



PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, March 28, 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

STAFF:

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

ABSENT:

Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Trustee Sarah Nelson
Trustee Dave Rempel

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Correspondence

- George Abbott, Honourable Minister – Ministry of Education (*March 9, 2012*)
Subject: Shared Services
- George Abbott, Honourable Minister – Ministry of Education (*March 13, 2012*)
Subject: BC Education Plan and Foundation Skills Assessment
- George Abbott, Honourable Minister – Ministry of Education (*March 16, 2012*)
Subject: Bill 22 – Education Improvement Act
- Art Erasmus, Chair – School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains) (*March 14, 2012*)
Subject: – Savings from Teachers' Strike

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. Ordering of Agenda

Additions/Amendments:

Trustee Motions: Trustee Carr

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

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

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. March 7, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Minutes of the March 7, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Pat Atkins, Registered Social Worker – Education, Awareness & Change:
BC Responsible & Problem Gambling Program

Ms. Atkins handed out information packages and began her presentation indicating the program is gambling neutral: neither promoting nor prohibiting gambling and further provided a power point on youth gambling highlighting the signs and sources of same.

Ms. Atkins attends schools, PAC groups and is interested in meeting with teachers to provide further assistance in bringing awareness to the matter through professional development. One of the programs offered at the secondary level includes use of an Ipad called, "Gam_iQ" – Gambling Awareness for Secondary Schools. www.bcreponsiblegambling.ca

The Chair opened the floor to questions and comments.

The Superintendent offered to provide a package to the Chair of the District Parent Advisory Council.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

2012 Graduation Schedule

Discussion regarding the graduation scheduled ensued agreeing to provide reasonable opportunity for all Trustees to attend and/or provide a speech at the ceremonies.

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board direct the Board Chair to send a letter to the Minister of Education indicating the Board's disappointment with the process that led to the mediator selection. While we are hopeful the mediator will have success it was our request in a letter dated March 8, 2012 that a mediator be selected that is acceptable to all parties.

CARRIED

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

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

2. Information Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools

Safe Schools Policy

The Superintendent provided a broader view of safe schools policies. School Districts will receive further information from the Ministry of Education regarding Government initiatives in due course.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the Timeline and Process for addressing a Safe Schools policy that includes but is not limited to language on Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity for information.

CARRIED

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

2012-2013 Operating Budget Funding Announcement Overview

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the funding announcement stating it is where staff expected it to be. Funding protection is in place due to the enrollment decline and the District is waiting for clarification from the Ministry of Education concerning the Administrative processes around administering of the newly identified funding categories: Learning Improvement Fund; Vulnerable Students; and Education Plan Supplement. Staff anticipates receiving answers which will be presented to the Budget Committee of the Whole on April 4, 2012.

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's report on the 2012-2013 Operating Budget funding announcement for information.

CARRIED**I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS****J. QUESTION PERIOD****K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

BC School Trustees' Association. Trustee Clarkson confirmed an email will be sent regarding motions for the upcoming Annual General Meeting requesting the Board to review and provide questions for candidates.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services. Chair Murray reviewed park designs and reported on new sites in Silver Valley; also passed on the School District's appreciation for the organization of programs during the teachers' job action and during Spring Break.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. Chair Murray commented on the recent successful fundraising event.

Youth Centre Society. Trustee Carr referred to the report included with the Public Agenda. Michelle Schmidt, District Vice-Principal Alternate Education and Community Connections, will be attending the next meeting; Route 29 (a project supporting housing for 17-24 year olds where prior support has been suspended to due age restrictions), is seeking donations of household items assisting with residences.

Good News Items.

Trustee Palis commented on an upcoming Alouette Addictions presentation for parents at Pitt Meadows Secondary School on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

Trustees Carr, Palis and Chair Murray attended Maple Ridge Secondary School's Comparative Civilization's EPIC Project citing the powerful message behind the project acknowledging Mr. Beale and his class for the great work.

Trustee Carr reported on the Spring Break RCMP Youth Academy where her daughter attended offering a note of thanks to all of those involved with the program benefiting students. One of the largest contingencies of students was from School District No. 42.

Grade 10 Planning session job interviews are now in progress. The Board wished to thank all the staff who coordinate these events for the students.

Chair Murray congratulated the Pitt Meadows Secondary School boys on their success at a recent tournament paying tribute to those working with the basketball program.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

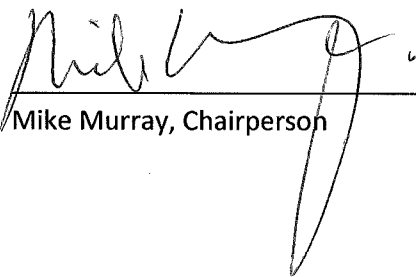
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

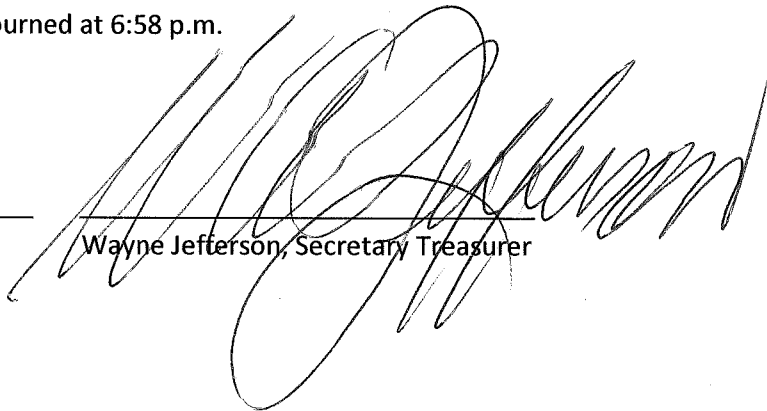
Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer