



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, December 12, 2012 (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:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Mgr. of Communications/Community Relations – Irena Pochop
Executive Assistant – Tracy Orobko

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Correspondence

Honourable Minister Don McRae - Ministry of Education
(December 3, 2012) Subject: Cooperative Gains Mandate

Bobbi Johnson, Chairperson – School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)
(December 12, 2012) Subject: Cooperative Gains Mandate

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

2. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

Additions/Amendments:

Correspondence: Honourable Minister, Don McRae – Ministry of Education
(December 3, 2012) Subject: Cooperative Gains Mandate

Correspondence: Bobbi Johnson, Chairperson – School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)
(December 12, 2012) Subject: Cooperative Gains Mandate

Correspondence: Move both items to Chair Report

Secretary Treasurer Decision Item: School District No. 42 Business Company

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

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

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS

1. ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON

The Board Chair provided a PowerPoint on the past year's experiences referring to the Superintendent's Achievement Report. On behalf of the Board, the Chair expressed appreciation to the senior management team and staff adding Board members feel great confidence and trust in staff. The Chair also thanked partner groups, the Executive Assistant and his fellow Board members in their primary role to provide support to all with a goal of excellence for students.

The full Chair Report can be viewed on the School District website: www.sd42.ca

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the Annual Report of the Chairperson for information.

CARRIED

2. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve the Trustee Elections proceedings in accordance with Procedure 2915.1: Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

CARRIED

The Chair passed the gavel over to the Secretary Treasurer who acted as Chair pro-tem for the election process.

3. NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURE

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board proceed to elect a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson in accordance with the attached nomination and election procedure.

CARRIED

a) Chairperson of the Board

- Nominations

The Chair pro-tem called for nominations for the position of Board Chairperson for a one year term. A seconder will not be required for nominations.

Trustee Marshall nominated Trustee Murray.

Trustee Murray Accepted

The Chair pro-tem called for a second nomination; the Chair pro-tem called for a third and final nomination. The Chair pro-tem declared nominations closed.

It was then announced by acclamation the Board Chairperson for one year ended December 2013 is Trustee Mike Murray.

b) Vice-Chairperson of the Board

- Nominations

The Chair pro-tem called for nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chairperson for a one year term. A seconder will not be required for nominations.

Trustee Carr nominated Trustee Palis.

Trustee Palis Accepted

The Chair pro-tem called for a second nomination; the Chair pro-tem called for a third and final nomination. The Chair pro-tem declared nominations closed.

It was then announced by acclamation the Board Vice-Chairperson for one year ended December 2013 is Trustee Eleanor Palis.

REMARKS OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. November 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the Minutes of the November 28, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. DELEGATIONS

George Serra, President – Maple Ridge Teachers' Association

Mr. Serra thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak about child poverty and provided a binder of information to accompany a PowerPoint on "From Awareness to Analysis to Action".

Moved: Trustee Nelson

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive George Serra's report on Child Poverty for information.

CARRIED

E. CHAIR REPORT

Correspondence

Hon. Min. D. McRae, Min. of Education and Bobbi Johnson, Chair, SD No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

The Secretary Treasurer provided background on the Minister of Education's request emphasizing the request cannot be considered in isolation. The School District's budget process begins in April. The funding from the Ministry of Education for the upcoming year is not known to Boards until March 15th. The Secretary Treasurer noted that there are a number of cost pressures already identified for the upcoming year. Effective July 1, 2013, there is an increase to teachers' pension plan contributions which will have to be funded from existing budgets. As well, the District has to provide for salary increments to all employee groups and determine the impact of enrolment decline projections. The District has to look at all information together in order to make good decisions. There are a number of unknowns and the Minister

has imposed a timeframe that prevents staff and the Board to appropriately address the matter. The Chair opened the floor to discussion.

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board: send a letter in response to the Minister of Education's letter of December 3, 2012 expressing the Board's concern with the process outlined in letter, outlining additional cost pressures the district anticipates facing in future years and budget balancing decisions that were made by the Board in the past, and further indicating the Board's inability to submit an additional cost savings plan within the Ministry guidelines.

CARRIED

Proposed Committee Appointments

The Chair referred to the Committee appointments included with the Agenda. It was suggested for next year, each Trustee join a new committee to create change.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive and approve the attached proposed committee appointments for a period of one year commencing December 12, 2012.

CARRIED

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Report on Student Achievement

The Superintendent provided highlights of the Report on Student Achievement. The Report is posted on both the School District and Ministry websites.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board approve the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement for December 2012 for submission to the Minister of Education no later than January 31, 2013.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Kindergarten Registration report for information.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

School District No. 42 Business Company

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board approve the Consent Resolution of the Sole Shareholder in the form of resolution as attached and authorize the Secretary Treasurer to sign the resolution.

CARRIED

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

J. QUESTION PERIOD

George Serra, President Maple Ridge Teachers' Association inquired into the Minister's letter to which the Chair responded the Board has decided to send a response to the Ministry.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council. Trustee Marshall reported on the meeting held at the MRTA office. The group is looking at providing more motivational speakers. "How to Get Better Grades in School" is being offered on January 28, 2012, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Riverside Centre. The next meeting is February 7th. The location is to be determined.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. Community members sold Christmas trees which were donated by Cindy Boileau in front of Canadian Tire and raised \$1000 for the Whonnock Elementary band program and \$1000 for the Food Bank.

Social Planning Advisory. Trustee Nelson reported on the awareness of homeless are in Maple Ridge. Homeless Action Week is approaching and there has been discussion regarding "Rent bank". Discussion ensued in the committee's interest to learn about anti-bully action in the School District to which the Chair reminded the Board that the draft *Safe, Caring and Healthy Schools* policy will be brought to the Board for further consultation process on January 16th.

Good News Items

This is Christmas concert season which the Trustees have been enjoying.

Positive comments were made regarding Vice-Principal of Garibaldi Secondary, Anelma Brown's *Queen Bees* group which Trustee Nelson recently participated in.

Trustee Carr commended and thanked Maple Ridge Secondary School's Chef, Trevor Randle, who recently provided a turkey dinner feast for all of Alouette Elementary's 400 students. He has further committed to two more feasts: Eric Langton Elementary and the MRSS staff. Altogether, he will have cooked and served over 600lbs. of turkey. This is the season of concerts and plays and wanted to say as a parent and as Board member – thank you to all staff for devoting and making such great experiences for our community and families.

The Chair commended the success of the MRSS Dessert / Chamber Choir concert held at the Act.

Reference was made to a recent attendance at the all boy kindergarten class as being a very active place. A quote overheard: "There are no girls to bug us!".

L. OTHER BUSINESS

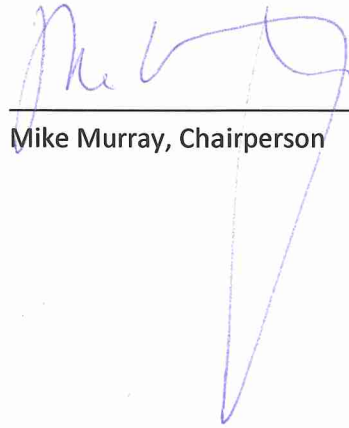
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer