
IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board 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
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 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

- Darrel Ganzert, Chair, School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)
- Moyra Baxter, Chair, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)
- Christopher Richardson, Chair, School District No. 39 (Vancouver)
- Mike Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)

Trustee Clarkson requested that the correspondence from Mike Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) be moved from Correspondence to Information Item, Chairperson.

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

Addition:

Correspondence from Translink be added to Decision Item, Chairperson.

Amendment:

Correspondence from Mike Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) be moved from Correspondence to Information Item, Chairperson.

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 25, 2015 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the February 25, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Flex time at Westview Secondary School – Patricia Giesinger

Moved/Seconded

Patricia Giesinger presented information on "Flex Time" at Westview Secondary School, explaining that "Flex Time" is instructional time built into a students timetable. Benefits of "Flex Time", how it works and the impact on students were explained. Zikora Dozie, a grade 9 student at Westview Secondary School, spoke of his experience of having "Flex Time" in his timetable.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by Patricia Giesinger, Principal, Westview Secondary School, on "Flex Time", for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

1. Montessori Program – Leanne Koehn, President, Montessori Society

Moved/Seconded

Leanne Koehn, President of the Montessori Society, presented information on the Montessori Program at Hammond Elementary explaining benefits of the program, what the program offers and presented ideas on how to move forward with expanding the program.

THAT the Board receive the presentation by Leanne Koehn, President, Montessori Society on the Montessori Program, for information.

CARRIED

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
 - a) TransLink Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

The Board Chair reported that as part of the 2014/15 Preliminary Operating Budget the Board committed to review transportation services before the transportation services contract is renewed in 2015.

The Board Chair reported that correspondence from TransLink had been received regarding the school districts consideration of discontinuing regular school bus services in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

THAT the Board forward the correspondence received from TransLink to the Mayor and Council of Maple Ridge and the Mayor and Council of Pitt Meadows.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) 2015/16 District School Calendars

Moved/Seconded

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the proposed draft 2015/16 District School Calendar, the proposed draft 2015/16 Distributed Learning School Calendar and the proposed draft 2015/16 Kanaka Creek School Calendar had been shared with the public for feedback and had been prepared in accordance with the School Calendar Regulation.

The Deputy Superintendent reported that the proposed draft calendars met the required minutes of instruction as outlined in the School Calendar Regulation and resulted in 179 days in session including a two-week spring break combined with Easter and running from Monday, March 14, 2016 to Monday March 28, 2016.

Feedback had been received on the proposed draft calendars and were now being presented to the Board for approval

THAT the Board approve the attached District School Calendar, Kanaka Creek School Calendar, and the District Distributed Learning Calendar for 2015-2016.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Capital Project Bylaw 126838 2015/16 Carbon Neutral Capital Program

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Ministry of Education had announced the 2015/16 Carbon Neutral Capital Program funding and that for 2015/16 School District No. 42 would receive \$461,330 in Carbon Neutral Capital Program funding. The funding had been allocated to the school district to assist in completing the Thomas Haney Secondary School retrofit project. In order to maximize the BC Hydro incentive the school district had bundled the Thomas Haney Secondary School retrofit project with the Webster's Corners lighting upgrade. The Secretary Treasurer reported that in order to access this funding, a capital bylaw was required.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Capital Project Bylaw No. 126838 – 2015/16 Carbon Neutral Capital Program be given three (3) readings at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous)

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126838 – 2015/16 Carbon Neutral Capital Program be:

CARRIED

Read a first time on the 25th day of March, 2015;

Read a second time on the 25th day of March, 2015;

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 25th day of March, 2015.

CARRIED

b) Energy Management Plan

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that on October 29, 2014 the Board of Education had directed the Secretary Treasurer to prepare a comprehensive Energy Management Plan as part of the Strategic Facilities Plan. The Secretary Treasurer explained that pending Board approval of the Energy Management Plan, a request would be submitted to the Ministry of Education for the use of local capital funds to fund the Energy Management Plan.

The Manager of Environmental Sustainability presented a high level overview of the Energy Management Plan explaining the objectives and background, energy baseline performance, operational opportunities, BC hydro energy management assessment, utilities conservation projects and a financial summary.

THAT the Board approve the Energy Management Plan as outlined in the attached document and authorize the Secretary Treasurer to create and implement a detailed implementation plan for the lighting and heating, ventilation and air-conditioning upgrade opportunities identified in the plan;

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Board authorize the Board Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting permission to use \$1.40 million from the Ministry of Education restricted capital reserve to partially fund the Energy Management Plan;

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Board approve the use of up to \$900,000 from the local capital fund and \$1.40 million from the Annual Facilities Grant for utility conservation projects outlined in the Energy Management Plan.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

- a) Finance
- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Strategic Facilities Plan
- e) Round Table with Partner Groups
- f) Education Committee

- i) Board Authorized Approved Courses: Community Service Learning 12 and Fitness and Conditioning 12

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent and the Director of Instruction reported that the Education Committee had met, reviewed, approved and recommended implementation of Community Service Learning 12 and Fitness and Conditioning 12.

That the Board approve the following Board Authorized Approved Courses:

Community Service Learning 12
Fitness and Conditioning 12

CARRIED

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

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

Trustee Clarkson reviewed the correspondence that was sent to the Minister of Education Re: 2015/16 Budget.

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) IT Budget Review – Quarterly Review Report

Moved/Seconded

The Director of Instruction and the Manager of Information Technology presented the IT Budget Review – Quarterly Review Report and provided updates on major project milestones, technology hardware and infrastructure expenditures.

Discussion ensued on the next generation network, network upgrades, and the cost of replacing network switches.

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 provided a verbal update on anti-bullying and social and emotional learning.

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

4. 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

BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council

Trustee Clarkson reported that at the recent Fraser Valley Branch meeting there was discussion of the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported on event planning.

Social Planning Advisory

Trustee Carreras reported that at the recent meeting there was a community network presentation, and discussion on resolutions, disability payments to single parents and social emotional learning.

Good News

Trustee Beare reported on the French public speaking competition at Eric Langton Elementary.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer