



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, August 31, 2011 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson
Acting Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Executive Assistant – Tracy Orobko

ABSENT:

Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Mike Huber

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

- Kelly Swift, General Manager, Community Development – Parks & Recreation Services
- Bob Simpson, Member of Legislative Assembly, Cariboo North
- George Abbott, Minister – Ministry of Education
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- Michael McEvoy, President – British Columbia School Trustees Association (“BCSTA”)
- Sue Keenan, Executive Director – BC School Sports
- Samantha Boutet, N.D.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. Ordering of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

Additions/Amendments:

Chair Report: correspondence from BCSTA

Chair Report: Scholarships correspondence received

Superintendent Decision: Kanaka Creek Calendar

Superintendent Information Item: Live@EDU moved to Presentations

Committee & Advisory Committee Reports: BCSTA Provincial Council

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

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. June 28, 2011 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

In reference to the reason as to why the Board Policy Approval motion was tabled, the following addition was made to the June 28, 2011 minutes:

Page 7 of 9. "Discussion ensued regarding procedural bylaws and policy development. It was agreed further information is required prior to making a decision on the matter."

A Trustee made an observation around the input from the public and notations in the minutes. Discussion ensued around the format of the Board's minutes. The Chair requested the Executive Assistant to make an addition to the Agenda to remind him to seek public input on 'speaking to the Agenda'.

THAT the Minutes of the June 28, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Live@EDU – Richard Eskander, Manager, Information Technology Services and
David Vandergugten, Director of Instruction, K-12 Education

Thanks to a partnership with Microsoft Corporation, Live@EDU will allow equal access for all students to free web-based versions of Email, Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and other collaborative applications and online storage. The program is intended to allow all students, teachers and administrators to communicate and share files seamlessly within a controlled online environment using Microsoft's "cloud computing" model. Each email account will hold a 10 GB inbox with built-in junk mail filtering, anti-spam, anti-bullying and virus protection. Access will be available on all ages of computers and will ultimately "breath new life" into old hardware and reducing overhead for the School District.

The activation of the service will commence once the Parent Consent Form (as been reviewed and approved by the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia), has been signed. "Consent is the driver" for implementation and will be ongoing.

The concept aligns with the School District's 21st century skills vision and is a credit to Mr. Eskandar and his team. SD42 is one of the first Districts in B.C. to implement the program in a K-12 learning environment. Microsoft Corporation has contributed \$10,000 for consulting fees and would like to see School District No. 42 as the first case study in B.C.

The School District has also entered into an agreement with Toshiba whereby for each 10 computers purchased, SD42 will received one free especially aiding those students in the 1:1 laptop program.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the Live@EDU presentation for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Alouette River Management Society

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board approve the letter of support for the Alouette River Management Society and direct the Chair to execute the letter on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED

Scholarship correspondence. The Chair acknowledged the many scholarship/bursary thank you letters and cards received from recent and past high school graduates.

BCSTA – Board Input to Funding Formula for Allocating Operating Grants

Moved: Trustee Vdovine

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board Chair write a letter of invitation to partner groups requesting submissions in accordance with the BCSTA funding formula correspondence.

CARRIED

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

b) Deputy Superintendent

Kanaka Creek Calendar

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board waive for one year the Altered Calendar timeline and process.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board approve the attached proposed 2011-12 School Calendar change for Kanaka Creek Elementary.

CARRIED

c) Secretary TreasurerProcedural Bylaw "B" – Part A, Section 2.0 Regular Public Meetings**Moved:** Trustee Vdovine**Seconded:** Trustee Rempel

THAT pursuant to the Procedural Bylaw "B" – Part A, Section 2.01 – Regular Public Meetings with recommended amendments for the 2011-2012 Board Meeting, the schedule be set out as follows:

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| September 14 and 28 | February 8 and 29 |
| October 12 and 26 | March 7 and 28 |
| November 9 and 30 | April 11 and 25 |
| December 7 | May 9 and 30 |
| January 11 and 25 | June 13 and 27 |

THAT pursuant to Procedural Bylaw "B" - Part A, Section 2.01 – Regular Public Meetings, the prescribed dates established for the Board Meeting schedule for 2011-2012 with recommended amendments be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED**Moved:** Trustee Vdovine**Seconded:** Trustee Rempel

- (a) THAT the prescribed dates established for the Board Meeting schedule for 2011-2012 with recommended amendments be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED**Moved:** Trustee Rempel**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

- (b) THAT the prescribed dates established for the Board Meeting schedule for 2011-2012 with recommended amendments be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED**Moved:** Trustee Rempel**Seconded:** Trustee Vdovine

- (c) THAT the prescribed dates established for the Board Meeting schedule for 2011-2012 with recommended amendments be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED**2. Information Items****a) Superintendent of Schools**School District No. 42 Logo/Catch-Phrase

The Board requested the new logo be transmitted to them for their records and updating of email signatures.

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's report on the process used to create the new School District No. 42 logo/catch-phrase for information.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

Full Day Kindergarten Update Report

Acting Deputy Superintendent Meston referred to the report included with the Agenda package and discussion ensued.

The Chair opened the floor to questions.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive the Acting Deputy Superintendent's Full Day Kindergarten Update report for information.

CARRIED

Acting Deputy Superintendent Meston exited the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

c) Secretary Treasurer

Wi-Fi Report – Federal and Provincial Responses to a Request for Information

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer met with the Manager of Health, Safety and Wellness who has confirmed the School District has received 100% confirmation from both Federal and Provincial health authorities that they are not seeking a change to their current use recommendations.

The Board requested the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer to extend a sincere thank you to the Manager of Health, Safety and Wellness for the extensive report. Discussion ensued regarding the effects of Wi-Fi in the schools.

Moved: Trustee Palis

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive the Health and Safety Officer's report on the responses received from both the Federal and Provincial Government authorities on the use of Wi-Fi in schools.

CARRIED

The Board wished to thank Ms. Boutet for expressing her concerns and was agreed to write her a letter in response to the findings report. It was further agreed the Chair will draft the letter for the Board's review prior to transmitting.

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Vdovine

THAT the Board provide a written response to Ms. Boutet on the findings from the School District's Manager of Health, Safety and Wellness report.

CARRIED

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

BCSTA Provincial Council. Trustee Ward reminded the Board of the deadline for submitting motions to BCSTA's October 22nd Provincial Council meeting. The deadline is September 23, 2011.

Acting Deputy Superintendent Meston joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Palis reported on the recent Parks and Leisure tour speaking to the start of new projects and looking forward to the opening of the South Bonson Community Centre.

L. OTHER BUSINESS


M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

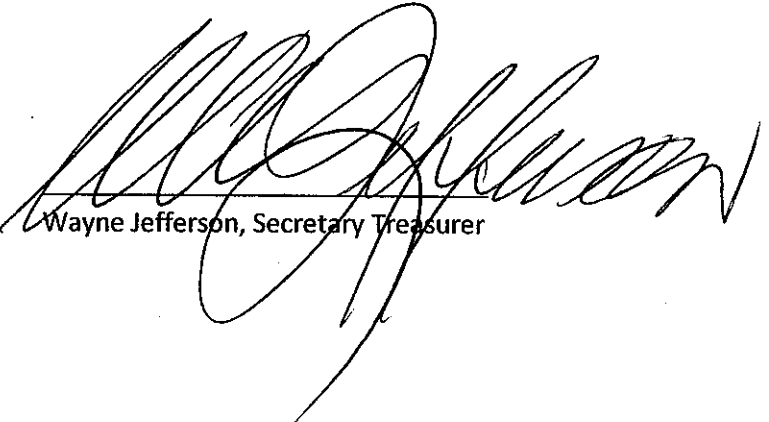
Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

CARRIED



Ken Clarkson, Chairperson



Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer