



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, May 9, 2012 (6:00 PM)  
DEO Board Room**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray  
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis  
Trustee – Susan Carr  
Trustee – Ken Clarkson  
Trustee – Kathy Marshall  
Trustee – Sarah Nelson

**STAFF:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Trustee Dave Rempel

**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**

- Michele Babchuk, Chairperson – School District No. 75 (Campbell River)  
*(March 29, 2012) Subject: Mediator Appointment*
- George Serra, President – Maple Ridge Teachers' Association  
*(April 17, 2012) Subject: Bargaining Process*
- Kelly Swift, General Manager, Community Development, Parks & Recreation Services  
*(April 23, 2012) Subject: Bid to Host the BC Summer Games*

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

**CARRIED**

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

**Additions/Amendments:**

Superintendent Information Item: International Education; District Calendar; and Adult Education.

Secretary Treasurer Information Item: Board Policy Development Committee – Safe Schools.

Secretary Treasurer Information Item: 2012/2013 Proposed Draft Preliminary Budget – Presentation.

Moved to Chair Report: Correspondence – Kelly Swift, General Manager, Community Development,  
Parks & Recreation Services.

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

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. April 25, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved:** Trustee Marshall

**Seconded:** Trustee Nelson

THAT the Minutes of the April 25, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

French Immersion – Joanne Rowen, Principal, Pitt Meadows Elementary School

Ms. Rowen provided a power point on the successes of the French Immersion program and its history in the School District including “late” and “secondary” immersion. The goal upon graduation is to be functionally bilingual at the end of the program. This is a program of choice, parallels English programs and students earn two Dogwood Certificates. The largest challenge to date is the rate of growth, lack of space and staffing challenges.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

**Moved:** Trustee Carr

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board receive the French Immersion presentation for information.

**CARRIED**

**D. DELEGATIONS**

**E. CHAIR REPORT**

The Chair introduced and sought feedback regarding correspondence dated April 17, 2012, from George Serra, President – Maple Ridge Teachers’ Association.

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board respond to correspondence received from the Maple Ridge Teachers’ Association based upon dialogue as previously indicated by the Board on the matter of mediator appointment.

**CARRIED**

The Chair requested Trustees to submit further comments for inclusion in the letter via electronic mail.

The Chair introduced correspondence from Kelly Swift, General Manager, Community Development, Parks and Recreation Services.

**Moved:** Trustee Nelson

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board support a bid to host the 2016 or 2018 BC Summer Games with the District of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows providing any additional expenses beyond the School District’s annual budget are covered by the games.

**CARRIED**

**F. DEFERRED ITEMS**

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**G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS**

**H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**1. Decision Items**

**a) Superintendent of Schools**

**b) Deputy Superintendent**

2012 – 2013 Kanaka Creek District Local School Calendar

**Moved:** Trustee Nelson

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board approves:

- The attached Proposed 2012 – 2013 Kanaka Creek Local School Calendar.

**CARRIED**

**c) Secretary Treasurer**

Board Policy Development Committee: Rescind Budget Process Bylaw – Third and Final Reading

**Moved:** Trustee Marshall

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board rescind Annual Budget Bylaw November 20, 2008, and replace with a Board policy as per the Procedure Bylaw on Non-Financial Bylaws under Part E – section 3.01(d).

It is further recommended that the attached Budget Process Bylaw November 10, 2008, be rescinded as read a third and final time.

**CARRIED**

Board Policy Development Committee: Adoption of Board Policy 4203 – Operating Budget

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Board adopt a new Policy 4203 – Operating Budget.

**CARRIED**

Financial Statements 2011 – 2012 Third Quarter

Following approval the Financial Statements will be posted to the website.

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Board approve the 2011 – 2012 Third Quarter Financial Statements.

**CARRIED**

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

**Moved:** Trustee Palis

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board approve the following borrowing resolution:

WHEREAS Section 139 of the *School Act* and Regulation 10, provides that a Board may by resolution, with the approval of the Minister, borrow from time to time for a period not exceeding six months for purposes

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other than capital expenditures, by way of a temporary loan, such sums as the Board may deem necessary to meet current operating and debt services expenditures:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of Section 139 of the *School Act* and Regulation 10, the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) authorize the Secretary Treasurer to request the approval of the Minister of Education for the borrowing of an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000. These funds would be in the form of a \$2,500,000 line of credit and additional funds of \$4,000,000 if required to meet current operating and debt services expenditures, but all money so borrowed shall be repaid not later than the 9th of November, 2012.

**CARRIED**

**Information Items**

**a) Superintendent of Schools**

International Public School Education Association (“IPSEA”)

The Superintendent referred to the handout provided and requested support for the International Education Department with respect to the closure of visa offices.

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board write a letter in support of the International Education Department, to ‘whom it may concern’ reflecting on the impact on school districts sending copies to the local Member of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly.

**CARRIED**

District Calendar

The Superintendent informed the Board of a recent announcement made by the Provincial Government regarding the 2013 Family Day. Although February 18<sup>th</sup> was previously announced, Government has decided to review the date.

As staff had previously brought the 2012/2013 school calendars for approval, staff may have to bring calendars back for approval should the date change.

**Moved:** Trustee Carr

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board write a letter to the Provincial Government indicating the School District has already passed a calendar and would like to retain the February 18, 2013 date.

**CARRIED**

Adult Education

The Superintendent provided a warning the Provincial Government has changed the Education Guarantee altering offerings for adults which may create public queries for the Board. Staff will be reviewing parameters around fees required. The district’s Adult Education will be impacted.

**b) Deputy Superintendent**

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**c) Secretary Treasurer**Capital Project Bylaw 126395: 2012-2013 Annual Facility Grant Expenditure Plans

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's report on the 2012-2013 Annual Facility Grant expenditure plans for information.

**CARRIED**

Board Policy Development Committee – Safe Schools

The Secretary Treasurer referred to the handout provided. Due to the complexity, importance and the time needed to ensure all stakeholder input, staff recommended to bring the draft policy to the Board in September. The consulting process with stakeholder groups will commence soon.

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive the Board Policy Development Committee ("BPDC") report on the proposed Policy of Safe Schools.

**CARRIED**

2012-2013 Proposed Draft Preliminary Budget - Presentation

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the overall protection of classrooms, balanced budget, feedback received at the Public Forum, and consultation with partner groups. The proposed draft preliminary budget will be posted to the website for public feedback.

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the 2012/2013 Proposed Draft Preliminary Budget for information as recommended by the 2012/2013 Budget Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**

**I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

Aboriginal Education. Trustee Carr introduced the new "Talking Stick" newsletter; the Awards Ceremony is scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>.

District Student Advisory. Trustees reported on the great success of the Cor Project on May 2<sup>nd</sup> where 170 students participated across the district volunteering in various capacities: ARMS, KEEPS, SPCA, Salvation Army and Adopt a Block.

**J. QUESTION PERIOD****K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

BC School Trustees' Association. Highlights from the recent Annual General Meeting were provided.

District Parent Advisory Council. Appreciation was extended to Alouette Elementary for hosting the recent meeting. Dep. Superintendent Meston provided an overview of Special Education explaining the levels of funding; the Superintendent presented the school calendar; and the Secretary Treasurer presented an update on the 2012/2013 Budget process. Executive Elections are scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>; nominations are due June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Joint Parks and Leisure Services. The Rick Hansen Man-in-Motion celebration is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. The tour will stop at various schools in both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows with a barbecue for volunteers.

Members from the Parks and Recreation Commission will be attending an upcoming Board meeting to promote the grade 5 Active Pass.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. Compliments were given to the First Nation art exhibit in the Gallery and for the “Bboyism” touring street dance troupe from Ottawa.

Social Planning Advisory. Compliments were given to Roberta O’Brien’s, “A day in the Life of Poverty”, presentation. She is an ECD Coordinator bringing awareness of local poverty issues.

#### Good News Items

Tzu Chi Foundation. A report was provided on the May 6<sup>th</sup> event at Henderson Place in Coquitlam for the Mother’s Day celebration which was combined with Buddha’s birthday and Tzu Chi’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A reminder was provided regarding the upcoming celebration on May 16<sup>th</sup> at South Lillooet Centre. Since 1995, Tzu Chi has financially contributed approximately \$165,000 in support of SD42 students.

Music Monday. Trustees reported on the success of the event which is held annually on the first Monday in May across Canada.

Grade 10 Interview Fair. A reminder was provided of the upcoming Interview Fair at Garibaldi Secondary.

Glenwood Elementary. A reminder was provided of the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary scheduled for May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Marshall reported on her attendance at a celebration involving Dave and Sharon Rempel who have assisted with over 200 Russian adoptions. A tribute was made to the Rempels that evening for their involvement.

#### **L. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Trustee Carr

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mike Murray, Chairperson

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Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer