



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, September 28, 2011 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chairperson – Ken Clarkson
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Stepan Vdovine
Trustee – Kathie Ward

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Susanne Instance
Acting Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Executive Assistant – Tracy Orobko

ABSENT:

Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Mike Huber
Trustee – Dave Rempel

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

Call to Order

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

The Board Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Correspondence

- Karen Georgi

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. Ordering of Agenda

Additions:

Correspondence: Mary Robson, Meadowridge Rotary Club

Superintendent Information Item: Job Action Update

Chair Report: October 12th Board Meeting Date

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

The Chairperson opened the floor to others wanting to speak to the Agenda.

A member of the public, Karen Georgi, voiced her concerns regarding contracted services language referring to a Freedom of Information request she had submitted on the matter and expressed concerns the matter was not added to the Agenda for further discussion.

B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. September 14, 2011 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Minutes of the September 14, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Laurie Meston, Acting Deputy Superintendent – Achievement Contract: Improving Students Learning for Students with Learning Disabilities and Behaviour Challenges

Deputy Superintendent Meston provided a power point presentation providing examples of increases of use in assistive technology, graduation rates, areas of growth and the improvements of the students overall. The Achievement Contract can be read in its entirety on the website: www.sd42.ca.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Ward

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

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Funding Formula – Letter to BCSTA

The Chairperson provided an overview acknowledging the submission from the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association and established the draft letter to BCSTA will be revised as needed and transmitted to Trustees for final approval prior to submission.

October 12, 2011 Board Meetings

Both the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer are unavailable on October 12, 2011, therefore it was suggested to change the meeting date. The Chairperson agreed to contact Judith Clark, general counsel for the B.C. School Trustees' Association, regarding requirements and guidelines.

A reminder was provided for the upcoming Pitt Meadows Secondary 50th anniversary celebration.

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. **Decision Items**

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

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Summer School Update

The Superintendent provided an update. Discussion ensued regarding the timing of the commencement and the purpose of serving students who could not be successful vs. students who chose not to be successful.

The Chairperson opened the floor to questions.

A question was asked about the success rate of English 12 to which the Superintendent indicated the District does not have the information as of yet.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Summer School update for information.

CARRIED

Update Job Action

The Superintendent provided an update on continued meetings with the MRTA; reported all levels are ensuring students receive a high level of education; sustained professional development; school growth plans placed on 'hold'; cross-country cancelled due to lack of school participation and volunteers; staff meeting regularly with MRTA and Principals regarding policy/procedures ensuring field trip safety; and recess supervision continuing to be provided by excluded District Education Office staff each day.

b) Acting Deputy Superintendent

Preliminary Organization of Classes/Bill 33 Report

Deputy Superintendent Meston provided a handout indicating it was brought to the meeting due to the continuous changes. A further report will be brought to an upcoming meeting where the School District will likely seek a Bill 33 Extension.

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the Acting Deputy Superintendent's update on preliminary enrollment for information.

CARRIED

c) Secretary Treasurer

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee. Trustee Ward reported on her attendance at Monday's meeting where a presentation on behalf of RCMP "E" Division was made. Many community members took a copy of the anti-vandalism cd. A notation was made on our behalf to Red-Cross for the people of Manitoba who have endured floods.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Trustee Vdovine commented on the contracting of services matter adding when services are needed on a timely fashion or of certain expertise it has been common practice for the District to obtain the services in the manner in question and further provided Cornerstone as an example as being chosen having met specific criteria. The company in question today, was chosen due to unique skillset and had conducted research very recently in this region.

Further discussion ensued regarding Requests for Proposals; necessity of expertise and the timing of same. Trustee Vdovine expressed the importance of ensuring there has been no misalignment with the current policy.

A member of the public, Karen Georgi, made reference to the existing policy and suggested the Board include a definition of what a 'service' is.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Good News: The Board Chair reported on the success of "Raise a Reader" earlier today.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

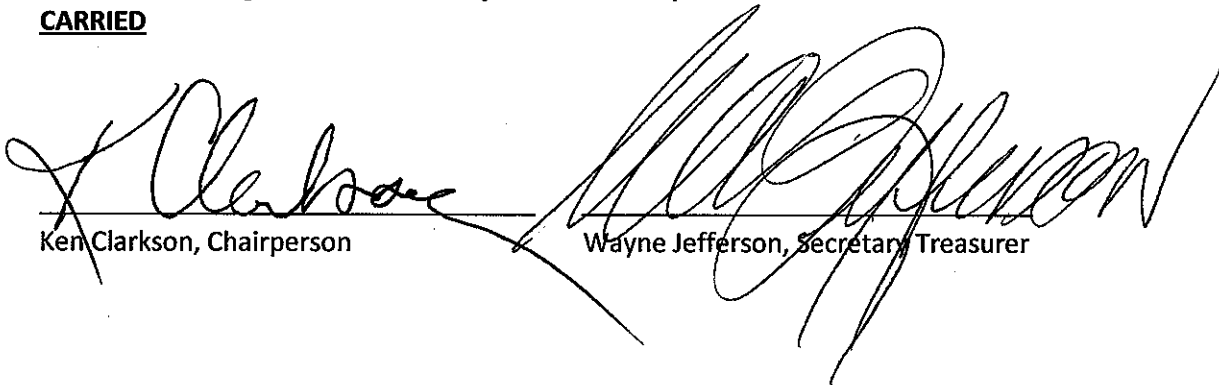
M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

CARRIED



Ken Clarkson, Chairperson

Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer