



PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, October 10, 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 – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

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

ABSENT:

Trustee Sarah Nelson

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

The Board Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging the passing of former Katzie Band Chief, Diane Bailey who had made significant contributions to the School District.

Call to Order

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

The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. **Correspondence**

- Zora Andjelic, Planning Technician – City of Pitt Meadows

Moved: Trustee Marshall

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

Amendment:

Deputy Superintendent Information Item: Move to Presentations (S. Sonne, Director of Secondary and Adult Education; A. Millar, Principal, Aboriginal Education – Achievement Contract)

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Carr

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. September 26, 2012 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Minutes of the September 26, 2012 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Christina Shearme, Parent Education Programs – Family Education and Support Centre

The Chair introduced Ms. Shearme who shared the history of the Family Education and Resource Centre which facilitates growth and development in families and communities, while responding to the need for information, education, resources and support since 1971. Program brochures were handed out.

The Centre has recently celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Some programs highlighted included Community Action Programs for Children, Parenting Teens, Parenting Young Children, assisting Young Parents and Mental Wellness. The variety of programs helps strengthen participation of diverse groups and increases understanding of cultural diversity within Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katzie.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.

CARRIED

Achievement Contract

The Chair introduced Stewart Sonne, Director of Secondary and Adult Education, and Alan Millar, Principal, Aboriginal Education who presented the Achievement Contract highlighting:

- Grad rates
- Grade to Grade Transition Rates
- Suspension Rates

Direct correlations were made to self-esteem and self-reporting. Mr. Sonne thanked and credited the previous presenter, Christina Shearme, and the variety of programs offered regarding Self Esteem.

The School District's graduation rates are growing exponentially – a gain of 11% overall. Accordingly, the School District is recognized by the Ministry of Education as a lead in the area of increased graduation rates. Director Sonne congratulated the teachers, CUPE staff and Administrators for their continued efforts of building culture, adjusting strategies, and 'caring more'.

Contributing factors include diversity, choice, continuous learning frameworks and the development of igniting passion for kids to learn again.

Alan Millar provided a slide show on aboriginal statistics, building of cultures, opportunities, family connections, and provided a synopsis of activities.

Trustee Carr exited the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Trustee Carr joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

The Chair opened the floor to questions and comments.

Key elements included communicating with parents on how to support their children with respect to education and being relentless in the pursuit of helping kids succeed by providing choice. Overall, there are 300 more graduates now than the School District had five years ago - in a declining School District.

The Achievement Contract can be viewed in its entirety: <http://www.sd42.ca/2012-achievement-contract>

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the Achievement Contract as provided by Stewart Sonne, Director of Secondary and Adult Education and Alan Millar, Principal, Aboriginal Education, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Change of Board Meeting Dates

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve the change of meeting date from November 14, 2012 to November 7, 2012.

CARRIED

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

Eligible School Sites Proposal

The Secretary Treasurer provided background on Capital Plan requirements referring to the detailed analysis included in the Agenda indicating it aligns with the District of Maple Ridge's Official Community Plan.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board approve the following eligible school site proposal:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) has consulted with the District of Maple Ridge and City of Pitt Meadows on these matters;

IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. Based on information from local government, the Board of Education of School District No.42 estimates there will be approximately 9,352 new development units constructed in the School District over the next 10 years, as presented in Schedule 'A';

2. These 9,352 new development units will be home to an estimated 3,793 school age children, as presented in Schedule 'A';
3. The School Board expects seven (7) new school sites and one (1) site expansion, over the ten-year period, will be required as the result of this growth in the school district. The site acquisitions will be generally located as presented in Schedule 'B';
4. According to Ministry of Education site standards, the School Board expects that the eligible school sites will require a total acquisition of 22.54 hectares (55.7 acres) of land, as presented in Schedule 'B'. These sites should be purchased within ten years and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$32 million.
5. That the Eligible School Sites Proposal as adjusted be incorporated in the 5 Year Facility Capital Budget, 2012-2016, and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

Five Year Capital Plan

The Capital Plan is to be submitted to the Ministry of Education by October 15, 2012. The Secretary Treasurer referred to the comprehensive report attached to the Agenda highlighting a top priority project of an elementary school in Albion at an estimated cost of \$17.73 million dollars. The second priority is expansion to Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary where 13 portables are currently used.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

- 1) THAT the Board approve the 2012/2013 Five Year Capital Plan as presented for submission to the Ministry of Education.
- 2) THAT the Board direct staff to prepare a School District Facilities Plan.

CARRIED

Board Policy Development Committee Recommended Changes – Governance Modeling

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board rescind Procedural Bylaw: September 22, 2009 and replace with a Board policy.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT the attached Procedural Bylaw, September 22, 2009, be rescinded as read a third and final time.

CARRIED

Board Policies 2320, 2400, 2915 and 2918 – Replacements for Procedural Bylaw–September 22, 2009

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve policies 2320, 2400, 2915 and 2918 for implementation; and

THAT the attached procedures 2915.1 be received for information.

CARRIED

Board Policy Approval

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

THAT the Board approve policies 9510, 10510, and 10540 for implementation.

CARRIED

2. Information Items

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

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Fraser Valley BC School Trustees' Association. Trustee Clarkson reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting on Monday, October 15th at Thomas Haney Secondary commencing at 6:00 p.m.

District Parent Advisory Council. Trustee Marshall attended the last meeting commending Kellie Marquet on her use of Facebook and invited others to join. At the November 1st meeting, the group anticipates a visit from Judy Dueck, Health and Safety Officer and possibly reviewing its Constitution and Bylaws.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. Trustee Rempel reported on the last meeting where scholarships winners were congratulated while also thanking the Council for their awards and new programs.

The Chair explained Trustee Nelson's absence due to her working towards a Master's Degree at Royal Roads University.

Tzu Chi Foundation. Trustee Rempel reported on an upcoming distribution of funds to students in the amount of up to \$5,000.

Good News Items

Trustee Carr congratulated the staff and students at Maple Ridge and Garibaldi Secondary Schools on their combined Duathlon held recently at Golden Ears Park consisting of a 4 km run; 14 km bike; 4 km run. This is the 22nd year this has occurred in the School District.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

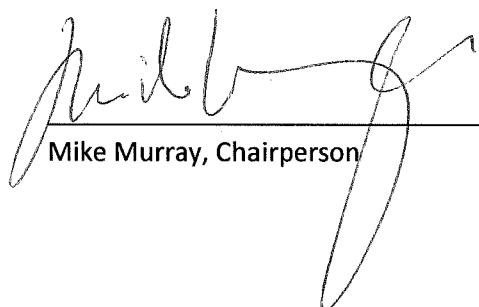
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

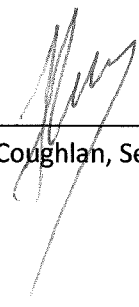
Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer