

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
6:00 p.m.

District Education Office
22225 Brown Avenue
Boardroom

A G E N D A

“Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect” – Mark Twain

A – OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order
2. Correspondence ITEM 1
 - i. Frank Lento, Chair, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
 - ii. Betty Baxter, Chair, School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)
 - iii. Dot Neary, Chair, School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)
 - iv. Peter Coleman, Chair, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)
 - v. Eve Flynn, Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association
 - vi. Rob Wood, Deputy Minister
3. Ordering of Agenda
4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

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 - c) Secretary Treasurer
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 - c) Secretary Treasurer
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 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - i. Proposed Preliminary Operating Budget 2014-2015 ITEM 5
5. Committee & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Aboriginal Education
 - b) Board Policy Development
 - c) District Student Advisory
 - d) Education
 - e) French Immersion Advisory
 - f) Inclusive Education
 - g) Round Table with Partner Groups

I – QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Questions
2. Staff Questions
3. Employee Group Questions
4. DPAC Questions
5. Public Questions

J – TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council
 - a) BCSTA Annual General Meeting: Motions ITEM 6
2. District Parent Advisory Council
3. Joint Parks and Leisure Services
4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility
5. Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council
6. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation
7. Social Planning Advisory:
http://www.mapleridge.ca/EN/main/municipal/728/9982/spac_agenda_minutes.html
8. Tzu Chi Foundation
9. Youth Society
10. Other Board Liaison Representative Reports
 - a) Good News Items

K – OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Public Disclosure of Closed Meeting Business ITEM 7

L – ADJOURNMENT

To: Board of Education

From Board Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **OPENING PROCEDURES**

Date: April 9, 2014
(Public Board Meeting)

Information/Decision

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CORRESPONDENCE (*Information Item*)

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

3. ORDERING OF AGENDA (*Decision Item*)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

4. INVITATION FOR PUBLIC INPUT TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Attachments



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

March 17, 2014

The Honorable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
P.O. Box 9041, Stn Prov Gov't
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E1

The Honorable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education
P.O. Box 9045, Stn Prov Gov't
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Premier Clark and Minister Fassbender:


At our March 11, 2014 regular Board meeting, following discussion regarding the latest chapter of uncertainty facing us in our ongoing efforts to be the best at doing the most for our students, the Board voted to send a letter regarding the BCTF versus Government and the Government versus the BCTF. We are uncertain who can change the educational climate in our District quicker: the BCTF or the Provincial government.

Madam Premier and Mr. Minister, our Board believes that everything about education should be about cooperation and consultation not litigation and legislation. Our hope, like every other District, is that the Province and the BCTF will win an agreement at the bargaining table with some old fashion sincere, meaningful and good faith bargaining. Another strike mandate returns our schools and personnel to the pressure cooker of tension. The cost to tax payers in this ongoing battle will not only be measured in dollars but in irreparable harm to human relationships in our schools and in our rural communities.

Student and school stability will be directly proportional to school board funding provided by Government in the event of a provincially negotiated settlement or ultimately a Supreme Court of Canada decision regarding Griffin. Our Board will not take the complacent path that there will be no impact or disruption to schools and adopt a wait and see approach until all stays and all court avenues are exhausted. Rather, we will choose the prudent and responsible highway of preparing and planning for a negotiated settlement that reflects Griffin's decision or the actual

impact with the additional finances required to implement the January 27, 2014 decision. In any event, we must be assured by government, our educational gatekeeper, that all impacts will be funded. Our schools and communities need it. Our students deserve it. Our parents and taxpayers expect it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lento", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frank Lento
Chairperson, Board of Education

Cc: Honorable Bill Bennett, MLA
Boards of Education c/o BCSTA
Trustees
Lynn Hauptman, Superintendent of Schools
Rob Norum, Secretary Treasurer
CFTA
CUPE
DPAC



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Delivered via e-mail: educ.minister@gov.bc.ca

March 17, 2014

Hon. Minister Peter Fassbender
Ministry of Education
Po Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fassbender:

On March 11, 2014, the Board of Education of School District No.46 (Sunshine Coast) passed a motion to express our concerns to you regarding the impact of Judge Griffin's decision and the subsequent labour relations instability with the teachers of the province and our district.

Our concerns focus on three areas:

1. Bargaining a new collective agreement with teachers

We urge you in the strongest terms to negotiate in good faith and conclude an agreement with the BCTF. We believe there must be a middle ground in which the government and the BCTF can come to an agreement that is fair to teachers and puts the focus back on the needs of students.

2. Full funding of contract costs

All cost increases negotiated in a new collective agreement must be fully funded by the Ministry of Education. There are no savings to be found in our district budgets for increased contractual expenses. We value all of our employees and want to ensure that they receive fair and secure compensation for their work. It has been very challenging to meet the new costs associated with the provincially negotiated agreement with CUPE staff. Can you commit to funding all additional expenses negotiated in a new collective agreement with BCTF?

3. Stability for students is paramount to us.

We support the Stability for Students Action plan submitted by the BCSTA. In addition to the four points in that action plan, we want you to be aware that the instability of protracted bargaining and potential strike action affects all of our community. We urge you to bring some flexibility to your negotiations to conclude an agreement prior to the

beginning of the 2014/15 school year. Students suffer when labour relations are uncertain.

We appreciate the long hours and effort throughout the bargaining process. We truly hope that a new contract will reflect the commitment of all partners for a respectful, stable and fully resourced education system. We put a lot of faith in students to create a positive future. Our commitment to them is to provide a safe and predictable learning environment. We look forward to your partnership in this endeavour.

Sincerely,



Betty Baxter
Board Chair

c.c. Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)
Patrick Bocking, Superintendent of Schools
Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer
Nicholas Simons, MLA, Powell River-Sunshine Coast
All Boards of Education, via BCSTA

March 10, 2014

The Honourable Minister Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C. V9W 9E2

VIA EMAIL

Dear Minister:

The Board of Education for School District 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) passed the following motion at its Regular Board meeting held on February 26th, 2014:

"That the Board of Education of School District 689 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) directs the Board Chair to write to the Minister of Education, Peter Fassbender, expressing the Board's strong support of the following actions:

- *the BC Government withdraw the appeal of the BC Supreme Court Ruling (January 27, 2014) Judge Griffin.*
- *the BC Government provide funding to cover costs relating to the settlement arising from the BC Supreme Court Decision -January 27, 2014 Judge Griffin and,*
- *the BC Government negotiate in good faith at the Bargaining table to achieve a new Collective Agreement prior to the 2014-15 school year."*

It is regrettable that monies would be used to appeal a ruling reaffirming a previous decision that was accepted by the Premier, funds which would be better invested in students and the public education system.

The Board strongly endorses the BCSTA "Stability for Students Action Plan" and with this motion we urge the government to focus on the well-being of our students and improving public confidence in Public Education.

Yours truly,



Dot Neary, Board Chair

Pc: Board of Education
D. Hutchinson, Superintendent
P. Turin, Secretary-Treasurer
J. Blain, Deputy-Superintendent
BCSTA (Member Boards)
MLA Routley
MLA Krog
MLA Stilwell

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

Superintendent of Schools

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Telephone (250) 334 -5528

March 6, 2014

Honourable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4

Dear Honourable Minister:

RE: Funding the BC Education Plan

In the Comox Valley we mirror many of our colleague districts who are striving to achieve the very best learning opportunities for our students. In our co-governing relationship with government we seek to use the funds received from the Ministry of Education wisely and judiciously. We are cognizant of funding pressures felt by government and know that those pressures are present in both Board budgets and the budgets of the families we represent. We are all "trying to do more with less."

We continue to be alarmed by the unnecessary expectations placed on school districts, the downloading of costs previously paid for by government: the CUPE salary negotiations, changes in funding formulas, the possibility of teacher wage increases, etc. These financial expectations run parallel to an expectation for transformation in learning outcomes for our students. We find ourselves expected to transform our school districts to better prepare our students, yet the traditional funding structures remain in place.

We are consistently told by government that the "funding is the funding" but it appears that the funding structures change almost annually with little predictability or consistency. Our district continually stretches every dollar we receive, spending significantly more dollars for our vulnerable students who are not designated, using dollars from revenue generating programs to enhance programming for all students and stretching every LIF dollar to its maximum to provide as much access to support and opportunities as our resources can bring to bear. We fear that we will fall short in our ability to meet the directions envisioned in the BC Ed Plan and in doing so we will fall short in our service to our students.

Mr. Fassbender, we know that you are a passionate advocate for public education. We urge you to work with Boards of Education to build a sustainable, stable learning environment for our students. Assist us to encourage your government colleagues and decision makers that dollars directed to education are not dollars that are spent on children: they are dollars that are invested in the future of our young people—and in our province.

We remain, as always, ready and willing to work with you and the Ministry to discuss and design a funding structure that will be the continued foundation of the BC Ed Plan. Please use our expertise, experience and passion for public education to inform the financial priorities of your Ministry.

Sincerely,



Peter Coleman, Board Chair
School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

cc.: All BCSTA Boards of Education

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

Superintendent of Schools

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March 6, 2014

To: Honourable Todd Stone
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Mr. Mike Corrigan
President and Chief Executive Officer
BC Ferry Services Inc.

Honourable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education

Dear Gentlemen:

RE: BC Ferry Services Proposed Schedule Change

At a public Board meeting held on February 25, 2014, the Board of Education, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) passed the following motion:

THAT the Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Minister of Education and to the President/CEO BC Ferry Services requesting that any changes to ferry schedules be delayed until proper consultation with Education Authorities have occurred, to ensure route changes do not adversely affect students educational opportunities.

This motion came forward in response to the serious concerns raised within the school district community to the announcement by BC Ferry Services about plans to proceed with a cost savings plan that will affect the Denman and Hornby Island ferry service. This ferry service directly links School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) students to educational programs including curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Consultation meetings occurred in December 2013 with the residents of Denman and Hornby Islands, however BC Ferry Services provided no avenue of consultation with the school district. Efforts were made by senior staff to locate a place for school district feedback and consultation, however, no consultation opportunity was provided specific to the effect that ferry changes will have for students, staff and families who access School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) schools.

Serious concerns exist that Island students may be unable to participate in school events, extra-curricular events and personalized learning opportunities. Changes could reduce opportunities for parents/guardians to meet with school personnel or to engage in the school district community

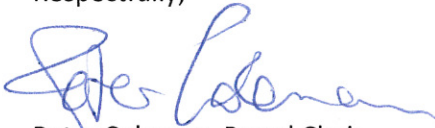
through school Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings, and other events organized by their children's schools.

The school district believes that both the Ministry of Education and BC Ferry Services understands and values the role of public education in the lives of our youth. In the case of Denman and Hornby Islands, ferry service directly affects these students' ability to have equitable access to school programs that support their personal learning journey.

The school district urges BC Ferry Services to work with the Island communities and the school district to ensure and to affirm that scheduling changes will continue to support our students in equitable, reasonable access to learning opportunities.

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) senior staff would be available to meet with BC Ferry Services staff as soon as possible.

Respectfully,



Peter Coleman, Board Chair
School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

cc: Honourable Don McRae, Minister of Social Development and Social Innovation
All BCSTA Boards of Education

March 27, 2014

Honourable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fassbender:

The Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association (VISTA) is disappointed in the Ministry of Education's lack of interest in exploring and supporting the benefits of the *openStudent* student information system developed by the Saanich School District in collaboration with BC public schools.

The Saanich School District (SD63) *openStudent* project signifies a best practice in collaboration in the BC public education system. After the ministry's failure to provide school districts with a reliable student information system, many grassroots stakeholders stepped up to help solve the problem. Recognizing that the best solutions are found closest to home, the *openStudent* project team consulted broadly with BC school districts to create a student information system that is responsive, robust and flexible.

This "Made in BC" solution—on track and on budget—represents a technology initiative that will help government control spending and remain committed to fiscal responsibility as outlined in the 2014 Speech from the Throne. The Throne Speech also states that "Your government has established a ministry tasked specifically with growing the technology industry..." Given that the *openStudent* project has been open and accountable through its website www.openstudent.ca, it is unlikely that either ministry is unaware of the progress and success of this student information system.

So, while government currently examines shared services in the BC education system, VISTA is understandably concerned that the shared services project terms of reference fail to include local initiatives that are economical, workable, create jobs, and keep BC tax dollars invested in British Columbia.

VISTA encourages the Minister to take another look at this missed opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Eve Flynn, President

pc: VISTA Members and Superintendents
Teresa Rezansoff, President, BCSTA
All BC Boards of Education



April 2, 2014

Ref: 173497

To: All Superintendents

All of you should be aware of communication that Minister Peter Fassbender has had with Teresa Rezansoff, BCSTA President, dated March 31, 2014 (attached).

This communication was prefaced by a recent Auditor General report which raised the issue of many public sector agencies holding cash in excess of what is needed for operating purposes.

As part of the cash management strategy introduced in Budget 2014, government is working with individual government organizations on the use of this cash to address mutual objectives. For school districts, this involves cost sharing major capital projects that are priorities for both government and school districts. By doing so, government is able to reduce the amount of borrowing required to fund capital projects and at the same time make progress toward the long-term goal of gradually reducing these cash balances.

I would like to clarify a number of items related to the cost sharing of the major capital projects initiative. The cost sharing of capital projects applies only to projects that are approaching the project agreement stage. It does not apply to projects with existing project agreements, unless the project is experiencing cost pressures that exceed the project agreement budget.

On a case-by-case basis, as capital projects near the project agreement stage, government will work with boards of education to determine how much school district cash is available to contribute to the cost of the capital project. The amount of cash available will be determined by collaboratively reviewing district's financial records and school district priorities.

Where cash is deemed to be available for cost sharing, the school district will be expected to contribute up to 50 percent of the capital cost of the project.

Where boards of education may have previously designated funds for operating or capital priorities, these priorities will need to be reassessed. This may result in a board having to shift funds from a previously approved school district priority to a major capital project to be cost shared with government.

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In the event that a school district is deemed to have no available cash, the project will be funded with provincial capital.

Please contact Joel Palmer (A/Executive Director, Capital Management Branch Joel.Palmer@gov.bc.ca) if you have questions about capital projects or Ian Aaron (Director, School District Financial Reporting Ian.Aaron@gov.bc.ca) if you have questions as to how the amount of cash available will be determined.

Sincerely yours,

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Rob Wood
Deputy Minister

Attachment

pc: All Secretary-Treasurers
Teresa Rezansoff, British Columbia School Trustees Association



March 31, 2014

Teresa Rezansoff, President
BC School Trustees Association
Email: teresa.rezansoff@sd51.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Rezansoff:

I am writing as follow up to our recent conversations regarding government's cash management strategy and cost sharing school district capital projects.

As you know, government has made a firm commitment to balancing the provincial budget. During these challenging times, this requires careful debt-to-GDP management to maintain British Columbia's valuable triple-A credit rating. Part of this involves careful balance sheet management.

The auditor general issued a report in 2010 indicating that many public sector agencies were holding cash in excess of what is needed for operating purposes. A follow up report on March 18, 2014, presented similar conclusions. One of the ways government is addressing this issue is through the creation of Provincial Treasury's Central Deposit Program (CDP), where voluntary deposits by government organizations enable government to use the cash for debt management purposes until the cash is needed by the agencies. I commend school districts for being strong participants to the CDP, with \$300 million currently on deposit that is helping reduce cost of government debt.

As part of the cash management strategy introduced in Budget 2014, government is working with individual government organizations on the use of this cash to address mutual objectives. For school districts, this involves cost sharing major capital projects that are priorities for both government and school districts. By doing so, government is able to reduce the amount of borrowing required to fund capital projects and at the same time make progress toward the long term goal of gradually reducing these cash balances on government's balance sheet.

I must stress that the cost sharing of capital projects applies only to projects that are approaching the project agreement stage. It does not apply to projects with existing project agreements, unless the project is experiencing cost pressures that exceed the project agreement budget.

One of the challenges will be establishing the amount of cash that is available for cost sharing. On a case by case basis, as capital projects near the project agreement stage, government will work with boards of education to determine how much school district cash is available to share the cost of the capital project.

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I know that some boards of education will be faced with difficult choices, some of which may require changes to school district priorities. However, this government was elected on a commitment to balanced budgets, which requires that we effectively manage the provincial debt-to-GDP ratio and maintain a triple-A credit rating. Government is working with all of our partner organizations, including boards of education, to achieve these goals that are important to the future of our province.

As always, I appreciate our collaborative relationship in our co-governed education system. I look forward to working with you on these initiatives.

Sincerely,

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Peter Fassbender
Minister



ITEM 2

To: Board of Education

From: Board Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Date: April 9 , 2014
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the March 12, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

Attachment

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

Acting Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Acting Assistant Superintendent – Shannon Derinzy
Acting Assistant Superintendent – David Vandergugten
Mgr. of Communication/Community Relations – Irena Pochop
Executive Assistant – Karen Yoxall

ABSENT:

Trustee – Ken Clarkson

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.

2. Correspondence

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- Rebecca Huscroft, Chair, School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)
- Darrel Ganzert, Chair, School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
- Bill Turanski, Chair, School District No. 22 (Vernon)
- Moyra Baxter, Chair, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)
- Tony Goulet, Chair, School District No. 28 (Quesnel)
- Donna Sergeant, Chair, School District No. 38 (Richmond)
- Carmen Ranta, Chair, School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)
- Art Erasmus, Chair, School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains)

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

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

Ms. Macveigh expressed her concern and objection at the removal of responses from CUPE employees when compiling the statistics for the proposed school calendar.

Mr. Serra also expressed that teachers would be unaware of the impact that their responses would have on other employee groups.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. February 26, 2014 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Minutes of the February 26, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1. Maple Ridge Secondary School Leadership Group

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

A brief introduction was given by Ms. Watkins and Ms. Aitken on the Canadian Student Leadership Conferences and the enthusiasm displayed by this group. Payten Smith and Kelsey MacDonald presented a power point on their experiences at the recent Canadian Student Leadership Conference in Prince Edward Island. Questions were asked on the host family and specific ideas that the students would now like to implement subsequent to their participation in the conference.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by the Maple Ridge Secondary School Leadership Group (Students: Payten Smith/Kelsey MacDonald, Teacher: Karen Aitken) for information.

CARRIED

D. CHAIR REPORT

1. Student Information System

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Board Chair explained that the Saanich Board of Education had ceased funding further development of openStudent.

THAT the Board receive the Chair's Report on the Student Information System for information.

CARRIED

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

G. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

i. 2014-2015 District School Calendar

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Acting Superintendent reported that the proposed school calendar was prepared in accordance with the School Calendar Regulations. It was explained that the proposed revised school calendar was now in alignment with the Metro area. The Acting Superintendent invited Ms. Macveigh to meet in order to further discuss the use of the statistical data in the decision making process.

THAT the Board approve the attached District School Calendar, Kanaka Creek School Calendar, and the District Distributed Learning Calendar for 2014-2015.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

i. Capital Project Bylaw 126699 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the School District did not receive any funding for the three projects submitted to the Ministry of Education in January under the Carbon Neutral Capital Plan. Staff will be requesting clarification from the Ministry of Education why funding was not received and how to improve future submissions.

Funding had been received however, to assist the school district engage technical expertise to identify CNCP projects for future years.

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126699 – 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program at this meeting with three (3) readings, unanimously.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126699 – 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program as read a first time.

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126699 – 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program as read a second time.

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126699 – 2014/15 Carbon Neutral Capital Program as read a third time and finally adopted.

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 2301: Role of the Board

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process Policy 2301: Role of the Board.

CARRIED

- ii. Proposed Draft Policy 2302: Delegation of Authority

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation of the consultation process Policy 2302: Board Delegation of Authority.

CARRIED

Round Table with Partner Groups

The Board Chair reported on the first round table meeting and the willingness for the Partner Groups to meet again.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

Ms. Bonny expressed her concern on the adoption of the school calendar and the impact on CUPE employees. The Board Chair explained that the adoption of the school calendar and the proposed budget were two different decisions.

Mr. Serra questioned if the Board had provided adequate time for public feedback on the proposed school calendar since modifications had been made to the original proposal. The Secretary Treasurer referred Mr.

Serra to Section 5 (2) and Section 5 (3) of the School Calendar Regulations provided in the agenda package for clarification on the process.

Ms. Macveigh questioned why it was still possible to provide feedback on the proposed school calendar on the school district website. Ms. Pochop confirmed that the survey is now closed.

Mr. Serra questioned how the BC Service Card will be integrated in Aspen. The Board Chair confirmed that process will be reviewed upon implementation of the New Student Information System.

J. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees' Association - Budget Feedback

Discussion ensued on two budget options with regard to member fees'. It was agreed to submit the following to the BC School Trustees' Association:

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

That the Board forward a submission to BCSTA on the proposed BCSTA budget supporting Option No. 2 (no increase) in fees and incorporating the following:

- Eliminating the annual academy while retaining the annual AGM and the new trustee academy
- Establishing a priority order as follows: advocacy, communication, standing committees, branch support, and trustee pro-d

And further that BCSTA standing committees be reviewed

And further that a request be forwarded to the AGM committee asking for a review of the AGM time management.

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council

Fundraising events were reported on.

Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported on funding for summer camps.

Good News Items

Trustees reported on the musical event at Whonnock Elementary, the EPIC project at Maple Ridge Secondary School and the presentations that Trustee Palis and Nelson are undertaking in schools.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer



ITEM 3

To: Board of Education

From: Secretary Treasurer
Flavia Coughlan

Re: **BOARD OF EDUCATION**
PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Date: April 9, 2014
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the May 29 2013 Public Board meeting the Board adopted the Public Board Meeting Schedule for 2013/14. This schedule includes a Public Board meeting on May 14, 2014.

In the Board approved Budget Process for 2014/15 the Budget Bylaw for 2014/15 was scheduled to be adopted on May 14, 2014.

In order to allow the Board to conduct the Superintendent of Schools selection process it is recommended that the Public Board meeting scheduled for May 14, 2014 be canceled. All business that was to be conducted at the May 14, 2014 Public Board meeting will be conducted at the April 30, 2014 and May 28, 2014 Public Board meetings.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approves the cancelation of the Public Board meeting scheduled for May 14, 2014.



ITEM 4

To: Board of Education

From: Secretary Treasurer
Flavia Coughlan

Re: **STRATEGIC FACILITIES REVIEW -
PHASE 1**

Date: April 9, 2014
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

To be distributed.



ITEM 5

To: Board of Education

From: Flavia Coughlan,
Secretary Treasurer

Re: **PROPOSED PRELIMINARY**
OPERATING BUDGET 2014/2015

Date: April 9, 2014
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

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ITEM 6

To: Board of Education

From: Trustee
Ken Clarkson

Re: **BCSTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**
MOTIONS

Date: April 9 , 2014
(Public Board Meeting)

Extraordinary motions and substantive motions that have been approved by the Legislative Committee in preparation for BCSTA's Annual General Meeting in April are attached for information.

Extraordinary motion – attached
Substantive motion – to be distributed



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

MOTIONS

EXTRAORDINARY MOTIONS

E1. BYLAW AMENDMENTS

SUBMITTED BY: *Board of Directors*

BE IT RESOLVED:

That Bylaw 7 be amended to add the following:

(m) Nothing herein shall be held to prevent the Board of Directors of the Association from submitting a motion even though notice has not been given. Such a motion does not require approval before it can be considered.

That Bylaw 10(b) be amended as follows:

Notice of all substantive motions to be dealt with at a general meeting shall be forwarded to the executive director not less than sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the said general meeting, and shall be transmitted by him/her the executive director to the member boards not later than ~~twenty (20)~~thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the general meeting, subject nevertheless to any rejection, consolidation, alteration or amendment that may be considered necessary by a Legislative Committee, ~~to be appointed each year for that purpose by the president.~~

That Bylaw 10(d) be amended as follows:

Notice of motion of extraordinary resolutions shall be given in writing to the executive director not less than seventy (70) days prior to the opening date of the general meeting at which such motions are to be considered, and shall be transmitted by the executive director to member Boards not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the general meeting. Motions by the Provincial Council and Board of Directors may exceed this deadline if submitted to the executive director at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the general meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by ballot shall be necessary to pass an extraordinary resolution.

E1.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

That Bylaw 19 be amended by:

- (a) deleting "SD87 (Stikine)" from 19(6) Northern Interior Branch; and
- (b) adding "SD87 (Stikine)" to 19(4) North West Branch.

RATIONALE:

Bylaw 7

This motion would clarify that the Board of Directors may submit motions to Provincial Council after the submission deadline for Provincial Council Motions without requiring prior approval. The Board of Directors currently has the ability to submit late substantive motions to AGM without obtaining prior approval (see Bylaw 10g).

Bylaw 10(b)

This motion would require substantive AGM motions be transmitted by the executive director to member Boards not less than 30 days before the opening date of the AGM.

Currently, *BCSTA Bylaws* require the executive director to transmit substantive motions to member Boards 20 days before AGM; and extraordinary motions to member Boards 30 days before AGM.

In 2013 all motions (substantive and extraordinary) were sent to member Boards 30 days before AGM.

This bylaw amendment would provide Boards of Education with more time to consider motions before AGM.

Bylaw 10(d)

This motion would allow the Board of Directors to bring late extraordinary motions to AGM. It would be helpful for the Board to have the ability to put forward late extraordinary motions to AGM when urgent issues arise that involve amendments to BCSTA's bylaws or foundational statements.

Bylaw 10(d) currently authorizes Provincial Council to bring late extraordinary motions to AGM.

Bylaw 19

SD87 (Stikine) passed a motion to request that BCSTA move SD87 from the Northern Interior Branch to the North West Branch. Geographically, and in consideration of transportation options, it is more cost effective for SD87 to be a member of the North West Branch.

E1.**BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

The February 2014 Provincial Council approved varying the composition of the branches by transferring SD87 from the Northern Interior Branch to the North West Branch.

As part of the process of transferring SD87 from the Northern Interior Branch to the North West Branch, Bylaw 19 needs to be amended to change the composition of the Northern Interior and North West Branch associations.

Extraordinary motion.



ITEM 7

RECORD

2013-2014

Pursuant to provisions of 72 (1) of the *School Act*, the following report is a general statement of: (a) matters discussed; and (b) the general nature of decisions resolved at the following meetings from which persons other than Trustees or officers of the Board, or both were excluded:

February 26, 2014

Call to Order
Motion of Exclusion
Ordering of Agenda
Confirmation of Minutes – February 12, 2014
Superintendent Decision Item
Secretary Treasurer Information Item
Committee Business
Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 2:17 p.m.
Approved
Approved as circulated.
Approved as circulated
Approved
Received for information
Received for information
Adjourned at 2:55 p.m.