
IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

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

ABSENT:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The Board Chair acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation.

2. Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

- Alan Chell, Chair, School District No. 19 (Revelstoke)
- Darrel Ganzert, Chair, School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
- Tony Goulet, Chair, School District No. 28 (Quesnel)
- Laura Dixon, Chair, School District No. 37 (Delta)
- Jonina Campbell, Chair, School District No. 40 (New Westminster)
- Ron Burton, Chair, School District No. 41 (Burnaby)
- Cyndi Gerlach, Chair, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)
- Carolyn Broady, Chair, School District No. 45 (West Vancouver)
- Betty Baxter, Chair, School District No. 46. (Sunshine Coast)
- School District No. 47 (Powell River)
- Les Kearns, Chair, School District No. 54 (Bulkley Valley)
- Tony Cable, Chair, School District No. 57 (Prince George)
- Victoria Martin, Chair, School District No. 63 (Saanich)
- Steve Rae, Chair, School District No. 68 (Nanaimo Ladysmith)
- Pam Craig, Chair, School District No. 70 (Alberni)
- M. Gilbert, Vice-Chairperson, School District No. 81 (Fort Nelson)
- Leightan Wishart, Chair, School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North)
- Teresa Rezansoff, President, BC School Trustees Association
- Christine Zacharuk, Interim CEO, Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat, Ministry of Finance
- John Becker, Mayor, City of Pitt Meadows
- Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education
- Honourable Michael de Jong, Q.C., Minister of Finance

Trustee Clarkson requested that the following items be moved from Correspondence to Decision Items, Chairperson:

- Laura Dixon, Chair, School District No. 37 (Delta)
- Cyndi Gerlach, Chair, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)
- Betty Baxter, Chair, School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)
- School District No. 47 (Powell River)
- Victoria Martin, Chair, School District No. 63 (Saanich)
- M. Gilbert, Vice-Chairperson, School District No. 81 (Fort Nelson)
- Teresa Rezansoff, President, BC School Trustees Association

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

Additions/Amendments:

Move the following items from Correspondence to Decision Items, Chairperson:

- Laura Dixon, Chair, School District No. 37 (Delta)
- Cyndi Gerlach, Chair, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)
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- Teresa Rezansoff, President, BC School Trustees Association

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 8, 2015

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2. April 15, 2015

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the April 15, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. International Baccalaureate Program at Garibaldi Secondary School

Moved/Seconded

Staff from Garibaldi Secondary School and a graduate of the International Baccalaureate Program presented information on the program, the learner profile and inquiry topics.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the International Baccalaureate Program at Garibaldi Secondary School, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

a) Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

- Laura Dixon, Chair, School District No. 37 (Delta)
- Cyndi Gerlach, Chair, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)
- Betty Baxter, Chair, School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)
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Trustee Clarkson reported on correspondence that had been submitted to the provincial government regarding Bill 11: Education Statutes Amendment Act 2015 and requested that the Board submit a similar letter endorsing a motion that was passed at the recent BCSTA AGM.

THAT the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education supporting the motions passed at the BCSTA AGM related to Bill 11: Education Statutes Amendment Act 2015

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Preliminary Budget 2015/16 – 2016/17

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Preliminary Budget 2015/16 – 2016/17 and reported on the following:

- Overview of the Budget Process;
- Budget Feedback Themes;
- Preliminary Budget Proposals;
- Use of Contingency Reserve to Fund One-Time Expenditures;
- Use of Contingency Reserve to Fund Ongoing Expenditures;
- Ongoing Budget Balancing Proposals;
- Ongoing Budget Balancing Options;
- Effect of Proposals on Three-Year Projections.

Clarification was requested on the contingency reserve and the allocation of holdback funds by the provincial government.

Trustees provided their comments on the budget.

THAT the Board approve:

- 1) the transfer of \$0.79 million from the contingency reserve to operating to assist in funding 2015/16 Preliminary Operating Budget and the transfer of \$0.96 million from the contingency reserve to operating to assist in funding 2016/17 Preliminary Operating Budget; and further;
- 2) the proposed contingency reserve uses (totaling \$2.51 million) as outlined in the Preliminary Budget 2015/16 for implementation and incorporation in the Board's Budget Bylaw for 2015/16; and further;
- 3) the preliminary operating budget balancing proposals for 2015/16 as outlined in the Preliminary Budget 2015/16 for implementation and incorporation in the Board's Budget Bylaw for 2015/16; and further;
- 4) the discontinuation of regular student transportation services effective September 2016 for savings of \$0.65 million to be included in the Administrative Savings Plan for the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

- a) Finance
- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Strategic Facilities Plan
- e) Education Committee
- f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Class Size and Composition Report

Moved/Seconded

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the Provincial Class Size Report provides data on provincial and district average class sizes. The Deputy Superintendent explained that the class size averages at grades 8 to 12 appear lower than what is experienced by students at most schools because of the inclusion in the report of classes that support students with special needs, trades partnership programs and specialty classes, all of which have a smaller class size.

THAT the Board receive the Class Size and Composition Provincial Report 2014/15, for information.

CARRIED

- b) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Deputy Superintendent reported on Primary Cross Country, Fraser Valley Student Forum, signing of the 4th Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement, activities undertaken by the Inquiry Project students, Maple Ridge Secondary School track and field team and events at Albion

Elementary, Glenwood Elementary, Garibaldi Secondary School, Pitt Meadows Secondary School and Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School.

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

CARRIED

2. Secretary Treasurer
3. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - d) Strategic Facilities Plan Steering
 - e) Education
 - f) Aboriginal Education
 - g) Inclusive Education

Trustee Clarkson reported that Grade 7/8 transition and programming for students with special needs at the secondary level were discussed.

- h) French Immersion Advisory
- i) District Student Advisory
- j) Round Table with Partner Groups

The Board Chair reported that students discussed the possibility of having two different groups within the District Student Advisory Group and were researching the idea of having a student trustee.

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council
 - a) BCSTA AGM Update

Moved/Seconded

The Board Chair reported that Trustee Clarkson had been elected as a Director of BCSTA and congratulated Trustee Clarkson.

Trustee Clarkson reported on the disposition of motions at the recent BCSTA AGM.

THAT the Board receive the BCSTA AGM Update, for information.

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Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Carreras reported that at the recent meeting collaboration between the municipalities, the school district and the community to encourage arts was discussed.

Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported on the upcoming celebration scheduled for May 20th at Eric Langton Elementary.

Good News

Trustees reported on an upcoming clothing drive scheduled to take place at The Hive on May 23rd, public speaking at Eric Langton Elementary, a Rainy Day Festival at Glenwood Elementary, an art auction at Edith McDermott Elementary and school band concerts at Pitt Meadows Secondary School.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were posed regarding secondary class size averages and Bill 11: Education Statutes Amendment Act 2015.

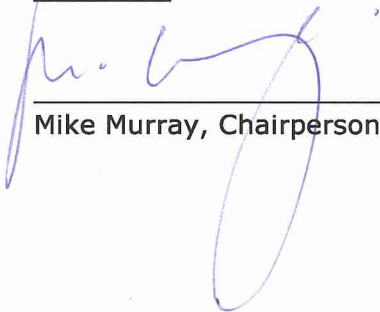
K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

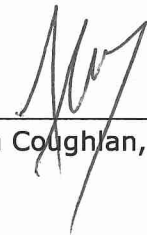
Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer