



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, May 8, 2013 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room**

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:

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

ABSENT:

Trustee – Ken Clarkson

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

1. Correspondence
 - No correspondence
2. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

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

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. May 8, 2013 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the Minutes of the April 24, 2013 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

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**

Adoption of 2013/14 Preliminary Budget Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer introduced the bylaw. On statement two a deficit is shown - this is the capital fund deficit and is permitted under the accounting practices order of the Ministry of Education.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Annual Budget Bylaw of the Board for the Fiscal year 2013/14 be given three (3) readings at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) 2013/2014 Annual Budget Bylaw be:

Read a first time on the 8th day of May, 2013;

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) 2013/2014 Annual Budget Bylaw be:

Read a second time on the 8th day of May, 2013;

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) 2013/2014 Annual Budget Bylaw be:

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 8th day of May, 2013.

CARRIED

2. Information Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools**

Carbon Neutral Action Report 2012

The Secretary Treasurer introduced the Report and referred trustees to the executive summary. It was confirmed that with limited resources, the School District needs to stage projects. The Provincial Government has allocated approximately \$10K for energy consultant work.

If a Board is able to make a business case to the Ministry of Education, for example, an investment that would be recovered over 10 years, the Ministry may grant borrowing authority for the Board to proceed with the project.

Clarification was made regarding recycling where it is done on a school by school basis. Often interest groups in the schools take it on.

The Board Chair opened the floor to questions.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer's Carbon Neutral Action Report for information.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Financial Statements – Third Quarter

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board approve the third quarter financial statements.

CARRIED

French Immersion. Trustee Nelson reported on her recent meeting; celebrations shared included connections between PMSS, MRSS and feeder schools to maintain a French connection. Charlotte Diamond and other shows have been successful. Exchange students have arrived.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BCSTA. The Board Chair reported on the recent Annual General Meeting. Teresa Rezansoff is the new President; Gordon Swan is new Vice-President. BCSTA plays an important role with Government. This Board appreciates the leadership BCSTA has been offering.

DPAC. Nelson reported on the informative meeting held at Garibaldi Secondary School.

The Board Chair reported on the successful all-candidates meeting held at THSS thanking DPAC representatives and Trustee Marshall for organizing the event.

The Board Chair attended the BC Recreation and Parks Association meeting where sessions were held on playground designs focusing on the importance of play.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation. Tomorrow is the first annual customer appreciation hot dog day event for Marks' Work Wearhouse. Representatives from RMEF, caring place and the community services council will be serving hot dogs between 11am -7pm. All proceeds will go to support the brown bag lunches.

Social Planning Advisory Committee. Trustee Nelson reported the RCMP focused on strategic planning. Child safety was highlighted.

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel reminded the Board of the upcoming celebration on May 23rd at 3:30pm at Connex.

Good News Items

Golden Ears Elementary – Trustee Carr attended Music Monday adding the district is lucky to have a music program at the school with special thanks to Jennifer Hansen who uploads performance dates on the school website.

District Cross Country – held last week at Albion Sports Fields - well attended and thanked staff for providing safety in parking lot.

Trustee Carr thanked Trustee Marshall for co-organizing the all-candidates meeting with DPAC on behalf of the Board. It was estimated 65 to 80 members of the public attended. The Board wished to publicly thanked DPAC Chair Kellie Marquet for co-organizing and Ian Strachan for moderating.

Trustee Rempel reported on the successful GSS grade 10 Interview Fair.

20 Year Appreciation Event – Trustee Palis thanked Lena Frend for the successful event at GSS.

The Board Chair commended the successful inspirational performer, Terry Kelly who attended Highland Park. The message was 'you can do anything'. It was suggested everyone watch the video for "Pittance of Time" which Mr. Kelly recorded for Remembrance Day services of past.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

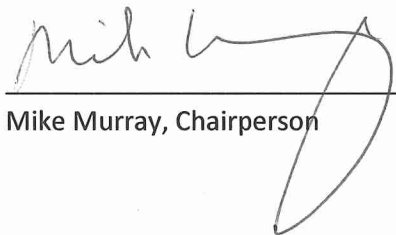
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

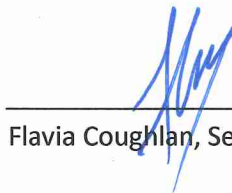
Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer