
IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson – Mike Murray
Trustee – Susan Carr
Trustee – Korleen Carreras
Trustee – Ken Clarkson
Trustee – Eleanor Palis
Trustee – Dave Rempel

STAFF:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Senior Manager, Communications – Irena Pochop
Executive Coordinator – 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

- R. Fleming, Minister of Education
- BC School Trustees Association
- Canadian School Boards Association
- R. Del Negro, CEO, BC Public School Employers Association
- S. MacDonald, Deputy Minister of Education

THAT the Board receive the correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 21, 2018

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the February 21, 2018 Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. South Albion Elementary School

Moved/Seconded

Justin Dyck and Ryan Huston from CHP Architects presented on their progress on the South Albion elementary school facility, sharing both the process timeline and the current renderings of the school.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the South Albion Elementary School by CHP Architects, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 District School Calendars

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that the proposed 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, District School Calendars had been shared with the public for feedback, are in alignment with the MRTA union and CUPE union collective agreements and had been prepared in accordance with the School Calendar Regulation meeting the required number of instructional minutes.

The Superintendent further reported that on February 16, 2018 a notice was posted on the school district website and issued to parents and school district staff advising them that the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 district school calendars were revised due to changes mandated at the provincial level with respect to the timing of the Family Day statutory holiday and the addition of a non-instructional day for 2018-2019 supporting curriculum implementation. Feedback had been received on the proposed 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 the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

- a) Regular Student Transportation

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer provided an update on the 2017/18 regular student transportation services reviewing the number of buses contracted, utilization rate achieved, the number of fee waivers granted, and the amount of fees collected from ineligible riders.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the continuation of regular student transportation services in 2018/19 is being proposed with the same parameters: walk limits remain unchanged, a fee of \$315 per child per year will be required for ineligible students and non-resident students and a hardship policy will continue to be offered for families with combined gross household income at or below the low income thresholds established by Statistics Canada. The Secretary Treasurer further reported that an RFP process is currently underway for busing services and that costs may need to be adjusted based on the outcome of this process.

THAT the Board approve adding the proposed Regular Student Transportation services to the 2018/19 Preliminary Budget subject to sufficient funding being available to retain current budget allocations.

CARRIED

b) Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2017/18

Moved/Seconded

- 1) THAT the Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2017/18 of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) be given three (3) readings at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

- 2) THAT the Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2017/18 of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) be:

Read a first time on the 7th Day of March, 2018;

Read a second time on the 7th Day of March, 2018;

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 7th Day of March, 2018.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

- 3) THAT the Board rescind Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 1-2013/14 of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows)

CARRIED

Trustee Carr exited the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

c) South Albion Park Dedication Bylaw 2018

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the site of the new South Albion Elementary School located on 104th Avenue includes a riparian area that the Board is not permitted to develop. The bylaw being recommended for approval is to permit the development of 1.521 acres as a park.

Moved/Seconded

- (1) THAT the South Albion Park Dedication Bylaw 2018 be given three (3) readings at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

(2) THAT the South Albion Park Dedication Bylaw 2018 be:

Read a first time on the 7th day of March, 2018;

Read a second time on the 7th day of March, 2018;

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 7th day of March, 2018.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education
- g) Roundtable with Partners

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

- a) Operational Plans

Moved/Seconded

The Operational Plans for the Board of Education for 2014-2018 and for Education, Human Resources, Business Division, and Information Technology outlining the goals and strategies of each division for 2017-2020 were presented.

THAT the Board receive the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District Operational Plans for information.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Superintendents Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported on school and district activities.

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

4. Board Committees & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education

- f) Inclusive Education
- g) French Immersion
- h) Aboriginal Education

Trustee Carr and Trustee Carreras provided an update on the recent meeting. Transition from high school and graduation rates were discussed.

- i) Round Table with Partner Groups

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Rempel reported on upcoming events.

Good News Items

Trustee Carreras reported on her attendance at the Kindness Counts assembly at Maple Ridge Elementary, Trustee Carr reported that the City of Maple Ridge Youth Strategy is now completed and moving forward to the next stage, and Trustee Murray attended the YPA presentations at Garibaldi Secondary School.

L. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was posed on the positive communication between senior district staff and school administrators.

M. OTHER BUSINESS

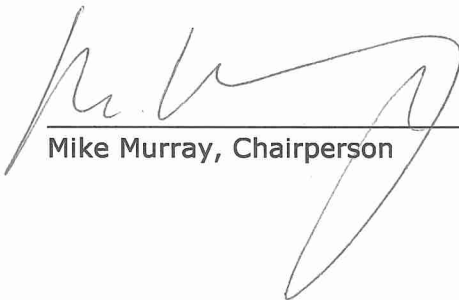
N. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Mike Murray, Chairperson

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer