



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, February 26, 2014 (6:00 PM)  
DEO Board Room**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray  
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis  
Trustee – Susan Carr  
Trustee – Ken Clarkson  
Trustee – Kathy Marshall  
Trustee – Sarah Nelson  
Trustee – Dave Rempel

**STAFF:**

Acting Superintendent – Laurie Meston  
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan  
Acting Assistant Superintendent – Shannon Derinzy  
Mgr. of Communication/Community Relations – Irena Pochop  
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.

2. Correspondence

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

- Tanya Guenther, Chair, School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)
- Patti Bacchus, Chair, School District No. 39 (Vancouver)
- Baljinder Narang, Chair, School District No. 41 (Burnaby)
- Michele Babchuk, Chair, School District No. 72 (Campbell River)
- Linda McMullan, Chair, School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade)
- Maple Ridge Teachers' Association

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

**CARRIED**

3. Ordering of Agenda

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

Amendment -

Correspondence: Tanya Guenther, Chair, School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) moved to Chair Report

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. February 12, 2014 Public Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

THAT the Minutes of the February 12, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

1. Montessori Program – Jennifer Williams, Patricia Patrick

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

Jennifer Williams and Patricia Patrick presented information on the Montessori Program at Hammond Elementary. An overview of the Montessori Program, classroom activities, teacher training, current student population and the possibility of program expansion was discussed. Students from the program shared their learning experiences and the Parent Advisory Council provided the Board with results of a parent survey regarding the potential expansion of the program to higher grades.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by Jennifer Williams and Patricia Patrick on the Montessori Program at Hammond Elementary for information.

**CARRIED**

2. Maple Ridge Teachers' Association – Teacher-Librarians

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Nelson

Irene Gibeault, Teacher-Librarian, Garibaldi Secondary School and Adria Williams, Teacher-Librarian, Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School presented information on the SD42 Learning Commons. An explanation of the services, resources and tools that the program offers to students, the role of the teacher-librarian and the type of learning offered by the SD42 Learning Commons program was given. Discussion ensued on collaboration time and inquiry based learning.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association on Teacher-Librarians for information.

**CARRIED**

**D. CHAIR REPORT**

1. Letter from Tanya Guenther, Chair, School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)

Trustee Clarkson referred the Board and the public to the last paragraph of the letter from Tanya Guenther, Chair, School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) and stressed the need for parents and the general public to become involved in urging the government to invest in education.

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**E. DEFERRED ITEMS****F. TRUSTEE MOTIONS****G. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**1. Decision Items

## a) Superintendent of Schools

i) Board Authorized Approved Course**Moved:** Trustee Rempel**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

The Acting Assistant Superintendent clarified that as per the School Act, Boards of Education must approve Board authorized courses, academies, trade and partnership programs in the Spring before their implementation. Upon the recommendation of the Education Committee the Board Authorized Course Inquiry in Sustainability was now being presented to the Board for approval.

THAT the Board approve the Board Authorized Course Inquiry in Sustainability.

**CARRIED**

ii) New Student Information System Implementation**Moved:** Trustee Carr**Seconded:** Trustee Rempel

The Secretary Treasurer presented the student information system selection process. Discussion ensued on openStudent, a product developed by the Saanich School District. The Secretary Treasurer explained that that this product did not meet the initial RFQ requirements, so was neither eligible to continue in the process nor was a proposal received from openStudent. Even though development of openStudent is currently underway certain technical and financial risk factors associated with the product do not make this a viable alternative for the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District.

The Secretary Treasurer noted that the Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Understanding in December 2013 and further explained that given the complexity of this project the implementation period chosen for all Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows schools is between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016. The current operating costs for BCeSIS include a usage fee of \$10.00 per student per year and IT salaries and benefits. The new systems will have a similar per student cost and local support requirements resulting in a similar estimated operating costs structure post implementation.

The Secretary Treasurer further explained that the implementation budget of \$438,000 would be required to fund a temporary Project Manager, Teacher and Clerical trainers, and to cover project related travel, training and staff release time costs but that the School District would also be utilizing existing infrastructure and staffing.

THAT the Board: approve the use of the Local Capital Reserve to fund the projected one-time costs associated with the implementation of the new Student Information System for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 budget years to a maximum of \$438,000.

**CARRIED**

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

**1. Information Items**

- a) Superintendent of Schools
  - i) Kindergarten Registration Enrolment Update

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Clarkson

The Acting Superintendent presented a Kindergarten Registration Enrolment Update. It was explained that 2014 Kindergarten registration included four stages, three of which have been completed: Sibling, Programs of Choice and General. The fourth stage began on February 26<sup>th</sup> and will be ongoing until June 13<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten registration was completed using the SD42 Parent Portal. Discussion ensued on schools where kindergarten registration numbers are lower than in previous years.

THAT the Board receive the attached report on Kindergarten registration as of February 19, 2014, for information.

**CARRIED**

- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

**H. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1. Committees of the Whole**

- a) 2013 – 2014 Finance
- b) 2013 – 2014 Budget

**2. Committee & Advisory Committee Reports**

**District Student Advisory Council**

Trustee Nelson reported on the “15 reasons to smile” project.

**I. QUESTION PERIOD**

**J. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**BC School Trustees’ Association Provincial Council**

Trustee Clarkson reported on the BC School Trustees’ Provincial Council meeting that was held on February 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Vancouver. Minister Fassbender, Peter Cameron and Rob Wood were all in attendance. Discussion included the ministry’s vision on education, the presidents report and student transportation in school districts.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services

Trustee Rempel reported that discussion included fundraising for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the dog park at Volker Park, a centennial garden update, the driver program policy, Maple Ridge concert band, equestrian use of the dyke system and the citizenship satisfaction survey.

Municipal Advisory and Accessibility

Trustee Marshall reported on engaging the community to reduce barriers for people with disabilities.

Ridge Meadows Community Arts Council

Trustee Rempel reported that the meeting included discussion of the revised 2013/2014 budget, a letter re: gaming revenue, strategic planning and a presentation on speed control.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Rempel invited the Secretary Treasurer to present to the Foundation.

Good News Items

Trustee Nelson reported on Planning 10 at Maple Ridge Secondary School. Trustee Nelson and Trustee Palis confirmed that as part of the Roadmap to Excellence Board Action Plan, they have now scheduled six presentations at schools. Trustee Carr congratulated the schools for their support of the Olympics and recommended viewing the Comparative Civilizations project at Maple Ridge Secondary School. Trustee Rempel commented on the success of the play "Spamalot" at Garibaldi Secondary School.

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

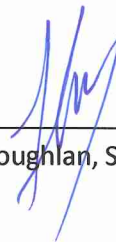
THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**



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Mike Murray, Chairperson



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Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer