



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, June 10, 2015
Time: 4:00 p.m.

District Education Office
22225 Brown Avenue
Maple Ridge BC V2X 8N6

"One key to successful leadership is continuous personal change. Personal change is a reflection of our inner growth and empowerment." Robert E. Quinn

A G E N D A

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

ITEM 1

1. Call to Order
2. Correspondence
 - Tom Weber, Chair, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)
 - Art Erasmus, Chair, School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains)
 - Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda - *Members of the public can provide input on items on the Agenda. Speaker's time is limited to 2 minutes per person. This agenda item has a time limit of 10 minutes.*

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 27, 2015 ITEM 2

C. PRESENTATIONS - *Individuals and groups invited by the Board to make presentations. Time limits for individual presentations will be established to allow all speakers to present within the time limit for this item. This agenda item has a time limit of 20 minutes including questions; extension is at the discretion of the Board.*

D. DELEGATIONS - *Registered delegations can make presentations to the Board. Time limits for individual delegations will be established to allow all registered delegations to present within the time limit for this item. This agenda item has a time limit of 20 minutes including questions; extension is at the discretion of the Board.*

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Academies Fee Schedule 2015/16 ITEM 3
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - d) Strategic Facilities Plan
 - e) Education
 - f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

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3. Secretary Treasurer

4. Board Committees & Advisory Committee Reports

a) Finance

b) Budget

c) Board Policy Development

d) Strategic Facilities Plan

e) Education

f) Aboriginal Education

g) Inclusive Education

h) French Immersion Advisory

i) District Student Advisory

j) Round Table with Partners

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council

2. District Parent Advisory Council

3. Joint Parks and Leisure Services

4. Municipal Advisory & Accessibility

5. Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

6. Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

7. Social Planning Advisory:

<http://www.mapleridge.ca/AgendaCenter/Social-Planning-Advisory-Committee-10>

8. Tzu Chi Foundation

9. Youth Centre Society

10. Other Board Liaison Representative Reports

a) Good News Items

J. QUESTION PERIOD - *Questions, with the exception of Trustee questions, will be limited to one question per person with one follow-up clarification question, if necessary. Question period will be restricted to questions only – statements and debate will not be permitted. This agenda item has a time limit of 10 minutes; extension is at the discretion of the Board.*

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Public Disclosure of Closed Meeting Business

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L. ADJOURNMENT



ITEM 1

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **OPENING PROCEDURES**

Date: June 10, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Information/Decision

1. *CALL TO ORDER*
2. *CORRESPONDENCE (Information Item)*
 - Tom Weber, Chair, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)
 - Art Erasmus, Chair, School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains)
 - Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

Attachments

3. *APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Decision Item)*

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

4. *INVITATION FOR PUBLIC INPUT TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA - Members of the public can provide input on items on the Agenda. Speaker's time is limited to 2 minutes per person. The agenda item has a time limit of 10 minutes.*

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Board of Education

May 20, 2015

Honourable Minister Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education
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Dear Honourable Minister:


Re: Bill 11: The Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015

The Board of Education, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) has considered Bill 11, which overrides the authority of democratically elected Boards of Education through provisions that broaden the Minister's authority to issue administrative directives, to appoint a special advisor, and to mandate shared services participation.

My board has directed through resolution that I write to express our support for the three motions adopted at the BCSTA Annual General Meeting, as presented in President Rezansoff's letter of April 20, 2015. We are in support of the demand to immediately withdraw the certain sections stated that override democratically elected Boards of Education, that the BCSTA continue to represent Boards of Education to advocate against the erosion of locally elected board authority, and that Bill 11 undergo a formal stakeholder review prior to final reading.

Bill 11 is a fundamental attack on the roles and responsibility of Boards of Education. It our Board's belief that an effective solution to the issues being addressed by government can only be achieved through respectful dialogue.

Yours truly,



Tom Weber, Board Chair
School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

Copy: Mr. Don McRae, MLA, Comox Valley Constituency
President, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE 439)
President, Comox Valley Teachers Association (CDTA)
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May 21, 2015

The Honourable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education
P.O. Box 9045, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fassbender:

RE: Bill 11: Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015

The Board of Education of Coast Mountains School District 82 at its Regular (Public) Board Meeting held on May 13, 2015, unanimously passed the following motion:

*“That the Board ask the Provincial Government to Rescind Bill 11
and have consultations on the issues covered in Bill 11.”*

Coast Mountains Board of Education wishes to express its concerns with regard to the proposed Bill 11: *Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015* and the potential impact on its students and students across the province.

In support of the motions passed at the 2015 BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting with regard to Bill 11 and the subsequent letter of April 20, 2015 from BCSTA President Teresa Rezansoff, the Coast Mountains Board of Education echoes the BCSTA in demanding an immediate review of the intent of Bill 11 legislation.

We are alarmed that this bill erodes the autonomy and authority of locally and democratically elected Boards of Education, giving the Minister of Education an unprecedented influence over them. The Coast Mountains Board of Education is committed to continue exercising its fiduciary responsibilities to the highest standards possible to ensure an excellent public education for its students.

We believe local Boards of Education can provide valuable input into how the Ministry of Education can best achieve its goals in terms of shared services, professional development, accountability, student data collection, and achievement.

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The Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education
Victoria, B.C.

May 21, 2015

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Further, we were surprised and dismayed when Bill 11 was announced, without any consultation with BCSTA or local Boards of Education, as outlined in the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding with the BCSTA and the Ministry of Education supporting a co-governance model. These actions certainly do not demonstrate good faith to the co-governance model and the Memorandum of Understanding. We support an open, transparent and collaborative working relationship between the Ministry of Education and the BCSTA in the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Coast Mountains Board of Education strongly and respectfully requests the rescindment of Bill 11 in its entirety. We ask that new legislation be reworked and rewritten in full consultation with BCSTA and local Boards of Education in an open, meaningful and collaborative dialogue demonstrating effective and robust co-governance in the development of related regulations and strategies to better support all learners and their future as we transition into the 21st Century.

Yours sincerely,

Art Erasmus
Chair, Board of Education

cc: Honourable Christy Clark, Premier, Province of British Columbia
Dave Byng, Deputy Minister of Education
All Boards of Education (via BCSTA)
Robin Austin, MLA Skeena
Doug Donaldson, MLA Stikine
Local Media

Coast Mountains Board of Education School District 82:

- Board of Education School Trustees
- Katherine McIntosh, Superintendent of Schools
- Alanna Cameron, Secretary Treasurer
- CMSD82 Partners:
 - Coast Mountains Administrators' Association
 - Coast Mountain Teachers' Federation
 - CUPE Local 2052
 - District Parent Advisory Council
 - First Nations Education Coordinators



May 26, 2015

Ref: 180264

Mike Murray, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
Email: mike_murray@sd42.ca

Dear Mr. Murray:

Thank you for your letter of February 23, 2015, regarding the recent changes to adult education. Your letter raises several concerns that I am pleased to address:

1. Equity between British Columbia (BC) graduates and graduates from other jurisdictions

The policy changes arose from a need to focus resources on learners working towards their high school diploma. However, the Ministry also heard from adult education programs that graduates from elsewhere had more profound challenges to overcome than graduates from BC with respect to both language proficiency and academic standards. The tuition-free Foundation courses help bring their skills up to the same education level as BC graduates, and will then need to pay tuition fees for further upgrading. We recognized the need to continue to support the most vulnerable students by continuing the funding of Literacy Foundations courses for all BC residents, regardless of graduation status. We also still fully fund BC resident adult students who have not yet graduated.

2. Impact on jobs training agenda

Focusing our resources on students working towards high school graduation includes supporting more effective skills training and job preparation activities leading to graduation. The post-secondary system has primary education and training responsibility for adults, and is also adjusting its programs to support the government's emphasis on jobs training, including increased financial support for Adult Basic Education Student Assistance Program (ABESAP).

3. Vulnerable student access to ABESAP

The Ministry of Advanced Education has committed to funding all students that need assistance under this existing program and has factored increased demand into its planning.

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4. Reconciling the funding amounts in the announcement

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education have attempted to coordinate their efforts to support all learners working toward graduation, while giving extra support to low income learners. This is why the Ministry of Advanced Education has provided an increase of \$7.6 million in grant money for ABESAP, and the Ministry of Education has refocused \$9 million of its budget to support learners working toward graduation.

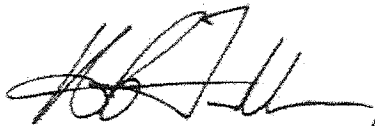
5. Lack of consultation with Boards of Education

I appreciate your concern about the lack of consultation over the recent changes to adult education. The Ministry of Education is committed to the Co-Governance Relationship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) whenever possible. I have spoken to the BC Trustee Leadership regarding this specific issue and look forward to a positive working relationship moving forward. Ordinarily this would have undergone a consultative process under the Co-Governance Relationship MOU. However, as I indicated to the BC Trustee Leadership, this was one of the circumstances that limited the timeliness of consultation and notification. In light of this, I look forward to a positive working relationship going forward.

Ministry of Education staff will be monitoring the impact of these changes on the K-12 system and their effect on adult learners in our province. The Ministry of Education would welcome any future insights that you would care to share. If you have any further questions, please contact Tim Winkleman, Director, Learning Division at Tim.Winkleman@gov.bc.ca or 250-217-6643.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Peter Fassbender
Minister



ITEM 2

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Date: June 10, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the May 27, 2015 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

Attachment

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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
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 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

- Amber Byklum, Chair, School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain)
- School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes)
- Alan Chell, Chair, School District No. 19 (Revekstoke)
- Tony Goulet, Chair, School District No. 28 (Quesnel)
- Ron Burton, Chair, School District No. 41 (Burnaby)
- Betty Baxter, Chair, School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)
- Kim Goetzinger, Chair, School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii)
- Marieze Tar, Chair, School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)
- Gordon Corneau, Chair, School District No. 58 (Nicola-Simikameen)
- Wendy Hobbs, Chair, School District No. 62 (Sooke)
- Linda Val Alphen, Chair, School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
- Carmen Ranta, Chair, School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)
- Linda Dolen, Chair, School District No. 81 (Fort Nelson)
- Steve Davis, Chair, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)

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. May 13, 2015

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. SETA Program Update

Moved/Seconded

Craig Shupe, Manager of Ridge Meadows College, and Deirdre Way presented information on the SETA Program including program description, program length and certification.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the SETA Program Update, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
 - a) 2015/16 Board of Education Regular Public Board Meetings

Moved/Seconded

The Board Chair reported that the proposed schedule of public meetings will allow the Board of Education to complete the Board work as outlined in the Annual Board Work Plan and to enhance the Board's community outreach through public engagement events on specific topics. Public outreach events will be announced in September 2015.

THAT the Board adopt the following regular Public Board meeting schedule for 2015/16:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| September 23, 2015 | February 24, 2016 |
| October 21, 2015 | March 9, 2016 |
| November 18, 2015 | April 6, 2016 |
| December 9, 2015 | April 27, 2016 |
| January 20, 2016 | May 18, 2016 |
| February 3, 2016 | June 15, 2016 |

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees
 - a) Finance
 - i. Financial Statements Quarter Ended March 31, 2015

Moved/Seconded

At the recommendation of Finance Committee of the Whole, the Secretary Treasurer presented the Financial Statements Quarter Ended March 31, 2015.

The Secretary Treasurer reported on Capital Asset Purchases explaining that over the past two years purchases that are capital in nature have been deferred in order to assist in balancing the estimated budget funding shortfalls. This has resulted in furniture, equipment and technology not being refreshed when required based on predefined lifecycles. Given the additional one time funding and savings identified in these statements, a one time investment in furniture, equipment and technology is proposed.

THAT the Board approve the proposed capital asset purchases and the Financial Statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2015.

CARRIED

- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Strategic Facilities Plan
- e) Education Committee
- f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported on the registration process for elementary summer school, school events at Davie Jones Elementary, Edith McDermott Elementary, and Harry Hooge Elementary, kindergarten registration and an upcoming Ministry of Education meeting on special education.

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

CARRIED

- 2. Secretary Treasurer
- 3. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - d) Strategic Facilities Plan Steering

The Secretary Treasurer reported that due to low registration there would only be one Strategic Facilities Open House on June 10, 2015 at Thomas Haney Secondary School.

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

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustees reported on the appreciation dinner that took place at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

Joint Parks & Leisure Services

Trustee Palis reported on the opening of a dog park for a trial 6 month period.

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Carreras reported on the awards committee, scholarship recipients, member grants and the upcoming tea garden event on May 30th, 2015.

Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported on the re-scheduling of the Tzu Chi Celebration.

Good News

Trustees reported on school tours and the Aboriginal Education Awards Ceremony.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer



ITEM 3

To: **Board of Education**

From: Superintendent
Sylvia Russell

Re: **ACADEMIES FEE SCHEDULE
2015/16**

Date: June 10, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Specialty academies

- 82.1 (1) In this section, "**specialty academy**" means an educational program that emphasizes a particular sport, activity or subject area and meets the prescribed criteria set out in the regulations.
- (2) A board may offer a specialty academy if
- (a) the school planning council for the school where the board proposes to offer the specialty academy approves the specialty academy after consulting with the parents' advisory council for that school, and
 - (b) the board is of the opinion that there is sufficient demand for the specialty academy.
- (3) A board that offers a specialty academy must
- (a) make available sufficient instruction for students enrolled in the specialty academy to meet the general requirements for graduation, and
 - (b) continue to offer a standard educational program in the school district.
- (4) Despite section 82, but subject to section 82.4, a board may charge a student enrolled in a specialty academy fees relating to the direct costs incurred by the board in providing the specialty academy that are in addition to the costs of providing a standard educational program.
- (5) On or before July 1 of each school year, a board that offers a specialty academy must
- (a) establish a schedule of fees to be charged under subsection (4), and
 - (b) make the schedule of fees available to the public.
- (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees under subsection (5), a board must
- (a) consult with the school planning council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and
 - (b) obtain the approval of that school planning council for the schedule of fees.

Academies Fees Schedule 2015/16

The proposed Academies Fees Schedule for 2015/16 is shown below:

| Academy | Location | Annual Fee | Other |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Hair Design | SRT | \$1,785 | |
| Equestrian | THSS | \$300 | \$150 (DL students) |
| Hockey | PMSS | \$1,820 | |
| Digital Arts | MRSS | \$100 diploma | Free no diploma |
| IB | GSS | \$800 2 year diploma | \$200/course |
| Interdisciplinary Arts | GSS | \$65 | |
| Soccer | WSS | \$600 | |

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approve the proposed Academies Fee Schedules for 2015/16.

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ITEM 4

To: **Board of Education**

From: Superintendent
Sylvia Russell

Re: **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Date: June 10, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

RECOMMENDATION:

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



ITEM 5

RECORD
2014-2015

Pursuant to provisions of 72 (1) of the *School Act*, the following report is a general statement of: (a) matters discussed; and (b) the general nature of decisions resolved at the following meetings from which persons other than Trustees or officers of the Board, or both were excluded:

May 13, 2015

Call to Order
Motion of Exclusion
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes – April 29, 2015
Superintendent Information Items
Secretary Treasurer Information Item
Committees
Question Period
Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 3:21 p.m.
Approved
Approved as amended
Approved as circulated
Received for information
Received for information
Received for information
Received for information
Adjourned at 4:48 p.m.