



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice Chairperson – Susan Carr
Trustee – Korleen Carreras
Trustee – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell
Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Executive Assistant – Karen Yoxall

ABSENT:

Trustee – Lisa Beare

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

- Frank Lento, Chairperson, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- Bill MacFarlane, Chairperson, School District No. 19 (Revelstoke)
- Teri Ferworn, Chairperson, School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
- Jonina Campbell, Chairperson, School District No. 40 (New Westminster)
- Susan Wilson, Chairperson, School District No. 72 (Campbell River)

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 3, 2016

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the February 3, 2016 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees

a) Budget

- i. 2015/16 Amended Annual Budget and Second Quarter Financial Update

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2015/16 Amended Annual Budget and Second Quarter Financial Update including a summary of budget changes.

The Secretary Treasurer welcomed questions from the Trustees.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the transfer of any unrestricted surplus for 2015/16 (currently estimated to be \$1.54 million) to Local Capital Reserve.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Amended Budget Bylaw of the Board for the fiscal year 2015/16 be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No.42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) 2015/16 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw be:

- Read a first time on the 24th day of February, 2016;
- Read a second time on the 24th day of February, 2016;
- Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 24th day of February, 2016.

CARRIED

- b) Finance
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Education Committee
- e) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

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1. Chairperson
 2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Garibaldi Secondary School Fine Arts Program Review

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that on October 14, 2015 the Board of Education approved the Strategic Facilities Plan and directed staff to complete an in depth review of the viability of a Fine Arts Academy hosted at Garibaldi Secondary School.

The Principal and Vice Principal of Garibaldi Secondary School reported on two options, an Interdisciplinary Arts Academy Mini-School for Grades 8-12 and A Pathways Approach to Fine Arts.

The Superintendent reported that further research and consultation would be undertaken before a recommendation is brought to the Board on the most viable option for Garibaldi Secondary School.

THAT the Board receive the Garibaldi Secondary School Fine Arts Program Review for information.

CARRIED

- b) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported on the February 19th Curriculum Implementation Day, and activities in the elementary and secondary schools.

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Finance
- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development

The Chairperson reported that the Board Policy Development Committee members had been invited to the February 29th Inclusive Education Committee meeting to discuss the draft Policy: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in Schools.

- d) Education
- e) Aboriginal Education

Trustee Carreras reported on the continued work with the Elders, new welcoming language to be used at public gatherings and a recent event at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

- f) Inclusive Education
- g) French Immersion Advisory

The Chairperson reported that student enrolment in both the early and late French immersion programs were discussed.

- h) District Student Advisory
- i) Round Table with Partner Groups

- i. Minutes of February 10, 2016

Moved/Seconded

Trustee Carreras requested an amendment to the February 10, 2016 Minutes.

THAT the Minutes of the February 10, 2016 Roundtable with Partners Meeting be received as amended.

CARRIED

- j) Facilities Planning

The Chairperson reported that there is an Open House scheduled to take place on February 25, 2016 at Samuel Robertson Technical School.

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council

Trustee Clarkson, Trustee Carreras and the Chairperson reported on motions that were discussed at the BC School Trustees Association's Provincial Council meeting that took place in February.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services

Trustee Palis reported that the City of Pitt Meadows would be hosting an Open House regarding future parks and recreation services.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported on a luncheon that took place regarding planned giving.

Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported that applications are being received and will be reviewed in March.

Good News

Trustees reported on school visits, an honour club dinner at Pitt Meadows Secondary School, Garibaldi Secondary School's production of the musical "Grease", the 25 year employee recognition dinner and the Strong Kids Community Forum scheduled to take place on March 7, 2016 at the Maple Ridge Act.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. OTHER BUSINESS

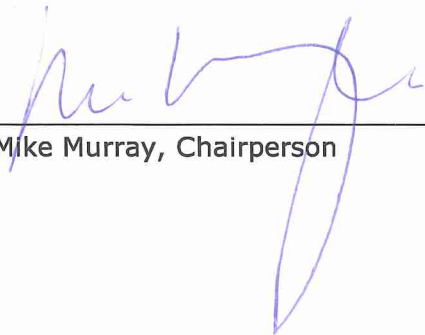
L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded


THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer