

# **PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 (4:00 PM) **DEO Board Room** 

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

**BOARD MEMBERS:** 

Chairperson – Mike Murray

Trustee - Lisa Beare

Trustee - Susan Carr

Trustee - Korleen Carreras

Trustee - Ken Clarkson

Trustee - Dave Rempel

STAFF:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell

Vice Chairperson – Eleanor Palis 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 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

- 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)
- Anita Brierley
- **Dorothy Green**

The Board Chair requested that the correspondence from Anita Brierley, Dorothy Green and Mike Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 regarding bussing be moved to Chairperson, Decision Item.

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

# Moved/Seconded

# **Additions**

Add to Correspondence:

Anita Brierley

Dorothy Green

Mike Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)

# Amendments

Move from Correspondence to Decision Item, Chairperson:

Anita Brierley

Dorothy Green

Mike Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

#### **CARRIED**

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

#### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. June 10, 2015

#### Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the June 10, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

#### **CARRIED**

# C. PRESENTATIONS

a) Community Literacy Committee

# **Moved/Seconded**

Sheila Pace, Joanna Tomes, Lynn Easton and Elaine Yamamoto presented on the Community District Literacy Plan. Programs offered, funding and community involvement were explained.

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

#### **D. DELEGATIONS**

a) Maple Ridge Teachers' Association: Bill 11

#### Moved/Seconded

Todd Patrick presented on BCTF concerns regarding Bill 11 including the diminishing of student privacy, the impact on teachers' professional development, the reduction of power for trustees, and the underfunding of public education.

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

#### CARRIED

#### **E. DEFERRED ITEMS**

#### F. DECISION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
  - a) <u>Correspondence from Anita Brierley, Dorothy Green and Mike Murray, Chair, School</u> <u>District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) regarding bussing</u>

# Moved/Seconded

Discussion ensued on correspondence regarding the Board's decision to discontinue regular student bussing starting in 2016.

THAT the Board authorizes the Board Chair to send the response letter on bussing to Anita Brierley and Dorothy Green.

# CARRIED

- 2. Superintendent of Schools
- 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) My Education BC Update

# Moved/Seconded

The Director of Instruction and the MyEdBC Project Manager provided an update on Teacher Training, the Clerical and Administration Training Schedule, and the Teaching Training Schedule.

Discussion ensued on who will be able to access the data, how the data will be utilized and the types of support that will be available to staff during school start up.

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

# **CARRIED**

b) District IT Plan Update

#### Moved/Seconded

The Director of Instruction and Manager of Information Technology provided an update on the District IT Plan and the key projects that will be undertaken over the summer months. Projects include: Implementation of the Next Generation Network (NGN), Wireless Internet Upgrades, Learning Commons, MyEdBC Support, Hardware Replacement, District Email and SharePoint Upgrades, International Education Parent Portal Module, Upgrades to Secondary School Servers, Online Teacher Collaboration Site and Print Management/Reduction.

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

#### CARRIED

c) Superintendent's Update

## Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent provided an update on leaving ceremonies, helping teacher meetings, school visits, the coaches' appreciation dinner that was held at Thomas Haney Secondary School and the new draft kindergarten to grade 9 curriculum.

# 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

Trustee Clarkson reported that Gary Lozinski presented information on Student Support Services from a secondary perspective, Steve Wiebe spoke about the trades and alternate programs and that Dennis Lacroix is the recipient of a MACAI Award.

- h) French Immersion Advisory
- i) District Student Advisory
- j) Round Table with Partner Groups

Youth Engagement was discussed.

#### H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

#### I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

# **BC School Trustees Association**

Trustee Clarkson reported on a Provincial Advisory Committee on Assessment meeting.

Trustee Clarkson reported on an upcoming meeting with the Ministry of Education, the BC School Trustees' Association and Boards.

# **District Parent Advisory Council**

It was reported that Kim Dumore is the new Chair of the District Parent Advisory Council and that the Strategic Facilities Review was discussed.

# **Good News**

Trustees reported on the graduation ceremonies, grade 7 camp and the Environmental School drumming ceremony at Alco Park.

#### J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was posed regarding budget cuts.

# **K. OTHER BUSINESS**

# L. ADJOURNMENT

# Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

# CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer