

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:

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

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

- Debra Pool, President – Canadian Parents for French, BC & Yukon Branch
- Ken Vance, Senior Policy Advisor – Union of BC Municipalities
- Susan Barr, Chairperson – School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)
- Silas White, Chairperson – School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)
- Donna Sargent, Chairperson – School District No. 38 (Richmond)
- George Abbott, Minister – Ministry of Education

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

Additions/Amendments:

Added to Correspondence: Patti Bacchus, Chairperson – School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Moved to Chair Report: Correspondence – Patti Bacchus, Chairperson – School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

Added to Trustee Report: BC School Trustees' Association – Fraser Valley

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

The Superintendent introduced the new Manager of Communications and Community Relations, Irena Pochop. As well, the Superintendent clarified the enrollment report would be included with the Bill 33 report as brought by the Acting Deputy Superintendent.

The Chairperson opened the floor to others wanting to speak to the Agenda to which a member of the public read a statement regarding Trustee Remuneration.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. October 12, 2011 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Minutes of the October 12, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Vdovine

Correspondences: Patti Bacchus, Chairperson – School District No. 39 (Vancouver)

The Board agreed this letter be presented to the Board Policy Development Committee for review and consideration.

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 Final Report

The Acting Deputy Superintendent provided an overview of the additional handout. Highlights included an enrollment increase from original projections by approximately 200 students although overall, the District is still in a declining enrollment status. Original projections were on the conservative side. With continued refinement of formula processes, and with the future assistance of Baragar, the Ministry and internal checks, the District will be better able to gage enrollment numbers.

The Acting Deputy Superintendent exited the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Enrollment, head count and funding perspective discussions continued.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the Acting Deputy Superintendent's report for information.

CARRIED

The Acting Deputy Superintendent joined the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

The Superintendent and Acting Deputy Superintendent confirmed they will bring the head count and FTE report back to the next meeting.

c) Secretary Treasurer

Trustee Remuneration Review

The Secretary Treasurer publicly thanked the three members of public for assisting with the remuneration review. Ultimately, it is the Board's decision around remuneration to which the Ad Hoc Committee attempted to provide context with respect to Metro Vancouver. The committee was in agreement to bring the four options to the Board for consideration.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Huber

THAT the Board receive the Ad Hoc Trustee Remuneration 2012 Committee report for information and thank the public members for their time and dedication to the work on behalf of the Board

CARRIED (Abstained: Trustee Huber)

Trustee Huber abstained his vote for reasoning of believing it is a conflict for politicians to dictate their own pay scale and further stated he believes there should be a better system. He further commented on an equalization across the Province so all Trustees are compensated equally.

It was agreed the rate and amount of hours exerted by Trustees to be truly effective, is under estimated.

Trustee Huber further wished to refer to comments made by a member of the public and wished to clarify his media quote. He will always support the majority although outnumbered in many matters.

Discussion continued. It was agreed if employee groups are faced with a "0" mandate, Trustees should also take a stance in support by rejecting same.

Trustee Carr proposed a fifth option.

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Huber

THAT the Board adopt an option number 5 which is to accept no raise in remuneration at this time.

MOTION FAILED (In Favour: Carr, Huber, Ward). The Chairperson voted against the motion.

Discussion continued regarding politicians and remuneration decisions. The Board discussed the intent of the policy for outgoing Boards to set remuneration prior to the appointment of a new Board of Education. Further discussion ensued around the matter of the cost of living and the support of option three. The Trustees discussed each option thoroughly.

Moved: Trustee Vdovine

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

THAT the Board continue to use the COLA rate for 2012 to increase the current base rate of \$18,207 by approximately 2% for Greater Vancouver creating an estimated increase of \$364. The 2011 rate is usually published in the first week of February and would be retroactively applied to January 1st.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustees Carr, Huber, Ward)

The Secretary Treasurer reiterated the current policy wording adding that a recommendation will come in to the new Board in February.

2. Information Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Acting Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees' Association ("BCSTA") – Provincial Council. Trustee Ward provided an update on the recent Provincial Council meetings from feedback received as she was unable to attend due to illness. Motions brought to the Provincial Council all carried. A synopsis will be provided at the next Public Board meeting.

BCSTA – Fraser Valley. Trustee Ward thanked Chair Clarkson for providing his Chair Report to the FVBCSTA and further provided an update on her attendance at the meeting. Each Trustee Representative was requested to provide one topic to highlight from their District. Trustee Ward chose to report on the Environmental School. At the meeting, the Education Committee Representative, Sylvia Dyck, brought a motion received from the Annual General Meeting asking Boards to discuss the matter of the Integrated System of Early Care and Learning. The coalition of early learning providers is requesting Boards to commence discussions on the impacts of combining three Ministries into one. The next meeting for the FVBCSTA will be the Trustee Academy in December. Reports will be left with the Executive Assistant for anyone wishing copies.

Lastly, first draft of BCSTA's funding formula correspondence will be sent to the Ministry of Education on November 1, 2011.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Palis provided and read from an article found in a local real estate office regarding choices in the housing market as affected by schools in neighbourhoods.

Good News

Trustee Huber reminded everyone to stay safe this Halloween and commended schools who are taking proactive approaches to bringing food to the food bank in the place of purchasing candy and thanked all those community members who are organizing same. Trustee Carr asked everyone who lives close to a school, to be extra vigilant with activity.

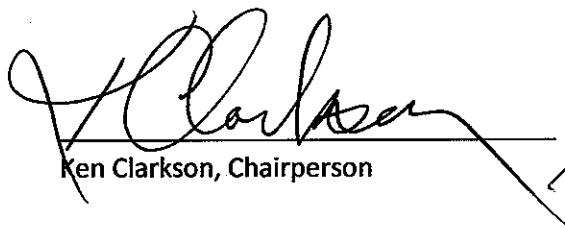
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

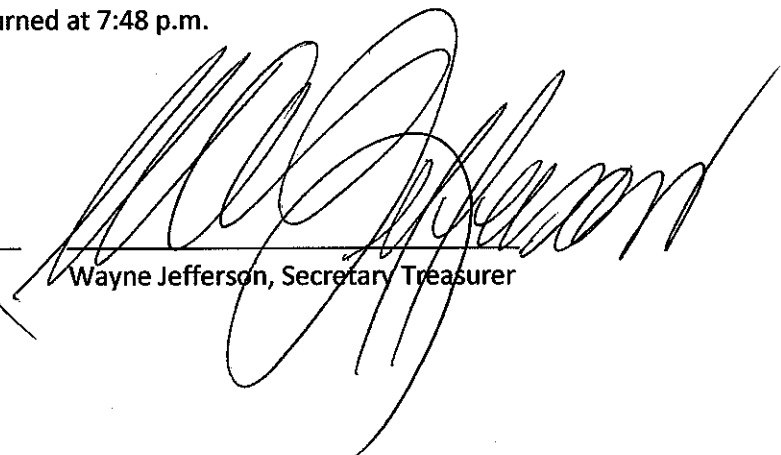
Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

CARRIED



Ken Clarkson, Chairperson



Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer