



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 (6:00 PM)
Board Room, District Education Office**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson – Korleen Carreras
Vice-Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Trustee – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Mike Murray
Trustee – Pascale Shaw
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan
Trustee – Colette Trudeau

STAFF:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Deputy Superintendent – Harry Dhillon
Senior Manager, Communications – Irena Pochop
Executive Coordinator – Karen Yoxall

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. The Chairperson acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation.

2. Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

- T. Bennett, Chairperson, School District No. 57 (Prince George)
- J. Planiden, Acting Chair, School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
- V. Adrian/N. Rempel, Co-Chairs, School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)

THAT the Board receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 19, 2018
2. November 21, 2018

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

And Further;

THAT the Minutes of the November 21, 2018 Inaugural Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Implementation of the New Graduation Program

Moved/Seconded

Vicci Halabi, District Helping Teacher presented on the Implementation of the new BC Graduation Program explaining the three key core competencies of critical and creative thinking, communication skills, and personal and social responsibility.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the Implementation of the New Graduation Program by Vicci Halabi, District Helping Teacher, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

- a) School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the year ended June 30, 2018.

The report is prepared annually in accordance with the Financial Information Act; included in the report are a schedule of remuneration and expenses that lists all payments made to trustees and to employees with remuneration exceeding \$75,000, and, a schedule of suppliers of goods and services that received payments in excess of \$25,000.

THAT the Board approve the School District Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018; and that the said statement be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

b) Board of Education Public Board Meeting

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that in order to allow the Trustee representative and senior staff the opportunity to attend the 25th Annual General Meeting of the BC Public School Employers' Association scheduled for January 23 – 24, 2019 it is proposed that the January board meeting be moved from January 23, 2019 to January 16, 2019.

THAT the Board approve the change in date of the January public board meeting from Wednesday, January 23, 2019 to Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education
- g) Roundtable with Partners

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
- 2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported on school and district activities.

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Verbal Update, for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Natural Gas Update

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer provided an update on the limited supply of natural gas due to the rupture of the Enbridge-owned natural gas transmission pipeline on October 9, 2018.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the school district purchases natural gas from Fortis BC for all elementary schools and administrative buildings and from Shell Energy North America (Canada) for all secondary schools. As a result of the shortage of natural gas created by the pipeline rupture the daily price of natural gas has fluctuated from \$5/GJ to \$95/GJ. It is estimated that the actual costs for natural gas in 2018/19 for the district will be higher than budgeted by \$95K to \$280K and that the estimated additional cost will be covered from the Board's contingency reserve for operating of \$360,000.

The Secretary Treasurer further reported that the school district is actively participating in the province wide conservation efforts by implementing conservation measures in all of its facilities.

THAT the Board receive the Natural Gas Update, for information.

CARRIED

b) 2018/19 Ministry of Education Recalculated Funding Allocations

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that on December 7, 2018 the Ministry of Education announced the 2018/19 recalculated funding allocations based on the actual September 2018 enrolment.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the 2018/19 interim operating grant allocation is \$0.17 million less than projected due to lower than anticipated enrolment for school age students and a decrease in the salary differential.

The Secretary Treasurer further reported that the Classroom Enhancement Fund (CEF) allocation has increased to reflect the district's estimated costs of \$9.85 for staffing, \$0.82 million for overhead and \$1.46 million for remedy.

THAT the Board receive the 2018/19 Ministry of Education Recalculated Funding Allocations for information.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Inclusive Education
- g) Aboriginal Education
- h) Round Table with Partner Groups

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association

The Chairperson provided an overview of upcoming trustee events, the submission of motions and trustee participation on committees.

Student Voice

Trustee Dumore reported on the Humans of Maple Ridge exhibit and Coins for Kids.

Good News Items

Trustees reported on Christmas concerts, Trustee Trudeau reported on an adult evening book reading at the Maple Ridge library and Trustee Dumore reported on the opportunity for extra curricular funding from the Kiwanis Club. The Chairperson acknowledged that the school

district has been awarded the meritorious budget award from the BC School Associations of Business Officials International and congratulated Finance staff on this achievement.

L. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were posed on the following:

- Availability of self help books for grade 10 and 11 students
- Reconfiguration of Maple Ridge Secondary School annex into an elementary school and enrolment numbers
- How school districts negotiate natural gas contracts
- The reduction of temperatures in school district facilities during the weekends, the impact on staff and alternate conservation measures
- Public access to Board agenda items
- Maple Ridge Wrestling Team

M. OTHER BUSINESS

N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.


Korleen Carreras, Chairperson


Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer