



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, October 12, 2011 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Ken Clarkson
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Mike Huber
Trustee – Dave Rempel
Trustee – Stepan Vdovine
Trustee – Kathie Ward

STAFF:

Acting Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Peter Bullock
Executive Assistant – Tracy Orobko

ABSENT:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson

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**

- Candace Spilsbury, Chairperson (1) – School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley)
- Patti Bacchus, Chairperson – School District No. 39 (Vancouver)
- Mel Joy, Chairperson – School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)
- Candace Spilsbury, Chairperson (2) – School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley)
- Pattie Bacchus, Chairperson – School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Additions/Amendments:

Added: Correspondence – Honourable Minister, George Abbott – Ministry of Education

Moved to Chair Report: Correspondence (2) – Candace Spilsbury – School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

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. September 28,2011 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Minutes of the September 28, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Tom Wallace, Instructor, BCIT Automotive Foundations Partnership Program – Garibaldi Secondary School

Mr. Wallace introduced Dustin Hartley and Cameron McDougall, recent graduates of the Level 1 Automotive Foundations Program and provided a presentation on the usage of technology enhancing teaching in shop class. Mr. Wallace thanked his Administration, Technology Departments and the Board for the ability to offer his teachings in a computerized manner and answered questions about the program.

The Board was impressed overall with the ambition and motivation in providing and adapting to new technologies such as Power Director, One Note, Screen Recorder and Tablet for use in the classroom.

Garibaldi Secondary School, Vice-Principal, Steve Wiebe, spoke to the success of collaboration of teachers at the school who are working together towards teaching through technology.

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the presentation for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Vdovine

THAT the Board write a letter respectfully urging the BC Public School Employers' Association to continue bargaining with the BC Teachers' Federation resulting in a collective agreement that is supportive and beneficial to our public school system moving forward with the business of educating our children with copies to the Honourable Minister, George Abbott, BC School Trustees' Association, all provincial School Districts and the BC Teachers' Federation.

CARRIED

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. **Decision Items**

a) **Superintendent of Schools**

b) **Acting Deputy Superintendent**

Bill 33 Extension

The Acting Deputy Superintendent reported staff has been meeting regularly with the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association and have reached an agreement with respect to elementary classrooms. Work is continuing with respect to secondary.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board accept the Acting Deputy Superintendent's Bill-33 Report as it stands at this moment and await the final report on November 9, 2011.

CARRIED

c) Assistant Secretary Treasurer

Capital Project Amendment Bylaw

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer explained the procedure for accessing Ministry of Education funds.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw 126150B be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Vdovine

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board agree to pass the three proposed motions seriatim.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT Bylaw 126150B re: Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126150B ALL Day Kindergarten Modular Units be approved as read **three** times.

CARRIED

2. Information Items

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

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Trustee Carr provided a handout on her recent attendances at both the Aboriginal Education and Katzie Community Literacy Committees. Trustee Palis reported on the members involved which include School District No. 42, local libraries, CEED Centre and literacy outreach coordinators to name a few. Donations of books would be greatly welcomed.

Trustee Palis reported on her recent trip to Allco Park with Chair Clarkson to visit the Environmental School.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council. Trustee Rempel reported on the recent Annual General Meeting held on October 3rd where the Auditor's report was presented and supported. An anniversary celebratory dinner and dance has been planned for October 21st at The Act.

BCSTA Provincial Council.

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

Trustee Ward provided an overview of the motions enclosed with the Agenda indicating Items 10.1 and 10.2 are standard procedure; motions 10.3 – 10.6 are presented to the Board for direction.

THAT the Board provide direction to the Provincial Councilor to vote accordingly at the upcoming BCSTA Provincial Council meeting which respect to items 10.1 to 10.6.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT The Board provide direction to the Provincial Councilor to vote accordingly on the Financial Statements ended June 30, 2011.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

Trustee Ward provided an overview of the previous policy which allowed the Finance Committee to engage in low risk financial investments. BCSTA is requesting a change to policy allowing for them to invest in GIC's and high interest savings accounts not previously covered under the old policy.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

Trustee Vdovine requested Trustee Ward to bring feedback as to the purpose and terms of the grant with respect to Action Item 9.3.

THAT the Board provide input into the upcoming 2012-2013 budget.

CARRIED

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

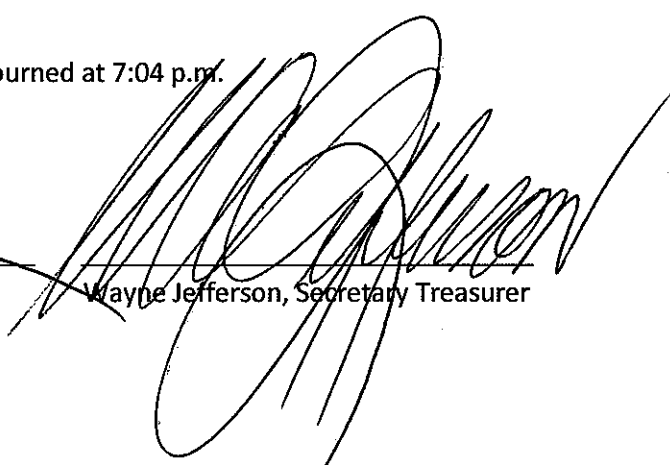
Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

CARRIED


Ken Clarkson, Chairperson


Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer