy 9430: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings
Procedure 9430:1: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings
Report of Physical Restraint and/or Seclusion

CARRIED

- d) Education
- e) Aboriginal Education
- f) Inclusive Education
- g) French Immersion Advisory
- h) District Student Advisory
- i) Round Table with Partner Groups
- j) Facilities Planning

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Project Definition Report for the new South Albion elementary school has been submitted to the Ministry of Education and that the submission includes letters of support from the municipality, service providers and both MLA's.

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council

- a) 2016 Annual General Meeting Motions

Discussion ensued on motions for the upcoming 2016 Annual General Meeting.

THAT the Board receive the 2016 Annual General Meeting Motions for information

CARRIED

- b) Final Report on Child and Youth Mental Health in British Columbia

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent provided staff feedback on the Final Report on Child and Youth Mental Health in British Columbia.

Discussion ensued on the need for more services in the community to support mental health.

THAT the Board receive the final report on "Child and Youth Mental Health in British Columbia" issued by the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth, for information.

CARRIED

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Carreras reported that scholarship auditions were recently held and that discussions had taken place with both municipalities on the future provision of services.

Social Planning Advisory

Trustee Carr and the Chairperson reported on the loss of United Way funding and the development of a Youth Strategy to help determine youth needs in the community.

Good News

Trustees reported on an upcoming art gala at Edith McDermott Elementary, attendance at the Higher Ground Conference and a recent Kiwanis Club meeting.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was posed on the Early Learning budget proposal.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

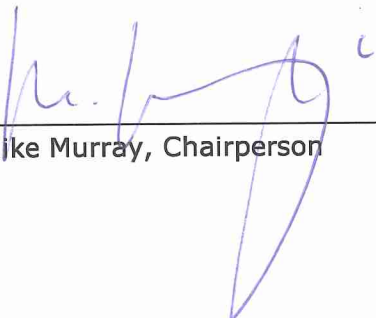
L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer