
IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

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

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The Board Chair 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, Chair, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- Barry Forward, Chair, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)
- Denise Harper, Chair, School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)
- Kim Abbott, Executive Director, Education Shared Services, Ministry of Education

The Board Chair requested that a letter to the Minister of Education on the impact of the policy change regarding funding for adult graduated students be added under Correspondence.

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

Amendment:

Mike Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) under Correspondence.

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

Clarification was requested on the correspondence from Kim Abbott, Executive Director, Education Shared Services, Ministry of Education on the Service Delivery Project and the involvement of other school districts.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 11, 2015 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the February 11, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Elaine Yamamoto, Coordinator of The Hive Neighbourhood Centre and Shawn Matthewson, City of Maple Ridge

Moved/Seconded

Elaine Yamamoto, Coordinator of The Hive, Faye Luxemburg-Hyam, Executive Director, Family Education & Support Centre, Shawn Matthewson, Social Planning Coordinator, Parks & Leisure Services, Jennifer Simon Principal, Eric Langton Elementary and Donna Servant, Vice Principal, Eric Langton Elementary presented on The Hive Neighbourhood Centre. Background information, collaboration with the community, programs offered and the benefits of The Hive were explained.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by Elaine Yamamoto, Coordinator of The Hive Neighbourhood Centre and Shawn Matthewson, City of Maple Ridge, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

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

- a) 2014/15 Amended Annual Budget and Second Quarter Financial Update

Moved/Seconded

At the recommendation of the Budget Committee of the Whole, the Secretary Treasurer presented the 2014/15 Amended Annual Budget and Second Quarter Financial Update.

The Secretary Treasurer explained that the report provided an analysis of changes to revenue and expenditure estimates included in the 2014/15 Amended Annual Budget. The updated revenue and expenditure estimates included 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 2014, and other revenue and expenditure known changes.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the transfer of any unrestricted surplus for 2014/2015 (currently estimated to be \$2.29 million) to Local Capital to potentially be used to assist in offsetting of future projected funding shortfalls.

Moved/Seconded

THAT The Amended Budget Bylaw of the Board for the fiscal year 2014/2015 be given three (3) readings at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous)

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2014/2015 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw be:

Read a first time on the 25th day of February, 2015;

Read a second time on the 25th day of February, 2015;

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 25th day of February, 2015.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

- a) Finance
- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Strategic Facilities Plan
- e) Round Table with Partner Groups

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
- 2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) My Education Project Update

Moved/Seconded

The Director of Instruction reported that the implementation period chosen for the School District was between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016. This period was selected in order to allow ample time to plan and execute the implementation of the new system. Stakeholders, project objectives, scope, plan and management of the implementation plan were explained.

THAT the Board receive the My Education BC Project Update for information.

CARRIED

- b) Late French Immersion Program Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that enrolment for the Grade 6 Late French Immersion Program for September 2015 at Golden Ears Elementary was currently at 30 and that this program would now be offered.

THAT the Board receive: the Late French Immersion Program Update for information.

- c) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent provided a verbal update on School Teams and activities at Alouette Elementary, Glenwood Elementary, Pitt Meadows Elementary, Whonnock Elementary, Yennadon

Elementary, Maple Ridge Secondary School, Pitt Meadows Secondary School, Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School and the Aboriginal Education Department.

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) 2015 Provincial Budget

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer provided a brief overview of the implications of the 2015 Provincial Budget and summarized the changes to K-12 Education funding. The Secretary Treasurer explained that the precise impact of the budget announcement would not be known until the 2015/16 operating grants were announced on March 15, 2015 by the Minister of Education.

THAT the Board receive the 2015 Provincial Budget Update, for information.

CARRIED

b) 2014/15 Budget Implementation Report

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Draft Budget Implementation Report and explained that the report was prepared using the feedback received from partner groups and information collected from budget sponsors.

The Secretary Treasurer presented One Time Budget Changes including Ministry of Education Holdback Allocation and Use of Contingency Reserves, and Services and Supplies – Deferred Spending were explained.

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Ongoing Budget Changes to Education Administration and Human Resources, Information Technology, Business Operations and Governance, Facilities and Maintenance, Riverside Centre, Student Support Services, Classroom Teacher Allocation, Staffing Related, Student Transportation and General Supplies. An update on Rental Revenue was also presented.

THAT the Board receive the 2014/15 Budget Implementation Report for information.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports

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

i) Proposed Draft Policy 6530: Environmental Sustainability

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that at the recommendation of the Board Policy Development Committee, input was now invited from education partners and the public on Proposed Draft Policy 6530: Environmental Sustainability.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that this policy is in line with the School Districts' Energy Management Program.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process: Policy 6530 Environmental Sustainability.

CARRIED

- d) Strategic Facilities Plan Steering
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education
- g) Inclusive Education
- h) French Immersion Advisory

Trustee Beare reported on grade 7/8 transition events and the affect of other district programs on the number of students choosing to enroll in French Immersion.

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

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Nomination for BCSTA Director

The Board chair reported that in accordance with BCSTA Bylaw 15, nominations for the 2015/2016 BCSTA Officers were now open.

THAT the Board nominated Trustee Ken Clarkson for the office of Director with BCSTA.

CARRIED

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association

Trustee Clarkson reported on the BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council Meeting that took place in February. Motions and the presentation by the Deputy Minister were discussed.

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustees reported that the provincial budget was discussed.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services

Trustee Rempel reported that the Artist in Residence Program, festival funding, lease and operation agreements with the Golden Ears Winter Club, and sports field user groups were discussed.

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Carreras reported on upcoming events at The Act.

Municipal Advisory & Accessibility

The Board Chair reported that financial accessibility was discussed.

Good News

Trustees reported on the Environmental School, Mr. Beale's comparative civilizations class at Maple Ridge Secondary School, school visits to the Montessori class at Hammond Elementary and Harry Hooge and graduation transitions at Maple Ridge Secondary School. A video depicting the campaign "Hockey Against Bullying", a youth-led initiative by a student at Pitt Meadows Secondary School that uses hockey to get young people talking about bullying was played.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Clarification was requested on the 2014/15 Amended Annual Budget.

A question was posed on the payment of a retirement allowance to the former Superintendent of School District 42.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer