

# PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2018 (6:00 PM)
Board Room, District Education Office

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

**BOARD MEMBERS**:

STAFF:

Chairperson – Mike Murray

Superintendent - Sylvia Russell

Trustee – Korleen Carreras

Secretary Treasurer - Flavia Coughlan

Trustee – Eleanor Palis

Senior Manager, Communications – Irena Pochop

Trustee – Dave Rempel

Executive Coordinator - Karen Yoxall

ABSENT:

Vice-Chairperson – Susan Carr Trustee – Ken Clarkson

#### A. OPENING PROCEDURES

#### 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

- N. Read, Mayor, City of Maple Ridge
- E. Loring-Kuhanga, Chairperson, School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

THAT the Board receive the correspondence for information.

# **CARRIED**

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

# **Moved/Seconded**

#### **Amendment/Addition:**

Add: Motion to BC School Trustees Association to Decision Items, Board Committees, Budget Move: Correspondence from N. Read, Mayor, City of Maple Ridge to Chairperson, Information Item.

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

#### **CARRIED**

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

#### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. February 7, 2018

# Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the February 7, 2018 Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

#### **CARRIED**

#### **C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Odyssey K-9

### Moved/Seconded

Cathie Watkins, Principal, Fairview Elementary and Brenda Peebles, teacher presented on the Odyssey program. This program provides an alternative to families who want to educate their children at home.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on Odyssey K-9 by Cathie Watkins and Brenda Peebles, for information.

## **CARRIED**

- D. DELEGATIONS
- **E. DEFERRED ITEMS**
- F. DECISION ITEMS
  - 1. Chairperson
  - 2. Superintendent of Schools
  - 3. Secretary Treasurer
  - 4. Board Committees
    - a) Budget
      - i. 2017/18 Amended Annual Budget

The 2017/18 Amended Annual Budget includes Board approved budget changes to date, revenue and expenditure changes resulting from changes to enrolment, revenue changes announced by the Ministry of Education in December 2017, proposed additional one-time budget allocations and other revenue and expenditure known changes.

#### Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the transfer of \$1,285,918 from operating to local capital;

AND FURTHER:

THAT the Board approve the allocation of \$800,000 from local capital for renovations and the purchase of furniture, equipment and portable classrooms required to accommodate projected enrolment growth.

### **CARRIED**

# Moved/Seconded

(2) THAT the Amended Budget Bylaw of the Board for the fiscal year 2017/18 be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

## **CARRIED**

# Moved/Seconded

(3) THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) 2017/18 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw be:

Read a first time on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018; Read a second time on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018; Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018.

#### CARRIED

b) <u>2018/2019 Rental Rates</u>

# Moved/Seconded

In accordance with board Policy 10400 Community and Commercial Use of School Facilities and Grounds, board facilities will be made available to outside users for a fee that at a minimum ensures full cost recovery of direct and indirect costs incurred and to be incurred by the board as a result of making that use available.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that rental rates are calculated based on either the full cost recovery per square meter per hour or on market rates which are determined by conducting an annual market analysis.

THAT the Board approve the proposed rental rates for 2018/2019.

# CARRIED

c) Motion to BC School Trustees Association

# Moved/Seconded

That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance increase funding for school districts to fully cover the cost of the newly created Employer Health Tax of 1.95% on total payroll.

# **CARRIED**

- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education

# i. <u>Board Authority/Authorized Courses</u>

# Moved/Seconded

The Assistant Superintendent reported that the Ministry of Education directed school districts to review their Board Authority/Authorized courses offered in the 2018/19 school year to determine which courses are to be retired given the flexibility offered with the new Ministry curriculum, or that no longer meet requirements or are revised to align with the new "Know-Do-Understand" curriculum model.

THAT the Board approve the following Board Authority/Authorized Courses:

- Golf 10
- Strength Training (Musculation)
- Advanced Basketball
- Applications for Learning 10 12
- Communication 10 Immersion
- Equestrian Studies 10
- Equestrian Studies 11
- Food Studies Baking 10
- Guided Inquiry
- Hockey Skills
- Leadership 10
- Outdoor Education: Fishing 10
- Advanced Soccer
- Principles of Social Interaction 10 12
- Textile Arts and Crafts 10

#### And Further;

THAT the Board retire the following Board Authority/Authorized Courses:

- Chamber Choir 10
- Cook Training 10
- Music Technician 10
- Musical Theatre 10
- Work Experience 10

#### CARRIED

- f) Aboriginal Education
- g) Roundtable with Partners

# **G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1. Chairperson
  - a) N. Read, Mayor, City of Maple Ridge

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the school district will be moving to a three stream waste collection program of organics, recyclables and garbage and that this recycling model has been successfully implemented in surrounding school districts.

# 2. Superintendent of Schools

### a) <u>Superintendents Update</u>

### 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
- 4. Board Committees & Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Budget
  - b) Finance
  - c) Facilities Planning
  - d) Board Policy Development
  - e) Education
  - f) Inclusive Education
  - g) French Immersion
  - h) Aboriginal Education
  - i) Round Table with Partner Groups

#### H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

### I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

#### **BC School Trustees Association**

The Chairperson reported on agenda items and resolutions discussed at the February 16 -17, 2018 Provincial Council meeting.

Trustee Carreras reported on items discussed at the February 15, 2018 Professional Learning Committee meeting.

#### Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Rempel reported on a recent presentation and the work of the new Executive Director.

# Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported on school bursaries.

# **Good News Items**

Trustees reported on a school visit to Pitt Meadows Elementary and the success of the Pitt Meadows Secondary School basketball program.

# L. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was posed regarding rental rates.

#### M. OTHER BUSINESS

# N. ADJOURNMENT

# Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

# **CARRIED**

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Flavia Couthlan, Secretary Treasurer