



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, January 25, 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 – Wayne Jefferson
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**

- Eden Haythornthwaite, Chairperson – School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley)
- Wm. Turanski, Chairperson – School District No. 22 (Vernon)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **January 11, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Minutes of the January 11, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONSAchievement Contract – David Vandergugten, Director of Instruction K-12 Education

Director Vandergugten provided an overview of 21st century learning, student engagement and the Inquiry Project/Learning including an overview of 21st century skills and personalized learning.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

The Superintendent has been invited to attend a kindergarten class at the end of February and invited Board members to join them regarding the use of Ipods in the classroom.

The Chair commended the involvement of teaching staff that has made the programs successful in addition to the success of the assessment tools.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS**E. CHAIR REPORT**

The Board Chair reported the Board's letter to Honourable Minister, George Abbott was sent today.

F. DEFERRED ITEMS**G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS****H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT****1. Decision Items**

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

- i. Amended Budget – 2011/12

Trustee Clarkson declared he will not be voting on Bylaw No. 1 as his son is a Teacher-on-Call in the School District.

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers)

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED:

- 1. THAT all decisions taken by the 2011/2012 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Teacher costs totaling \$79,272,873 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.

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2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

- (a) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

- (b) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- (c) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a third and finally adopted.

CARRIED

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff)

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

1. THAT all decisions taken by the 2011/2012 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Unionized Support Staff costs totaling \$23,461,612 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.
2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

- (a) THAT the attached School district no. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

- (b) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

- (c) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

1. THAT all decisions taken by the 2011/2012 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding all Other costs totaling \$28,135,018 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.
2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- (a) THAT the attached School district no. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- (b) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- (c) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

The Chair stated anyone wishing to seek the actual changes between the Preliminary and Amended Budgets are welcome to receive copies.

- ii. Budget Timelines – 2012/13

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Budget Timelines emphasizing the first meeting with partner groups is scheduled for March 7, 2012.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board approve the recommended 2012-2013 Budget Committee of the Whole Timelines for reference and use in the development of the 2012-2013 Preliminary Budget; and

THAT the Board expand the public input process and continue the use of the website to provide the public with an opportunity to offer feedback into the budget development process.

CARRIED

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent congratulated Laurie Meston on her appointment as ‘Deputy’ Superintendent.

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Board Policy Development Committee. The Chair reported on the meeting which occurred earlier today addressing policy framework and the consideration of reviewing bylaws and updating policies on a regular basis. It was agreed the Board will meet at on February 8, 2012 to gain knowledge with the policy work in order to move forward.

District Student Advisory Committee. The Chair reported on his recent attendance with Trustee Palis at the recent meeting of students who display a great example of youth leadership. The group discussed what incentives they would like to proceed with. Details will follow in due course.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was raised regarding the creation of 10.4 FTE teachers to which it was responded there were more students than projected;

A question was raised regarding partner/public input into the 2012/13 Preliminary Budget to which it was responded partners will have discussions with the Board collectively and individually. The Secretary Treasurer affirmed meetings with the budget committee would be arranged.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services. The Chair attended the last meeting and provided an update. Trustee Palis agreed to attend the proposed parks sites committee regarding Silver Valley.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. Trustee Carr attended the January 19th meeting where an election of the executive occurred. Kathie Ward has been appointed as Chair; Trustee Rempel was appointed Vice-Chair. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012. The Foundation is seeking two community Board members. Trustees Carr, Marshall and Murray are Board representatives. Trustee Rempel is a community member.

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel announced the upcoming May 23, 2012 bursary celebrations at Connex (South Lillooet Centre).

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Good News:

Trustee Palis reported on the Aboriginal Pole Blessing ceremony at Pitt Meadows Secondary School.

Trustee Palis reported on the attendance by many Trustees and the Superintendent at Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary to listen to Jeff Yeldon, a motivational speaker engaging and challenging students to: "Take Time to Think";

The Chair applauded staff for the 25 Years of Service celebration held last evening at Garibaldi Secondary School and commended everyone involved for the preparation and organization of same.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer