



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, June 24, 2015
Time: 4:00 p.m.

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

"No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent." Abraham Lincoln

A G E N D A

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

ITEM 1

1. Call to Order
2. Correspondence
 - Frank Lento, Chair, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
 - Mike Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
 - Tina Last, Chair, School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert)
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. June 10, 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.*

1. Community Literacy Committee ITEM 3

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.*

1. Maple Ridge Teachers' Association: Bill 11 ITEM 4

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
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) My Education BC Update ITEM 5
 - b) District IT Plan Update ITEM 6
 - c) Superintendent's Update ITEM 7
- 3. Secretary Treasurer
- 4. Board Committees & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
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 - 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 ITEM 8

L. ADJOURNMENT

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **OPENING PROCEDURES**

Date: June 24, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Information/Decision

1. *CALL TO ORDER*

2. *CORRESPONDENCE (Information Item)*

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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.*



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

June 16, 2015

RE: Invitation to Respond

As elected officials, the School District 5 (SD5), Southeast Kootenay Board of Education feels a keen responsibility to advocate for a strong public education system in British Columbia.

To that end our Board has been sending your organization courtesy copies of correspondence on issues affecting the of quality public education that British Columbians expect and deserve.

We now invite you and/or your organization to provide our Board with any feedback, questions or suggestions related to the attached correspondence.

Sincerely,

Frank Lento, Board Chair,
SD5

Frank Lento (Chair) • Trina Ayling • Bev Bellina • Jacqueline Blumhagen • Gail Brown
• Chris Johns • Curtis Helgesen • Doug McPhee • Patricia Whalen



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

June 9th, 2015

Honourable Michael De Jong
Minister of Finance and Gov't House Leader
PO Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Honourable Minister Fassbender
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045 Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Ministers De Jong and Fassbender:

RE: Exempt Staff Wage Freeze

On March 10th, the School District 5 (SD5) Southeast Kootenay Board of Education wrote to your Ministries voicing our concerns around the lack of exempt staff wage increases since 2009.

On March 23rd, 2015 Christina Zacharuk, Interim President and CEO of the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) responded on your behalf, as per your request.

While we appreciate Ms. Zacharuk's timely response our Board takes exception with your Ministries' "passing the buck" to a civil servant on what is clearly a political issue.

As elected officials ourselves, Trustees are acutely aware that the money is the money. We are also aware that everyday we –and other politicians—make decisions as to where that money is spent. Our own Board has recently needed to make cuts in 33 areas of our budget in order to balance, while adding to a select few areas of our budget where greater need has been identified.

While school districts do not have a choice when it comes to how much income we receive, the provincial government does. It can choose to increase its revenue stream at any time in the form of income and consumption taxes (including taxes on the harvesting of natural resources), contributions to social security plans, the sale of goods and services and provincial investment income. To choose not to increase revenue streams is a political, not a fiscal choice.

While the decision to increase revenue streams vs. redefining budget priorities is not at issue for our Board, the inadequate funding of the BC school system (as outlined once again in the report recommendations of the 2015 Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services) and the need to restore education funding to a level that supports the basic needs of public education in BC is a serious issue for Boards across the province.

One of those basic funding needs pertains to the retention of quality staff with whom we rely to lead the K – 12 education system. As mentioned in our previous letter, school district management and exempt staff have received zero wage increases since 2009 while their colleagues have deservedly received wage increases as per their most recent collective agreements.

The inequity of pay raises across the sector has created a level of compression that makes it even more difficult for districts such as our own to retain, promote or attract quality leaders. This is *our* fiscal reality.

To that end our Board carried the following motion at our June 9th, 2015 public meeting:

"That the Board of Education write a follow-up letter to the Ministers De Jong & Fassbender with a copy to the usual stakeholders, regarding the compensation freeze in management and exempt staff."

This increase must happen and it must be fully funded by government if Boards are to preserve the integrity and viability of public education going forward. Our kids deserve the best –not the least expensive— educational leaders.

Sincerely,



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SD5

Encl./Cc: Christina Zacharuk, Interim President and CEO
Christy Clark, Premier, BC
Bill Bennett, MLA, Kootenay East
John Horgan, Leader, NDP
Carole James, Finance Critic, NDP
Rob Fleming, Education Critic, NDP
BCSTA for distribution to member Boards of Education
Michael Marchbank, BC Public School Employers' Association
Gordon Li, President, BC Principals' Vice Principals' Assoc.
Scott Holt, President, SD5 Administrators Association
Shelley Balfour & Christina Smith, CFTA Co-Chairs
Debbie Therrien, District Parent Advisory Committee
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Doug Bing, MLA
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Dear Doug:

Re: Follow up to June 3rd meeting

First let me thank you for meeting with the Board on June 3rd. We appreciate the opportunity to share our thoughts and situation with you so that you are well versed in advance of any discussion in caucus or with the Ministers of Education and Finance on the matters we reviewed. The intent of this letter is to follow up on our conversation.

Although we have copied several letters to your offices over the past year and have had a variety of informal discussions, the last formal meeting we held with you was on June 11th, 2014. We made several requests at that meeting and felt we should review our progress on those requests at our most recent discussion. The requests made in 2014 and our sense of progress or lack thereof since that time are listed below.

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service levels and outcomes to balance budgets. We simply wish an acknowledgment from government that the services we are cutting had meaning, were important to the people served, and that their elimination will have negative consequences.

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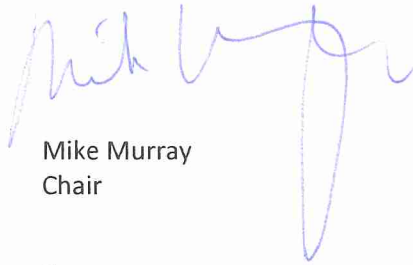
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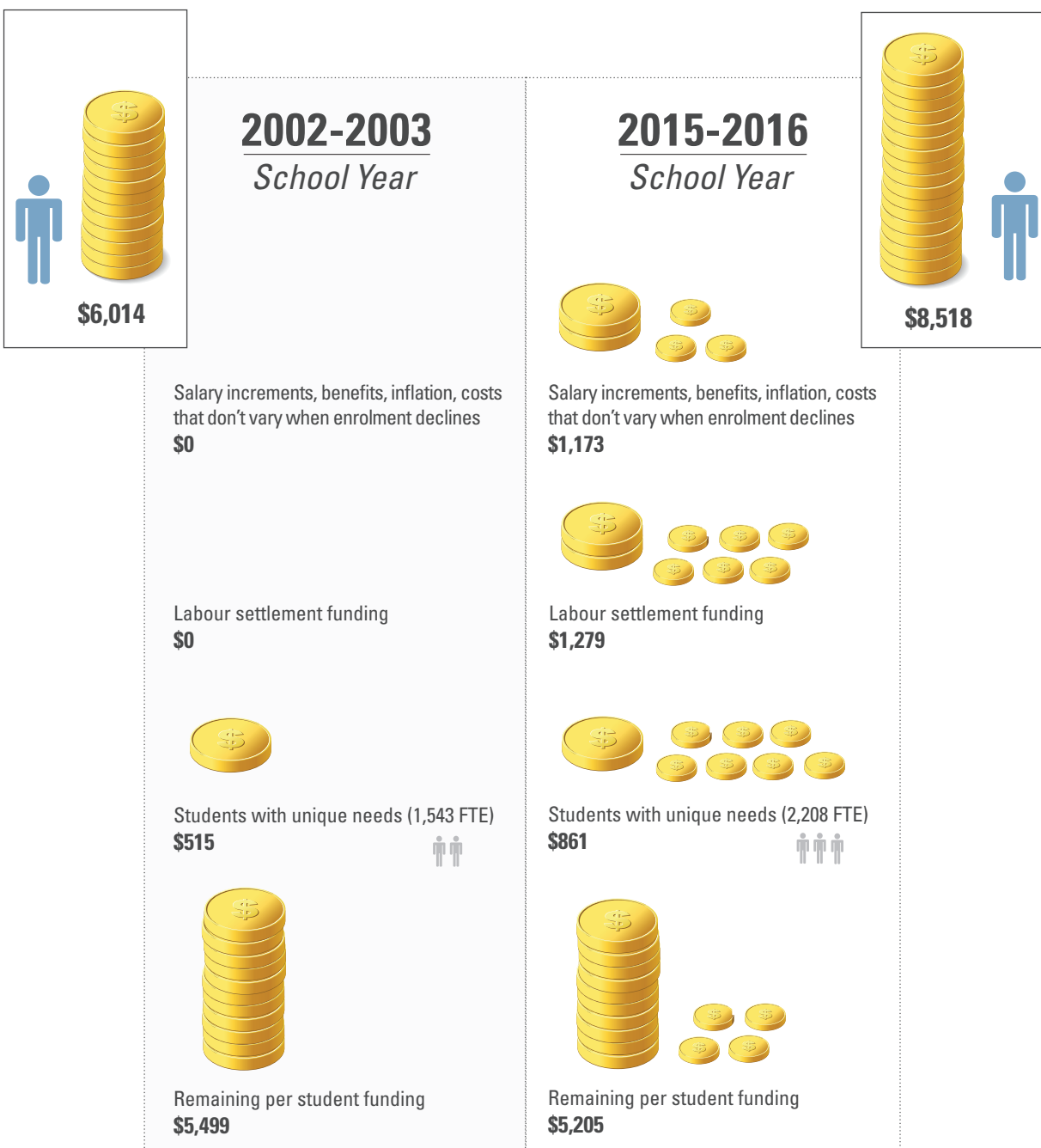
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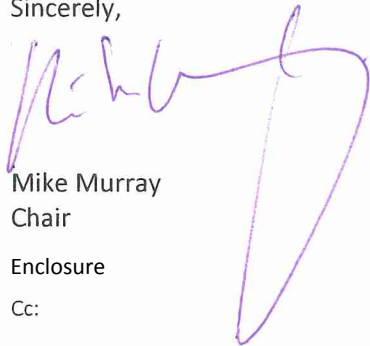
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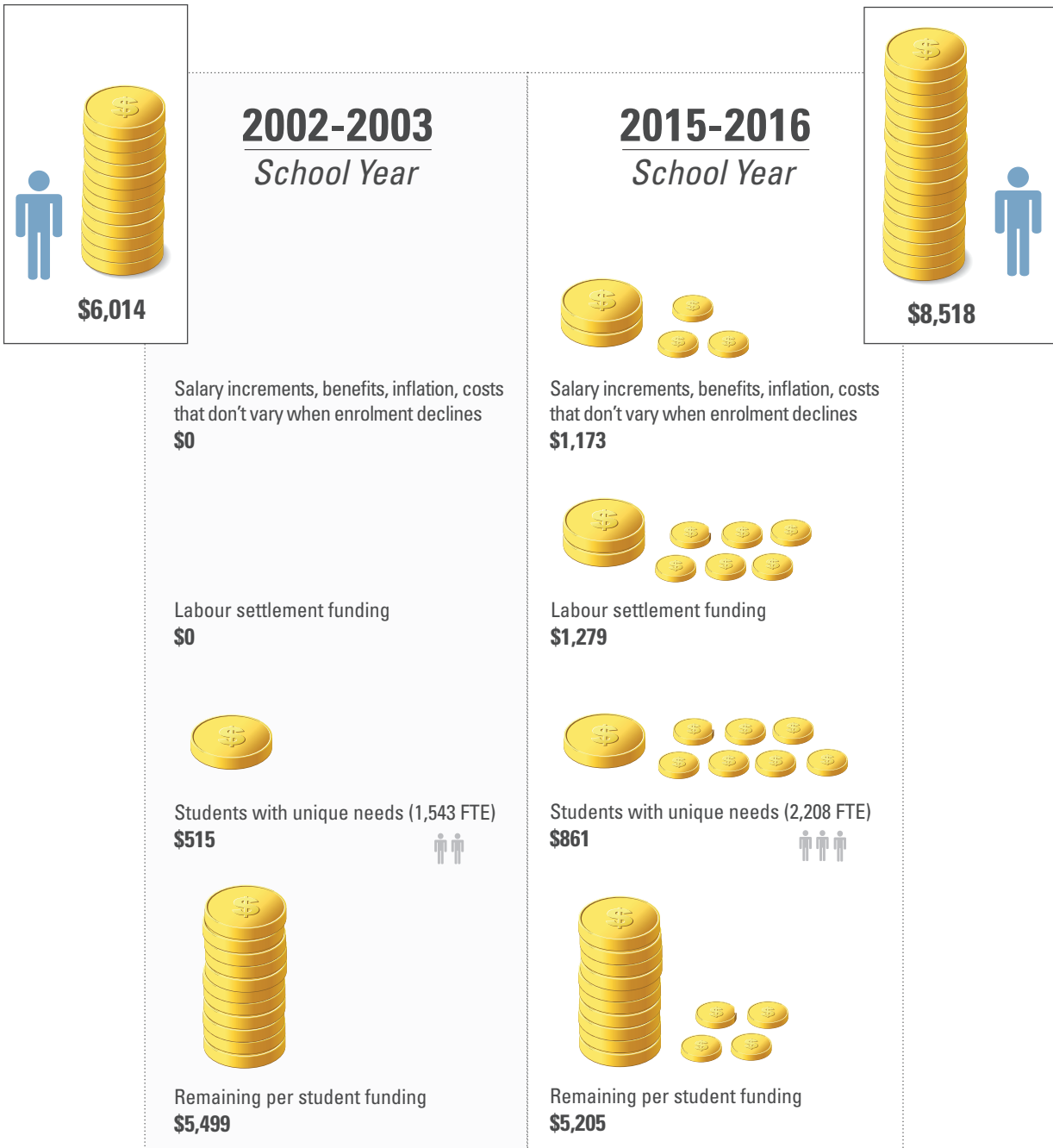
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May 20, 2015

The Honourable Peter Fassbender
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Dear Minister Fassbender:

Re: Bill 11

In December 2014 you signed the Co-Governance Relationship Memorandum of Understanding with the British Columbia School Trustees Association. Our Board was in support of this agreement as we firmly believe that an effective co-governance relationship between Boards of Education and the Minister of Education is needed in order for the students of British Columbia to receive the education they deserve.

When Bill 11 was announced a few months later, without any notice to Boards or consultation with Boards, our Board was flabbergasted. The Memorandum of Understanding indicates that consultation and notification may be limited in extraordinary circumstances. When this occurs, an explanation for taking extraordinary action is to be provided. We are therefore asking for your explanation for proceeding with Bill 11 without consultation with, and without notification to, BCSTA and Boards of Education.

Of particular concern to our Board are the provisions of Bill 11 which provide you with the ability to issue administrative directives that would overrule the autonomy and authority of locally elected Boards of Education. In this regard, our Board stands behind the motions passed at the BCSTA AGM and forwarded to you by BCSTA.

Our Board also has questions with respect to the elimination of School Planning Councils. The implications for Parent Advisory Councils and the ability of parents to have input to school plans are unclear. We firmly believe that the advice and input of parents is essential for our schools to meet the needs of all learners, and so our Board is seeking clarity on how this process will work with the passing of Bill 11.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Last", written over a large, stylized oval shape.

Tina Last
Chair

cc: Mayor Lee Brain
MLA Jennifer Rice
BCSTA



ITEM 2

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Date: June 24, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the June 10, 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

STAFF:

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

ABSENT:

Trustee – Dave Rempel

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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

- Tom Weber, Chair, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)
- Art Eramus, Chair, School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains)
- Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education
- Marc Dalton, MLA

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

Additions/Amendments

The Board Chair requested that a letter from Marc Dalton, MLA be added under Correspondence.

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 27, 2015

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Academies Fee Schedule 2015/16

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that on or before July 1 of each school year, a board that offers specialty academies must establish a schedule of fees and make the schedule of fees available to the public.

The Board requested that costs associated with these academies be reviewed in the upcoming year and presented to the Board before fees are established.

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

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	

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees
 - a) Finance
 - 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 grade 7 day, graduation ceremonies, employee recognition events, elementary track and field and school events at Davie Jones Elementary and Pitt Meadows Elementary.

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
 - 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**Social Planning

Trustee Carreras reported that committee terms of reference, the Housing Action Plan, Age Friendly Initiative Forum, the Mayor's Task Force on Homeless Solutions and National Aboriginal Day celebrations at Memorial Park on June 21, 2015 were discussed.

Good News

Trustees reported on the carnival at Edith McDermott Elementary, district track and field, the coaches dinner and graduation ceremonies.

J. QUESTION PERIOD**K. OTHER BUSINESS****L. ADJOURNMENT****Moved/Seconded**

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

CARRIED



ITEM 3

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **COMMUNITY LITERACY COMMITTEE**

Date: June 24, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the presentation from the Community Literacy Committee, for information.



ITEM 4

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Mike Murray

Re: **MAPLE RIDGE TEACHERS'**
ASSOCIATION: BILL 11

Date: June 24, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the presentation from the Maple Ridge Teachers' Association on Bill 11, for information.

**ITEM 5**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Superintendent
Sylvia Russell
Director of Instruction
David Vandergugten

Re: **MY EDUCATION BC UPDATE**

Date: June 24, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

School District No. 42 is currently involved in a conversion from BCeSiS to MyEdBC student information system. Ongoing training will be happening with all employee groups throughout 2015-16 and includes secondary timetabling training that will be happening in the spring of 2016.

Teacher Training

There are three major training events that will be happening for teachers in the fall of 2015.

The first MyEdBC training event will occur in the afternoon of the first day of school on September 8, 2015. All staff will work with the principal to learn how to login to MyEdBC, set preferences and security settings. A refresher on the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA) will also be completed.

The second MyEdBC training event will occur at the first staff meeting in September. All staff will work with the principal to learn how to take student attendance using the new student information system.

The third session involves teacher release time and covers MyEdBC system fundamentals. System fundamentals include filters, field sets, queries and reports. The MyEdBC team created the teacher training schedule initial draft. It was decided that the most efficient way to have training done for all teachers in a timely manner would be to run 3 daily sessions beginning Monday, September 14, 2015 through to Monday, October 22, 2015. There will be two 1.5 hour am sessions at the elementary schools that would cover the fundamentals training. The afternoon 2.5 hour pm session would be hosted at the secondary schools and cover fundamentals training and gradebook.

The proposed training plan was reviewed by the MyEdBC Steering Committee, the MRTA MyEdBC Committee and principals. Where possible, the feedback received was incorporated into the training plan.

Clerical and Administration Training Schedule

Many clerical training sessions have already been conducted over the last two months. All clerical training schedules have been designed with input from CUPE representatives, clerical staff and administration.

Upcoming Training Sessions

- MyEdBC Administrators (Fundamentals and Conduct) - [AM August 24, 2015](#)
- MyEdBC Administrators (Fundamentals and Conduct) - [AM August 24, 2015](#)
- MyEdBC Administrators (Fundamentals and Conduct) - [PM August 24, 2015](#)
- MyEdBC Administrator Train the Trainer Session [August 25, 2015](#)
- MyEdBC Records Clerks Training [August 24 & 25, 2015](#)
- MyEdBC Secondary Admin Coordinators [August 26, 2015](#)
- MyEdBC SSS Clerical Staff Training [August 27, 2015](#)
- MyEdBC Elem General Clerks + Library/Accounting Attendance Clerks [August 31, 2015*](#)
- MyEdBC Elem Secretary [September 1, 2015](#)
- MyEdBC Clerical Floats [September 2, 2015](#)

MyEdBC Teaching Training Schedule

MyEdBC teacher training is scheduled to take place from September 8, 2015 to October 22, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

**ITEM 6**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Superintendent
Sylvia Russell
Director of Instruction
David Vandergugten

Re: **DISTRICT IT PLAN UPDATE**

Date: June 24, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Information Technology Department is committed to providing the public and the Board of Education with timely updates to the district's technology plan. These updates provide a transparent mechanism to share information on major project milestones and the associated technology hardware and infrastructure expenditures.

Over the next six months the Technology Department will be very busy with the following ten major projects. All of these projects align to the published goals of the School District No. 42 IT Plan that was presented to the Board of Education in March 2015.

1. Implementation of the Next Generation Network (NGN).
 - The PLNet replacement network will be rolled out across the district in June and July. The last site update will occur on July 29, 2015. Much of the pre-work occurred in early May.
2. Wireless Internet Upgrades (Generation 4)
 - This on-going project will ensure that all classrooms have the wireless coverage and density necessary to delivery engaging learning opportunities for students.
3. Learning Commons
 - The IT Department has been working closely with secondary school librarians to ensure that their technology needs and other resources align with their learning commons goals.
4. MyEDBC Support
 - The IT Department is deeply involved in supporting the MyEdBC Student Information System implementation. IT staff will support the clerical and teaching staff as they transition from BCeSiS.
5. Hardware Replacement
 - Staff computers that are over 5 years old will be replaced in July and August (400 devices to be deployed).
6. District Email and SharePoint Upgrades
 - The district-wide email system will be fully updated by the end of June.
 - The SharePoint document warehouse will be upgraded by October 31, 2015.

7. International Education Parent Portal Module

- This important addition to the parent portal will allow homestay parents to be notified of upcoming field trips and allow International Education staff to authorize these trips in the portal. This module will be completed by the end of October.

8. Upgrades to Secondary School Servers

- All servers will be updated by the end of November.

9. Online teacher Collaboration Site

- Planning work continues on the online teacher collaboration site.
- The site will be online and available to teachers by January 2016.

10. Print Management / Reduction

- Phase one has been completed and includes the installation of reporting and print auditing tools.
- Phase two will be completed by October and will give schools more control over their print resources.

For further information regarding these and other technology initiatives please refer to the School District No. 42 IT Plan that is posted on the school district website.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the District IT Plan Update, for information.



ITEM 7

To: **Board of Education**

From: Superintendent
Sylvia Russell

Re: **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Date: June 24, 2015
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

RECOMMENDATION:

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



ITEM 8

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 27, 2015

Call to Order
Motion of Exclusion
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2015
Chairperson Decision Item
Superintendent Decision Items
Superintendent Information Items
Committees
Trustee Reports
Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 3:16 p.m.
Approved
Approved as amended
Approved as circulated
Approved as circulated
Approved as circulated
Received for information
Received for information
Received for information
Adjourned at 4:48 p.m.