



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, January 20, 2016 (6:00 PM)
DEO Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson – Mike Murray
Vice Chairperson – Susan Carr
Trustee – Lisa Beare
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

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.

Trustee Rempel joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

2. Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

- Frank Lento, Chairperson, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- Lenora Trenaman, Chairperson, School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)
- Moyra Baxter, Chairperson, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)
- Tony Goulet, Chairperson, School District No. 28 (Quesnel)
- Betty Baxter, Chairperson, School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)
- Doug Skinner, Chairperson, School District No. 47 (Powell River)
- Tony Cable, Chairperson, School District No. 57 (Prince George)

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 9, 2015

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the December 9, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Proposed District School Calendars

Moved/Seconded

The Deputy Superintendent reported that in order to provide families and the District more opportunity to plan ahead, Senior Team is proposing calendars for both 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Both of these calendars meet the required minutes of instruction.

The Superintendent reported that the 2017-2018 proposed district school calendar may require amendment due to the unknown dates for provincial exams.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the 2017-2018 Kanaka Creek School Calendar may require further amendment.

THAT the Board of Education receive for information the attached proposed District School Calendars and Kanaka Creek School Calendar and approve that the calendars be shared with the public in order to receive public feedback.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - d) Education Committee
 - e) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Middle Years IB Program**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent reported that staff were directed in the Strategic Facilities Plan to complete an in depth review of the viability of expanding the International Baccalaureate Program hosted at Garibaldi Secondary School.

Darren Rowell, Principal and Tom Levesque, Vice Principal, Garibaldi Secondary School presented a review of the Middle Years IB Program including the financial implications, a summary of discussions that have occurred at the school level, a review of other schools who run the IB program and feedback from Bob Poole, Regional IB Director.

Discussion ensued on Career Path courses and costs associated with the IB program.

THAT the Board receive the Middle Years IB Program report for information.

CARRIED

b) IT Budget Review – Quarterly Review Report**Moved/Seconded**

The Director of Instruction and Manager of the IT Department presented the IT Budget Review – Quarterly Review Report. Assets Deployment and Infrastructure Upgrades, Learning Commons Support, District Data Solution, E Report Template, IT Projects and Infrastructure Budget Analysis were explained.

Discussion ensued on student owned laptops and issues with accessibility, lync phones, encryption, e-portfolio and staffing.

THAT the Board receive the School District No. 42 IT Budget Review – Quarterly Review Report for information.

CARRIED

c) Superintendent's Update**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent reported on a video from Harry Hooge Elementary regarding media, an entrepreneurial fair at Albion Elementary, congratulated wrestlers from Maple Ridge Secondary School on recent accomplishments, reported on activities of the Outdoor Club at Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School and of a Youth Philanthropy Initiative.

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's update for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development

- d) Education
- e) Aboriginal Education
- f) Inclusive Education
- g) French Immersion Advisory
- h) District Student Advisory
- i) Round Table with Partner Groups

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Draft Motion to BC School Trustees Association: Adult Graduated Student Grant

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustees Association for consideration:

That the BCSTA approach the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education to request that Boards of Education be included on the list of approved institutions able to offer Adult Upgrading Grants.

CARRIED

2. Draft Motion to BC School Trustees Association: School Site Acquisition Charge

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustees Association for consideration:

THAT the BCSTA approach the Ministry of Education and other Ministries involved in administering the School Site Acquisition Charge legislation to review and amend the maximum allowable school site acquisition charges established in the legislation to reflect current property acquisition costs.

CARRIED

3. Draft Motion to Local Action Team: Letter of Support For An Integrated Youth Health Centre

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board direct the Board Chairperson to submit a Letter of Support for an Integrated Youth Health Centre in Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows.

CARRIED

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Maple-Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Rempel reported on cultural planning, motions, a Christmas Open House and the hiring of a new recording secretary.

Social Planning Advisory

Grant submissions were discussed at the recent meeting.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported on a seminar planned for February 18, 2016.

Good News

Trustees reported on school visits to Albion Elementary and Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was posed regarding the Infrastructure Budget Analysis contained in the IT Budget Review – Quarterly Review report.

A question was posed regarding increased enrolment at Garibaldi Secondary School and the discontinuation of school bussing.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

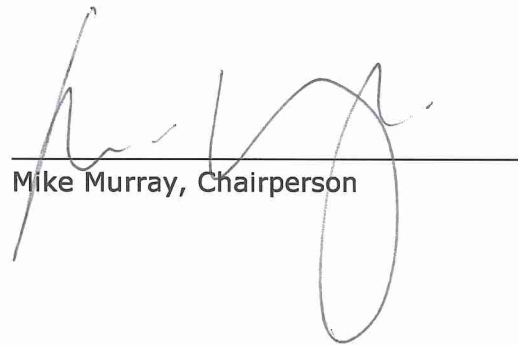
L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

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



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer