



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

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chair – Ken Clarkson
Vice-Chair – 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
Deputy Superintendent – David Vandergugten
Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Peter Bullock
Communications/Community Relations – Seamus Nesling
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**

- Fred Armstrong, Board Chair – Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council
- Sean Murphy, Director – Catholic Civil Rights League
- Honourable Minister, George Abbott – Ministry of Education (Funding Policy)
- Samantha Boutet, N.D.
- George Serra, President and Susan Croll, First Vice-President – Maple Ridge Teachers' Association

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information

CARRIED

2. **Ordering of Agenda**

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

Additions:

Correspondence: Honourable Minister, George Abbott – Ministry of Education (Early Assessment)

Superintendent Decision Item: Special Education Reduction Change

Sean Murphy, Director – Catholic Civil Rights League – Moved to Chair report by Trustee Vdovine

Honourable Minister, George Abbott – Ministry of Education (Funding Policy) – Moved to Chair Report by Trustee Ward

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. June 8, 2011 Public Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Minutes of the June 8, 2011 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

Lisa Jakeway, Elementary Facilitator – Ipod Touch Pilot Project

Joanne Rowen, French Immersion Coordinator spoke to the successes of the project including the increase in reading levels, engagement of students since inception, and the success of teacher/student growth.

Students, Marshall Shupe, Ella Ulrich, Connor Buzza and Simon Pozsonyi provided hands-on demonstrations of the use of Ipods and mini examples of learning objectives. The students like the Ipods better than textbooks as they are more interactive.

Ms. Rowen would like to return to the Board to address the District's French Immersion successes.

Danielle Zagar – African Trip: Free the Children

Danielle Zagar provided a video presentation on a recent trip to Kenya to help build a school with Free the Children/Me to We organization. Students, Taylor Carriere, Mike Case and Bethany Mitchell all spoke about their inspiring personal experiences on the trip. The plan for next year is to attend for the full two week Spring Break duration of 14 days in partnership with Thomas Haney Secondary School. The students were amazed at the spirits of the Kenyans and the differences in values of their society in comparison to ours.

The students went to Kenya thinking they could teach Africans; in the end it was the Africans teaching them.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. CHAIR REPORT

Honourable Minister, George Abbott – Ministry of Education – Funding policy

Moved: Trustee Ward

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

THAT the Board bring this matter to the Board Policy Development Committee.

CARRIED

Sean Murphy, Director – Catholic Civil Rights League

Moved Trustee Vdovine

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board request staff to bring back information to the Board around the District's efforts to combat homophobia.

CARRIED

F. DEFERRED ITEMS

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS

H. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Achievement Contract 2010-2011

The Achievement Contract is to be submitted to the Ministry of Education by July 15, 2011. Once approved, the document will be posted onto the School District website.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board ratify the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2011 Achievement Contract which is to be submitted to the Ministry of Education by July 15, 2011.

CARRIED

Trustee Vdovine exited the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Special Education Reduction

Director of Elementary and Early Learning Instruction, Laurie Meston provided an overview of the Special Education Reduction Budget Change handout.

Trustee Vdovine joined the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board accept the Superintendent's background report on Special Education staffing as presented.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

2011-2012 Preliminary Operating Budget

The Secretary Treasurer asked if any member deems themselves to be in conflict that they declare so accordingly. Chair Clarkson exited the room at 7:20 p.m. Vice-Chair Palis assumed the role of Chairperson.

Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

1. THAT all decisions taken by the 2011/2012 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Teacher costs totaling \$77,820,803 summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.
2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be given **three (3) readings** at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Ward

- (a) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a **first time**
CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Ward

- (b) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a **second time**.
CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Ward

- (c) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 1 (Teachers) be approved as read a **third time** and finally adopted.
CARRIED

Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff)

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Ward

1. THAT all decisions taken by the 2011/2012 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding Unionized Support Staff costs totaling \$22,821,527 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.
2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be given **three (3) readings** at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Ward

- (a) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a **first time**.
CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Ward

- (b) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a **second time**.
CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Ward

- (c) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 2 (Unionized Support Staff) be approved as read a **third time** and finally adopted.
CARRIED

Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

1. THAT all decisions taken by the 2011/2012 Budget Committee during its deliberations regarding all Other costs totaling \$27,647,130 and summarized in this report, be approved by the Board for implementation.
2. THAT pursuant to Part E, Bylaws and Resolutions, Section 3.01 subsection (d), the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be given **three (3) readings** at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

- (a) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a **first time**.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

- (b) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Annual Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a **second time**.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- (c) THAT the attached School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2011/2012 Preliminary Budget Bylaw No. 3 (Other) be approved as read a **third time** and finally adopted.

CARRIED

Election Bylaw No. 1-2011

A question was asked as to how the ratio of 5/2 (Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows) Trustees was decided to which the Secretary Treasurer responded it could go back as far as 1947 and is a good historical question.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT pursuant to Board Procedural Bylaw Section B – Part E 3.01(d), the Board approve advancing Election Bylaw No. 1-2011 through all **three** reading stages at the meeting of the Board on June 28, 2011.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board approve **first reading** to Election Bylaw No. 1-2011.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board approve **second** reading to Election Bylaw No. 1-2011.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board approve and adopt **third** and final reading to Election Bylaw No. 1-2011.

CARRIED

Capital Project Bylaw No. 126298

Upon the reinstatement of Annual Facilities Grants, the Ministry now issues grants in two parts. Tonight's approval is the Capital portion.

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126298 – Annual Facility Grant 2011-2012 at this meeting with **three** (3) readings, unanimously.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126298 – Annual Facility Grant 2011-2012 as read a **first** time.

CARRIED

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126298 – Annual Facility Grant 2011-2012 as read a **second** time.

Carried

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board pass Capital Project Bylaw No. 126298 – Annual Facility Grant 2011-2012 as read a **third** time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

Board Policy Approval

The Board made a commitment by passing a Board Policy Development policy outlining policy process including feedback, timelines and publication of same. The Committee is composed with the Board Chair, Trustee Carr, the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer.

Critical Incident efforts have been submitted to the Principal of Student Support Services and the Health and Safety Officer for review and feedback.

The Committee has received feedback from Paul Harrison, Manager of Purchasing & Transportation, regarding the 15 passenger van report he prepared in 2008.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

When a policy is passed, it supercedes the former policy. The policies brought forward for approval have been provided to stakeholder groups for thirty (30) days and have subsequently been provided to the public on the website for a further thirty (30) day period. No feedback has been received.

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

Moved: Trustee Carr

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

THAT the Board table the original motion approving policies 2320, 2915, 2918, 2920 and 4203.

CARRIED

THAT the Board approve policies 2320, 2915, 2918, 2920 and 4203.

MOTION TABLED

2. Information Items

a) Superintendent of Schools

Capital Planning, Catchment Review and Enrolment Update

The Superintendent reported on the pockets of growth and non-growth. Tonight's report is a forewarning of the matter approaching in the Fall once all portions are compiled with catchment assessment seeking ways to maximize efficiencies.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Capital Planning, Catchment Review and Enrolment Update for information.

CARRIED

Year in Review: 2010/2011

The Year in Review will be posted on the School District website.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Year in Review report for information.

CARRIED

b) Deputy Superintendent

Aldridge Acres Report

Deputy Superintendent Vandergugten provided an update on behalf of Director of Secondary and Adult Education, Stewart Sonne.

Deputy Superintendent Vandergugten agreed to consult with Director of Elementary and Early Learning, Laurie Meston, on the possibility of Aldridge Acres and the Environmental School working cooperatively together on projects.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the Board receive the Deputy Superintendent's Aldridge Acres update for information.

CARRIED

c) Secretary Treasurer

Report on Functional Improvements Costs – Two School Closings – Annual Facility Grants

In response to previous questions raised on the enhancements of Mt. Crescent and Riverside Elementary schools and the costs associated of same, the funds for the updates to both facilities were accounted for in the Annual Facilities Grant budget and had no impact on the operating budget.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's Report on the functional improvements to Mt. Crescent and Riverside Centre from the 2010-2011 Annual Facility Grant budgets for information.

CARRIED

Proposed Board Meeting 2011-2012 Schedule

In attempting to look at the needs of the Board for next year, the Secretary Treasurer proposed a newly created meeting date schedule. The inaugural meeting will be held on the first Monday in December following the election. The Board is in place until the inaugural occurs.

It was agreed to hold Board meetings on August 31st.

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's proposed Board Meeting schedule for 2011-2012 for information.

CARRIED

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Trustee Vdovine provided feedback on bargaining with Maple Ridge Teachers' Association.

The Board Chair provided feedback on bargaining with Canadian Union of Public Employees.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Comments were made regarding the streaming of videos on the School District website to which Deputy Vandergugten commented the District is working on a server for teacher content to post videos like *You Tube*. Currently, the District server and websites are unable to support video streaming.

K. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Tzu Chi Foundation Trustee Rempel reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting scheduled for the end of August between the Tzu Chi Executive and the School District's committee.

Municipal Advisory and Accessibility Trustee Vdovine reported on the recent meeting where many people expressed concerns about matters that many of us take for granted, and the impact on everyday life.

Good News Items

Trustee Clarkson reported on the recent visit by Honourable Minister, George Abbott who generally expressed his admiration on the programs occurring in the District. Both Kanaka Creek Elementary and Thomas Haney Secondary schools were well represented. The Board expressed appreciation for his taking the time to visit and for speaking to the Trustees at the last British Columbia Public School Employers' Association Annual General Meeting. Hon. Minister Abbott has a genuine willingness to work with School Districts.

The Chair spoke to the success of the recent Pole Raising Ceremony held at Edith McDermott Elementary and congratulated the Aboriginal Education Department for their efforts and the impact of diversity.

The Superintendent announced the retirement of the Manager of Communications and Community Relations, Seamus Nesling, as he prepares to retire in Spain and expressed her gratitude for all of his efforts and assistance over the years. Trustee Ward expressed her gratitude for his work on the Anti-Vandalism Committee.

Trustee Ward reported on her recent attendance at the Whonnock Lake celebration where it was great to see families taking on the new way of learning via the Environmental School programs.

Trustee Carr thanked all volunteer parents and staff who made this year's graduation season very successful.

L. OTHER BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

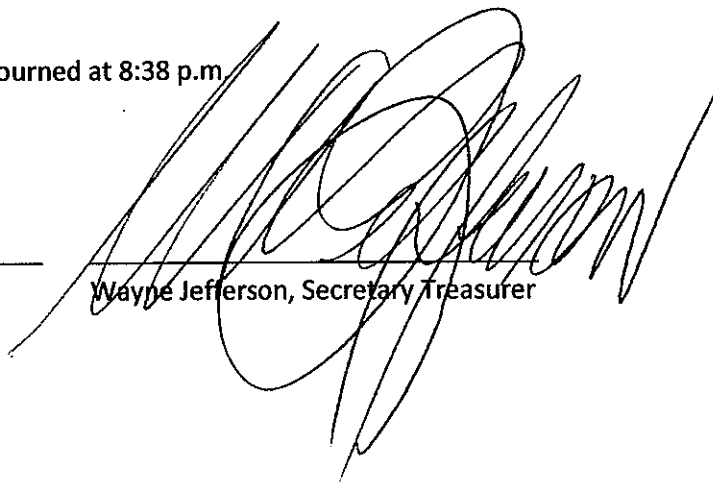
Seconded: Trustee Ward

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

CARRIED



Ken Clarkson, Chairperson



Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer