

PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Wednesday, June 15, 2016 (6:00 PM) 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

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 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

- Mike Bernier, Minister of Education
- Dave Byng, Deputy Minister of Education
- Michael de Jong, QC, Minister of Finance
- Frank Lento, Chair, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- Lenora Trenaman, Chair, School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)
- Teri Ferworn, Chair, School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
- Ouesnel School District News Release
- Rick Price, Chair, School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky)
- Tony Cable, Chair, School District No. 57 (Prince George)
- School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- Bobbi Johnson, Chair, School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)
- Linda Meyer
- Beryl Eales
- Pascale Shaw, Save the Maple Ridge School Buses
- Terry Lake, Minister of Health and Mike Bernier, Minister of Education
- Tony Cable, School District No. 57 (Prince George)

THAT the Board receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

Additions under Correspondence:

- Beryl Eales
- Pascale Shaw, Save the Maple Ridge School Buses
- Terry Lake, Minister of Health and Mike Bernier, Minister of Education
- Tony Cable, School District No. 57 (Prince George)

Amendment:

Move Helping Teachers: Literacy Presentation from Information Items, Superintendent of Schools to Delegations.

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 18, 2016

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the May 18, 2016 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Energy Sustainability: Student Inquiry Projects

Moved/Seconded

Three groups of elementary students presented information on their inquiry projects on energy sustainability.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on Energy Sustainability: Student Inquiry Projects, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Garibaldi Music Program

Moved/Seconded

Information was presented on the music program at Garibaldi Secondary School explaining how the program has enriched the lives of students.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the Garibaldi Music Program, for information.

CARRIED

2. <u>Helping Teachers: Literacy Presentation</u>

Moved/Seconded

The Literacy Network Helping Teachers presented an update on the progress that the Literacy Network has made over the past year.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on Literacy by the Helping Teachers, for information. **CARRIED**

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
- 2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) School Fees Schedule and Specialty Academy Fees Schedule 2016/17

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported on secondary school fees and specialty academies fees for 2016/17.

The Superintendent further reported that the cost of elementary school supplies must not exceed \$55 per student per school year including the cost of a planner, if required.

THAT the Board approve the proposed Secondary School Fees Schedule and Academy Fees Schedule for the 2016/17 year:

Secondary School Fees Schedule 2016/17

1.	Student fee	\$28
2.	Yearbook	\$50
3.	Lock	\$6

Academy Fees Schedule 2016/17

1.	Equestrian	\$300
2.	Hockey	\$1,820
3.	Interdisciplinary Arts	\$75
4.	International Baccalaureate	\$400
5.	Digital Arts	\$75
6.	Hair Design	\$1,885
7.	Soccer	\$600

CARRIED

b) International Education Fees 2017/18

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that an increase in tuition fees of \$500 is being proposed for the international education program starting in 2017/18.

THAT the Board approve the following fees for the international education program for 2017/18:

	Application Fee	Tuition Fee Annual	Homestay Registration or Placement Fee	Homestay Fee	Medical Insurance
Maple Ridge- Pitt Meadows	\$200	\$12,500	\$100	\$8,000	\$900

CARRIED

- 3. Secretary Treasurer
 - a) 2015/16 Capital Plan

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Ministry of Education has revised the process for Capital Project approvals and that the adoption of a Capital Plan bylaw that reflects the Ministry of Education supported 2015/16 Capital Plan was now required.

Moved/Seconded

(1)THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 1516CP42-01 be given three (3) readings at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

(2) THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Capital Bylaw No. 1516CP42-01 be:

Read a first time on the 15th day of June, 2016;

Read a second time on the 15th day of June, 2016;

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 15th day of June, 2016.

CARRIED

b) 2016/17 Board of Education Regular Public Board Meetings

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adopt the following regular Public Board meeting schedule for 2016/17:

September 7, 2016	February 22, 2017	
October 19, 2016	March 8, 2017	
November 16, 2016	April 12, 2017	
December 14, 2016	April 26, 2017	
January 18, 2017	May 17, 2017	
February 8, 2017	June 21, 2017	

CARRIED

c) Trustee Professional Development

Moved/Seconded

The Chairperson reported that in order to allow trustees the opportunity to attend professional development opportunities that may only be offered once in their term of office, it is proposed that trustee professional development balances be carried forward to the end of the trustees' term in office.

THAT the Board approve that trustee professional development balances be carried forward to the end of the trustees' term in office.

CARRIED

- 4. Board Committees
 - a) Budget
 - i. 2016/17 Budget

The Secretary Treasurer reported that on April 27, 2016 the Board approved the 2016/17 Preliminary Budget. On May 31, 2016, the Minister of Education announced the redirection of \$25 million in administrative savings from school districts back into frontline services for students and further announced on June 2, 2016 that this level of funding would be a permanent commitment.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that an additional \$631,773 could be considered as ongoing funding for 2016/17 but noted that any budget additions made in 2016/17 could only be maintained if sufficient provincial funding is received in future years.

The Secretary Treasurer reported on:

- Impact of Ministry of Education Announcement on Projections;
- Budget Feedback;
- Budget Change Considerations:
 - Use of Additional Funding to Address Estimated 2017/18 Budget Shortfall;
 - Teacher and Instructional Support Staff Allocations to Schools;
 - Clerical Staffing;
 - Student Transportation;
 - o Bring Your Own Device for Students;

Trustees reviewed and discussed the proposed recommendations.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following budget changes to be incorporated in the Amended Budget Bylaw for 2016/17:

- 1) Allocate one-time funding of \$0.36 million to add supports for vulnerable students at elementary and secondary, and to minimize the number of academic classes over 30 at the secondary level.
- 2) Allocate one-time funding of \$7,000 to increase elementary clerical support banks as follows:

Student Enrolment	Clerical Support Bank
Under 200	30 hours / year
200-349	35 hours / year
350-499	47 hours / year
500+	55 hours / year

3) Allocate one-time funding of \$0.26 million to support a one year pilot of a revised model for regular student transportation that entails:

- Securing a regular student transportation contract for 2016/17;
- Providing regular student transportation to eligible students, defined as:
 - a. Primary Students (Grades K 3) that live farther than 4 kilometers to their catchment area school
 - b. All Other Students (Grades 4 12) that live farther than 4.8 kilometers to their catchment area school
- Transportation services not being provided to students that are not eligible;
- Reducing the number of contracted buses by:
 - o Enforcing a July 31 application deadline for transportation services;
 - Creating routes based on registrations received, and optimizing and/or extending routes in order to achieve a 95%+ utilization for each bus.
- Increasing the annual student transportation fee to mirror the cost of TransLink fares of \$52/month for eight months for an annual fee per student of \$416 (maintain an estimated subsidy of \$730/student at 100% utilization);
- Providing eligible low income families with a transportation fee waiver.
- 4) Authorize the Secretary Treasurer to prepare and implement all the required procedures to address the details of implementing the new bussing service.

And further, that the Board advocate to the Federal Government for school bussing fees to be tax deductible.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board extend the meeting.

CARRIED.

- b) Finance
 - i. Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2016

Moved/Seconded

At the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Whole, the Secretary Treasurer presented the Financial Statements for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2016 and reported that the audited financial statements for 2015/16 will be presented to the Board in September.

THAT the Board approve the financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2016.

CARRIED

- c) Board Policy Development
 - i. Rescission of Policy JHCDA

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that on May 18, 2016 the Board approved Policy 9430: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Settings and received for information Procedure 9430.1 Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings.

It is now being proposed that Policy JHCDA: Physical Restraint of Students is rescinded.

THAT the Board rescind the following:

Policy JHCDA: Physical Restraint of Students.

CARRIED

ii. Policy 8901: Field Trips (Including Extra Curricular Activities).

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that the procedures associated with this proposed policy will be developed over the coming months and presented to the Board in the Fall.

THAT the Board approve Policy 8901: Field Trips (Including Extra Curricular Activities) and further;

THAT the following policy be rescinded:

Field Trips (including extra curricular activities)

CARRIED

- d) Education Committee
- e) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
 - a) Operational Plan

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that a more detailed review of the Operational Plan will be undertaken in the Fall.

THAT the Board receive the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows school district operational plan for information.

CARRIED

- 2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent reported that the update would be included in the board highlights and posted to the school district website.

- 3. Secretary Treasurer
 - a) Trustees' Remuneration

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that on October 8, 2014, the Board approved that for the period 2014 to 2019 trustee remuneration be adjusted on an annual basis effective on July 1 each year based on the Metro Vancouver Consumer Price Index differential for the prior year.

THAT the Board receive trustees' remuneration for 2016/17 for information. **CARRIED**

- 4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - d) Education
 - e) Aboriginal Education

Trustees reported that a review of the past year and staffing changes were discussed.

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

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Joint Parks and Leisure Services

Trustees' reported that a bid by the City of Maple Ridge to host the 2020 or 2022 BC Summer Games, Youth Week and the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy were discussed.

Good News Items

The Chairperson reported that Laurie Meston, Deputy Superintendent, was honoured as a Citizen Champion by the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues at a recent awards evening.

- J. QUESTION PERIOD
- K. OTHER BUSINESS
- L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Flavia Coughlan/Secretary Treasurer