



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, September 14, 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 – Kathie Ward

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Acting Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Manager, Budgets & Financial Reporting – Susanne Instance
Executive Assistant – Tracy Orobko

ABSENT:

Trustee – Stepan Vdovine

GUEST:

Donna Diskos, Partner, Grant Thornton

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

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

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

2. Correspondence

- Anonymous

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

3. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

Additions/Amendments:

Secretary Treasurer Information Item: Correspondence – Dep. Minister J. Gorman – Ministry of Education

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

August 31, 2011 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Minutes of the August 31, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

BCSTA Provincial Council Motions

The deadline for receiving Provincial Council motions is September 23, 2011 and must be of an emergent nature. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the upcoming Board Work Day on September 21st.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the Chair Report for information.

CARRIED

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

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

Registration Priority Criteria

Acting Deputy Superintendent Meston provided an overview of the revised registration criteria recommendation. Discussion ensued regarding levels of anxiety created due to registration processes. It was suggested numbers 1 and 2 be combined into one line however it was further noted there would be no gain in doing so as it would simply reduce the line-up but will not eliminate line-ups leaving parents with siblings who would not be admitted. In this case, Deputy Meston wanted to ensure the Board was aware the District will have parents very upset if siblings do not get admitted.

Moved Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the revised Registration Priority Criteria recommendation for approval.

Revised Registration Priority Criteria for 2011/12:

- 1. *IN catchment with siblings *New*
- 2. IN catchment
- 3. IN catchment daycare or OUT of catchment with siblings

4. OUT of catchment without siblings
5. OUT of district with siblings
6. OUT of district without siblings

It was suggested to clarify the first line by changing the wording to, “in catchment with siblings already attending school”. Registration processes were discussed and it was agreed explanation of the criteria in itself may alleviate the anxiety.

Discussion regarding schools of choice ensued and it was asked if the Board needs to review whether schools such as Kanaka Creek have catchments at all.

Superintendent Unwin suggested the new elementary registration priority criteria be tried on a trial basis for one year.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

AMENDMENT:

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Palis

If the amendment is adopted the main motion will read:

THAT the Board receive the following revised Registration Priority Criteria recommendation for approval until the last Board meeting held on March 28, 2012, whereby a review will occur:

Revised Registration Priority Criteria for 2011/12:

1. *IN catchment with siblings already attending school *New*
2. IN catchment
3. IN catchment daycare or OUT of catchment with siblings
4. OUT of catchment without siblings
5. OUT of district with siblings
6. OUT of district without siblings

The Chair called for a vote on the original motion as amended.

CARRIED (Opposed: Trustee Huber)

c) Secretary Treasurer

Audited Financial Statements June 30, 2011 and School District No. 42 Business Company

The Secretary Treasurer introduced Donna Diskos, Partner with Grant Thornton (“Auditor”), and Susanne Instance, Manager, Budgets & Financial Reporting. A question regarding the overall process was raised to which the Auditor commended staff on the smoothest audit to date. The Manager then reported the School District has a balanced budget and is financially and fiscally strong going into the next year.

The inactive School District No. 42 Business Company has been retained for future use as a financial operation to handle potential foreign activities thereby protecting the Board from risk.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board approve the audited financial statements for the School District and School District No. 42 Business Company for the year ending June 30, 2011 for submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

Donna Diskos exited the meeting at 6:45 pm.

2. Information Items

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

Correspondence – Deputy Minister, James Gorman – Ministry of Education

The Secretary Treasurer will forward the correspondence to the Manager, Health, Safety and Wellness.

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A member of the public inquired into the criteria for items getting onto Board correspondence to which the Chair indicated the practice is similar to correspondence received regarding the band matter earlier this year.

The same member of the public asked if the family whose correspondence has been included in the Agenda was aware they have been included in same; inquired into the procedure of correspondence being added to the Agenda; and further asked if it is common procedure for anyone emailing the Board to make it into the Agenda and if she emails items, will they will it make it into the Agenda?

The Chair stated he will not engage in a conversation in that manner.

A member of the public reported on her meeting in Victoria with Dr. Perry Kendall, (Public Health Officer), and further reported Dr. Kosatsky, (Environmental Health Services Div.) does have concerns with Wi-Fi in schools and requested the Board bring the medical health officer in for a presentation. She further stated she had hoped the Board would take a stance in supporting efforts to reject advice received from Government and further commented she is unable to respect the Board for not taking a stance on the matter.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council Trustee Rempel reported on his attendance at the Arts Council meeting on Monday where the Auditor's report was received.

Tzu Chi Foundation Trustee Rempel reported a meeting was held yesterday whereby 10 Tzu Chi members met with members of the community where the continued funding was celebrated.

Joint Parks & Leisure Services Trustee Palis reminded the Board of the South Bonson Community Centre opening on Saturday at 10:00 am.

BC School Trustee Association Trustee Ward reported on the upcoming Fraser Valley Branch meeting on October 20th in Mission. More information to follow.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

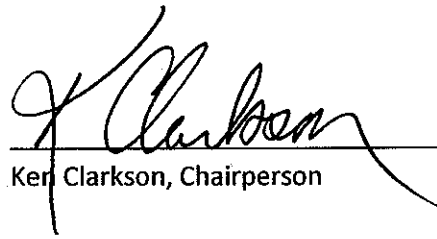
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

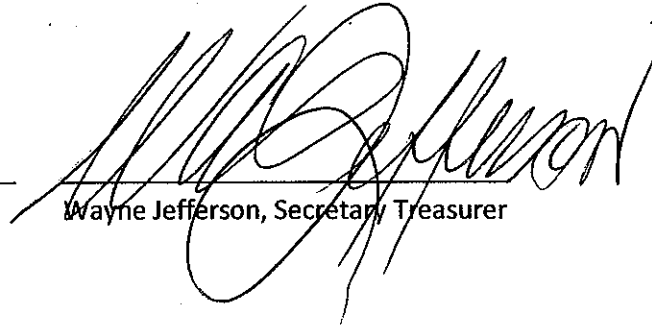
Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CARRIED



Ker Clarkson, Chairperson



Wayne Jefferson, Secretary/Treasurer

