



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, April 9 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee - Ken Clarkson
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

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 Clarkson

- Frank Lento, Chair, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- Betty Baxter, Chair, School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)
- Dot Neary, Chair, School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith)
- Peter Coleman, Chair, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)
- Eve Flynn, Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association
- Rob Wood, Deputy Minister

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

Additions/Amendments:

Correspondence – Move correspondence from Rob Wood, Deputy Minister to Chair Report.
Addition of Press Release to Chair Report.

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

The Chair opened the floor to others wanting to speak to the Agenda. The Chair explained that the difficulty of the budget process and clarified that there would be a public input meeting at Maple Ridge Secondary School on April 16th for delegations wishing to make presentations. He also clarified that delegations would be required to register for this meeting.

Ms. Macveigh raised a concern with the two week Spring Break schedule and loss of income for CUPE employees.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. March 12, 2014 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Minutes of the April 9, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

D. CHAIR REPORT

1. Letter from Rob Wood, Deputy Minister

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Palis

The Board Chair expressed concern at the Ministry of Education's change in policy on the cost sharing of capital projects. The following motions was proposed:

THAT the Board write a letter to the Ministry of Education after more information is received regarding the outcome of current meetings and copy this letter to the BC School Trustees' Association.

CARRIED

2. Press Release

The Board Chair presented information on a recent press release that was issued by the Board to the newspaper in order to highlight to the public the lack of provincial funding from the Ministry of Education.

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. Board of Education Public Board Meetings

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

The Secretary Treasurer reported that 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 and approved at the May 29, 2013 Public Board meeting, be canceled.

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

CARRIED

ii. Proposed Preliminary Operating Budget 2014/15

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Proposed Preliminary Operating Budget 2014/15 covering budget background information, 2014/15 base operating budget, three year operating projections, opportunities for cost reduction and revenue generation and key dates.

Clarification was given on the use of the contingency reserves and provincial holdback allocations.

Trustee Palis questioned how the proposed elimination of the Career Planning Assistant positions will affect students.

Trustee Clarkson requested that the issue of transportation be thoroughly reviewed. It was confirmed that meetings will be held with parents of regular bus students and students with special needs to gather more information.

The Board Chair explained the key dates of the budget process including the public input meeting scheduled for April 16th, the final adoption of the Preliminary Operating Budget 2014/15 at the Public Board Meeting on April 30th and the Budget Bylaw on May 28th.

THAT the Board receive the Proposed Preliminary Operating Budget 2014/15 for information.

CARRIED

1. Information Items

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

i. Strategic Facilities Review – Phase 1

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Strategic Facilities Review – Phase 1 and explained that additional information on each school was available on the newly created Facilities Review section on the School

District website. The Secretary Treasurer further explained that the Strategic Facilities Review and the input gathered through the consultation phase will form the School District Strategic Facilities Plan that the Board will adopt in the fall of 2014.

THAT the Board receive the Strategic Facilities Review, for information and further that the Board authorize the Secretary Treasurer to initiate the strategic facilities plan consultation process.

CARRIED

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

Round Table with Partner Groups

Trustee Clarkson confirmed that the next meeting of the Round Table Partner Group would take place on May 20th, 2014. Trustee Palis and Trustee Carr expressed an interest in attending this meeting.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were asked on the use of the contingency reserve to offset the deficit, the overall reduction to clerical across the district, the reduction to the instructional support of 1 hour per day, and the loss of one week of pay at Spring Break. Clarification on the funding in British Columbia compared to other Provinces was requested and whether the results of the IT Review would be completed before the budget is approved on April 30th. Comments were made on the lack of proposed cuts to management, and the purchase of food in the district. The Secretary Treasurer confirmed that the presentation on the Proposed Preliminary Operating Budget 2014/15 would be available on the website.

J. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees' Association

The motions to the Annual General Meeting did not include any late motions. Motions will be discussed at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on April 24 – 27, 2014.

Social Planning Advisory

The closure of the Youth Safe House has been postponed until the end of September.

Tzu Chi Foundation

There is a celebration scheduled to take place at Hammond Elementary on May 21, 2014

Good News Items

Trustees reported on the grad transitions at Maple Ridge Secondary School, the Youth Philanthropy at Garibaldi Secondary School, the presentations to the Parent Advisory Groups, and the screening of the video "Found in the Forest".

K. OTHER BUSINESS

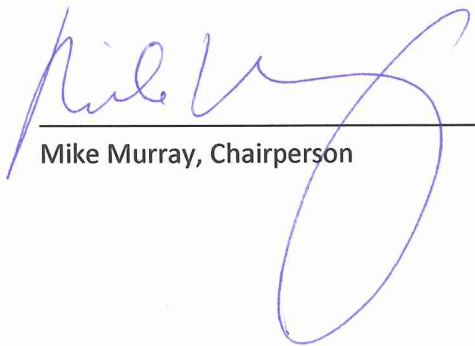
L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer