

Wednesday, May 27, 2015  
Time: 6:00 p.m.

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"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow." Anthony J. D'Angelo

## **A G E N D A**

### **A. OPENING PROCEDURES**

ITEM 1

1. Call to Order
2. Correspondence
  - Amber Byklum, Chair, School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain)
  - School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes)
  - Alan Chell, Chair, School District No. 19 (Revekstoke)
  - Tony Goulet, Chair, School District No. 28 (Quesnel)
  - Ron Burton, Chair, School District No. 41 (Burnaby)
  - Betty Baxter, Chair, School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)
  - Kim Goetzinger, Chair, School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii)
  - Marieze Tar, Chair, School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)
  - Gordon Corneau, Chair, School District No. 58 (Nicola-Simikameen)
  - Wendy Hobbs, Chair, School District No. 62 (Sooke)
  - Linda Val Alphen, Chair, School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)
  - Carmen Ranta, Chair, School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)
  - Linda Dolen, Chair, School District No. 81 (Fort Nelson)
  - Steve Davis, Chair, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)
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. May 13, 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. SETA Program Update 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.*

### **E. DEFERRED ITEMS**

### **F. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
  - a) 2015/16 Board of Education Regular Public Board Meetings ITEM 4
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

5. Board Committees

a) Finance

i. Financial Statements Quarter Ended March 31, 2015 ITEM 5

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) Superintendent's Update ITEM 6

3. Secretary Treasurer

4. Board Committees & Advisory Committee Reports

a) Finance

b) Budget

c) Board Policy Development

d) Strategic Facilities Plan

e) Education

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 7

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson  
Mike Murray

Re: **OPENING PROCEDURES**

Date: May 27, 2015  
(Public Board Meeting)

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**Information/Decision**

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1. *CALL TO ORDER*

2. *CORRESPONDENCE (Information Item)*

- Amber Byklum, Chair, School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain)
- School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes)
- Alan Chell, Chair, School District No. 19 (Revekstoke)
- Tony Goulet, Chair, School District No. 28 (Quesnel)
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- Steve Davis, Chair, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)

**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.*

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May 13, 2015

The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC  
V8V 9E2

Dear Minister Fassbender:

RE: Bill 11 – Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015

The Board of Education of School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) wishes to add its voice to the many concerns being raised about the impending passage of Bill 11 in the BC Legislature.

You received a letter from the President of the BCSTA on April 20, which outlined the motions passed at the recent AGM. These motions reflect broad concerns among member Boards that Bill 11 erodes local autonomy and that there has been no process articulated for Boards to recommend amendments prior to its final passage. Our Board stands firmly behind these motions.

Additionally, we had considerable discussion about the lack of prior consultation with Boards concerning Bill 11. This matter of process has had a dramatic, negative impact on the important relationship that must exist between the Ministry and Boards of Education. We have a shared responsibility for the system we co-govern, and we owe it to our students and staff to maintain a high functioning, positive relationship, an important feature of any quality education system.

We respectfully request that the passage of Bill 11 be delayed, and that meaningful consultation with Boards of Education commence immediately. We understand that Government has objectives and timelines, however the failure to address this matter now will have long term consequences.

Please consider this request.

Sincerely,

Amber Byklum, Board Chairperson

Copies: Trustees, Board of Education, SD6  
Dave Byng, Deputy Minister  
Norm MacDonald, MLA  
BCSTA Member Boards



Pattie Adam  
*Board Chair*

May 12, 2015

Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Ministry of Education  
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Honourable Minister,

School District 10 Board of Education and Arrow Lakes Teachers Association wish to express our concerns with regard to the potential impact of Bill 11-2015.

In our district, it is our practice to hold in-depth discussion and consultation regarding change that may happen to public education. This results in our partners being involved in meaningful ways as we grapple with difficult issues. We hope for the same practice from the BC Provincial Government.

For over a century in the province of BC, public schools have been the responsibility of locally elected school trustees. We take that responsibility very seriously and have governed well. Bill 11's proposal to power away to provincial government, concerns all involved: the parents, staff and communities in which we all work and live, as well as those we directly serve: our children, and their futures.

We want you to know that for us, shared services is already a well-entrenched practice. Due to the many challenges that our board faces in our remote and very large geographical area with long term declining enrolment, over the years we have creatively found numerous ways to share services. Over the past number of years, this board has made significant efficiencies through the closing and reconfiguration of schools, the sale of buildings, staffing changes, administrative and program cuts. Through all these hard choices, we have always made student success foremost in all our decision-making processes. What we expect is the same thoughtful and prudent conversations with us, as we give our partners in education.

A further concern in Bill 11's mandate, is its direct contradiction with the spirit and intent of the MOU recently signed by BCSTA and BC Government. The process of instituting Bill 11 – without consultation or consideration of our dual roles to co-govern public education - leaves the MOU a hollow document in we have diminished belief or faith. The BC Government fails to follow the agreed upon protocols.

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Pattie Adam  
*Board Chair*

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Bill 11-2015

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In addition, our local teacher union (ALTA) has serious concerns regarding the erosion of their professional development as well as the student data collection and privacy issues inherent in Bill 11.

What we all would like to see is clear inclusion of our voices. Let trustees do the valuable local government work they do so well. Help BC become a leader in public education.

Please reconsider Bill- 11-2015 and its implications before it fundamentally erodes and destroys the public education system in BC.

Yours Truly,

Pattie Adam  
Board Chair  
SD10, Arrow Lakes

Ric Bardati  
Union President  
Arrow Lakes Teachers Association

c: Terry Taylor, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer  
Alice McKee, President (CUPE Local 2450)  
DPAC, SD10  
All Boards of Education  
SD10 Trustees  
Katrine Conroy, MLA  
Local Media

May 7<sup>th</sup>. 2015



**School District 19**  
(Revelstoke)

The Honourable Michael de Jong  
Minister of Finance  
PO Box 9048, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

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

Dear Minister de Jong and Minister Fassbender:

RE: Management/Exempt Staff Compensation Freeze

At the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting of the Revelstoke Board of Education, the Board expressed its concern regarding the current Management/Exempt Staff Compensation Freeze.

The Revelstoke Board of Education is committed to fair compensation for all of the District's employees. We note that our Management and Exempt staff play an important role in providing the high quality of learning experiences our students in Revelstoke enjoy.

The Revelstoke Board of Education respectfully requests that the Management/Exempt Staff Compensation Freeze be lifted and any and all compensation increases be fully funded to ensure the protection of services and programs to students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Chell'.

Alan Chell, Chairperson  
Revelstoke Board of Education

cc: Board Correspondence File  
BC School Boards (through BCSTA)  
Norm Macdonald, MLA



May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
PO Box 9405, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2



**School District 19**  
(Revelstoke)

Dear Minister Fassbender:

At the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting of the Revelstoke Board of Education, Trustees reviewed the concerns raised by the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) with respect to Bill 11. The Revelstoke Board of Education fully supports the motions made with respect to Bill 11 at the BCSTA Annual General Meeting.

Revelstoke Board of Education Trustees specifically discussed concerns related to the consultation process going forward as regulations are developed around the implementation of Bill 11. Our Board believes consultation is critical to ensure that regulations are respectful of the individual differences and needs within each district.

Our School District, working closely with the Ministry of Education has built a school system of which we are extremely proud. It will be important that we work together on all aspects of the Bill to ensure practices that are effective and contributing to our success are sustained.

One such example is the work of our Professional Development Committee. Our Board is very supportive of the work done by our Revelstoke Teachers' Association with respect to professional development planning. We look forward to the opportunity to ensure that regulations developed in this particular area do not interfere with our current successful implementation model.

We believe the co-governance agreement provides the processes that will ensure our systems continue to provide outstanding public education in Revelstoke and in the province. We trust that your government will honour the agreement and engage in consultation regarding Bill 11 as requested by the BCSTA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Chell', is written above the printed name.

Alan Chell, Chairperson  
Revelstoke Board of Education

cc: Board Correspondence File  
BC School Boards (through BCSTA)  
Norm Macdonald, MLA



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## Board of Education

May 11, 2015

The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
PO Box 9045 STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fassbender:

### **Re: Non-funded Needs of School District No. 28 (Quesnel)**

The Quesnel Board of Education has worked diligently to achieve a balanced budget while trying to maintain a strong and vibrant education program for the students in the Quesnel School District.

We believe we are resilient, efficient, practical and creative which has allowed us to continue to provide a high level of support for students with special needs, to offer a full range of courses and to ensure that important programs are maintained. We need relief from the continued reduction of funds to areas beyond the classroom.

Year after year we have made cuts to the administrative portion of our operating budget. These cuts were the result of increased cost pressures and unfunded Ministry initiatives and labour settlements. This funding shortfall has resulted in the reduction of non-classroom staffing and services that impact students and the efficient operation of our schools.

The following are areas that require financial support:

#### **Reinstate Non-classroom Staffing (positions reduced 2010-2015)**

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|--|------------------|
| Non-enrolling teacher – 1.0 FTE to support Numeracy K-12 | \$ 93,000        |
| Non-enrolling teacher – 1.0 FTE to support Literacy 3-7  | 93,000           |
| Non-enrolling Teacher Counsellor – 1.0 FTE               | 93,000           |
| Speech-Language Pathologist – 1.0 FTE                    | 93,000           |
| Clerical Positions 2.5 FTE                               | 127,000          |
| Carpenter Position 1.0 FTE                               | <u>73,000</u>    |
| <b>Total:</b>  | <b>\$572,000</b> |

#### **Learning Community Support**

- Release time and to support the Trades initiatives begun in the 2014-15 school year
- Release time to support collaborative planning for school wide initiatives (for example, self-regulation)
- Release time to support education transformation – planning time to implement new curriculum, develop assessment and reporting tools, and meet as professional learning communities to enhance instruction.

A nominal amount of funding would allow us to support these initiatives.

**Total:** **\$ 60,000**



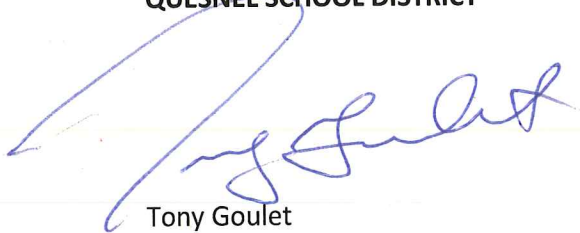
**Unfunded Cost Increases**

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Salary increase for CUPE contract | \$276,000        |
| Pensions                          | 168,600          |
| MSP Premiums                      | 77,000           |
| Utilities                         | 87,000           |
| Fuel Costs                        | <u>37,000</u>    |
| <b>Total:</b>                     | <b>\$645,600</b> |

Over the past five years the district has reduced the operating budget by \$2,433,000. This amount includes Teacher reductions due to enrolment decline. The District needs **\$1,277,600** to maintain a quality educational program in safe and healthy schools.

Yours sincerely,

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
QUESNEL SCHOOL DISTRICT**



Tony Goulet  
Chairperson

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- c: Trustees, Board of Education of School District No. 28 (Quesnel)
  - The Honourable Coralee Oakes, MLA for Cariboo North
  - Mr. Rob Fleming, MLA - NDP Education Critic
  - Ms. Sue-Ellen Miller, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
  - Mr. Brian Cullinane, QPVPA Co-Chairperson
  - Ms. Angelina Gauthier, QPVPA Co-Chairperson
  - Ms. Lisa Kishkan, QDTA President
  - Ms. Denice Bardua, President – CUPE Local 4990
  - Ms. Maria Dawson, DPAC President
  - BCSTA – for all other School Boards
  - Local Media



May 8, 2015

The Honourable Christy Clark  
Premier of British Columbia  
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

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

Dear Madam Premier and Minister Fassbender:

**Bill 11**

The Board of Education of School District No. 41 (Burnaby) wishes to express our strong opposition to Bill 11 – *The Education Statutes Amendment Act* and to any legislation that would reduce the autonomy of local, democratically elected school boards to make decisions that are in the best interests of their communities and students.

It is our view that Bill 11 has been written as a direct challenge to the autonomy and authority of democratically elected school boards, giving the Minister of Education unprecedented influence over school districts as a whole.

Further, we wish to express our dismay that Bill 11 was announced without any consultation with the BCSTA or local boards of education, directly contravening the language in the Memorandum of Understanding signed in December, 2014. While we recognize the Minister's letter of April 22 indicated that the "Ministry of Education is committed to working closely with trustees and other partner groups as we develop the regulations and strategies to implement these important objectives across the public education system", the lack of collaboration on Bill 11 thus far undermines this approach.

The Honourable Christy Clark  
The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
May 8, 2015  
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BCSTA President Teresa Rezansoff's letter to the Minister dated April 20 noted that as an association we would like the withdrawal of the sections of Bill 11 that "override the authority of democratically elected Boards of Education". The Minister's letter of April 22 indicates that, "it is the intent of government to move the Bill through the legislature to its conclusion." We are disappointed that your intention is to push this Bill through without thorough consultation or regard for boards of education.

We strongly urge you to reconsider this legislation.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Burton".

Ron Burton,  
Chair, Burnaby Board of Education

Copy: Raj Chouhan, MLA Burnaby-Edmonds  
Kathy Corrigan, MLA Burnaby-Deer Lake  
Richard Lee, MLA Burnaby-North  
Jane Shin, MLA Burnaby-Lougheed  
BCSTA Member Boards

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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May 8, 2015

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

Dear Minister Fassbender:

**Re: Support for Student Mental Health**

The Board of Education of School District No. 46(Sunshine Coast) has raised concerns regarding comprehensive support for student mental health via BCSTA and recognized that many districts are struggling to address this issue. We want to highlight some of the needs and urge you to increase funding for dedicated programs to help students who are struggling.

In a small district like ours, we must depend on an integrated support system in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Children and Families. But the needs of the partnership cannot be met without dedicated funding. Parents inform us that it can take 6 to 8 months to even get referrals to the appropriate professionals and many more months for intervention and support. Sometimes a family is referred from one agency to another and then back to the school district without any success.

Our community and our district is very focused on Social Emotional Learning and have made strides in helping students learn coping skills, particularly at Grade 7 and 8 levels. We truly need a dedicated fund to enable local school districts to provide more prevention programs and enable students to cope with anxiety and stress for all students, especially at secondary levels. We are asking that you consider enhanced support at the local level to address the increasing needs.

We also would ask for greater cooperation between your ministry and others that provide mental health services. Public awareness is growing through initiatives like Mental Health Week but the services available to help students and families in small communities is not adequate.

Thanks you for your consideration and we welcome the opportunity for further discussion on student mental health at any time.

Sincerely,

Betty Baxter  
Chair, Board of Education



p.c. Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast)  
Patrick Bocking, Superintendent of Schools  
Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer  
Louise Herle, SCTA President  
Carolyn Smith, CUPE Local 801 President  
Nicholas Simons, MLA, Powell River-Sunshine Coast  
Rob Fleming, MLA and Opposition Spokesperson for Education  
All Boards of Education, via BCSTA



**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50  
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May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8V 9E2

Re: Bill 11

Dear Minister Fassbender,

The Board of Education of School District 50 (Haida Gwaii) would like to express its concern with regards to several sections of Bill 11-2015: The Education Statutes Amendment Act. While there are interesting sections of Bill 11 with some merit, we are concerned about the broad implications of sections that erode the authority of locally elected Boards of Education. As co-governors of the education system, we are curious to know when we were to be consulted about these changes, or even the general intentions of Bill 11.

We hope our government will respect its colleagues on Boards across the province that are charged with ensuring a quality public education. We ask your support in not adopting this Bill as written. Your support and respect for democratically elected Boards of Education will help ensure our lasting partnership for the benefit of our students, employees, and the public as a whole. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kim Goetzinger  
Chair, Board of Education

EC     Board of Education  
       A Wilson, Superintendent  
       S Sansome, Secretary Treasurer



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN)

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May 11, 2015

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

Dear Minister Fassbender:

**Re: Existing Shared Services in School District No. 53 and Concerns re Bill 11**

We wish to express our concern regarding the potential impact of Bill 11 on the co-governance role of trustees. As locally elected school trustees we make decisions based on the best interests of students in our local communities. When elected we were entrusted by our communities to respond to the needs of students based on the unique needs of our communities and we feel deeply accountable to the people we serve. Due to the lack of discussion prior to the introduction of the Bill, the government's intent is not clear and is left up to speculation. This is not conducive to building a strong and healthy relationship between co-governors. We are concerned that the proposed changes in Bill 11 will erode the autonomy of locally elected school boards.

Our district has been pro-active in reviewing areas of our budget for savings and has demonstrated leadership in shared services. We have seen a reduction in our expenses of \$1,021,100 since 2009 through the following reductions:

- Implementation of school staffing formulas to reflect declining enrolment - \$400,000
- Custodial staffing reductions - \$60,000
- Transportation savings through reorganization - \$60,000
- Shared services/reduction in senior administration since 2009:
  - Secretary Treasurer Shared with SD74 - \$75,000
  - Director of Facilities Share with SD74 - \$65,000
  - Assistant Superintendent salary and benefits - \$145,000
- Reduction in administration of accounts payable and payroll - \$95,000
- Other shared services: Telus Government-initiated shared services - \$35,000
- Equitrac – photocopying budget savings \$10,000
- Reduction in contracts with Family Therapy and Drug and Alcohol services - \$ 76,100

We have tried our best to be pro-active and to keep cuts out of the classroom so that we do not impact student learning. Unfortunately some cuts like those in contracts with Family Therapy and Drug and Alcohol Services will impact our students.

The Board of Education of School District No. 53, teachers, support staff, parents and students hope that there will be no further cuts to our education budget as there are no more "extra dollars" that we can cut without impacting the quality of education for our students.

We are very proud of the education system in BC but we would like to make it clear that with continued rising costs and a lack of corresponding funding increases, it will not be long before the quality education system that we are so proud of will be impacted in a negative way.

School District No. 53 Okanagan Similkameen  
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In our view, it is unfortunate the government representatives leave the public with the impression that school districts are not open to shared services. In districts such as ours, this statement could not be further from the truth. Our Board continually reviews how to direct resources to students in the classroom and the Ministry's on-going focus on school district administration, a small portion of our total budget, is not conducive to positive relationships with our parents and communities.

Sincerely,



Marieze Tarr  
Chairperson

- c Trustees, School District No. 53
  - Linda Larsen, MLA Boundary Similkameen
  - B. Young, Superintendent of Schools
  - L. Minnabarriet, Secretary Treasurer
  - PAC Chairs
  - CUPE
  - SOSTU
  - BC School Boards
  - Media



## THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN)

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Stephen McNiven, Superintendent of Schools  
Kevin Black, C.G.A., Secretary Treasurer

P.O. Box 4100, 1550 Chapman Street, Merritt, B.C., V1K 1B8, Phone: (250) 378-5161, Fax: (250) 378-6263

May 19, 2015

The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Ministry of Education  
PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fassbender,

At our public meeting on May 13 our Board passed a motion, as co-Governors in the public education system, with regards to your April 22<sup>nd</sup> letter to BCSTA President Teresa Rezansoff. While we agree that ongoing consultation has occurred on some matters identified in Bill 11, like the accountability framework, we are concerned that there was no advance consultation, so that we could understand and interpret government's intentions, in other areas of the legislation which seem to expand the Minister's power to give what appears to be a greater centralization of authority to Victoria at the expense of local communities and locally elected Boards of Education. We have to ask ourselves, in the absence of advance consultation, at the local level, if exercising more control over Boards of Education is the intention of this government and if so why? If this wasn't the intent then what was intended?

Premier Clark was recently asked about publically elected Boards of Education and stated, "... local school boards listen to local communities and reflect those local priorities." This in our minds would indicate that the Premier not only anticipated but expected consultation as part of that healthy relationship knowing full well that bringing locally elected Trustees into the tent creates far better legislation than by leaving them on the outside.

The co-governance Memorandum of Understanding signed to great fanfare last December left us with the impression that you also appreciated and shared the vision that the greatest progress forward in education, so that all students can thrive in an ever changing world, can only be achieved by partners who demonstrate respect for one another and co-develop legislation, regulation and policy in an atmosphere of dialogue rather than debate.

We have difficulty understanding why Minister de Jong was able to freely share in an email to Societies across BC his intent to fully consult on the new Societies Act legislation before its introduction in the Legislative Assembly and in doing so has crafted better legislation with his stakeholders. Or why the Water Sustainability Act was afforded wide public and partner input prior to being tabled in the House and yet the Ministry of Education seems unable or unwilling to consult with School Trustees whom share a joint responsibility for the governance of the public education system.

In our view, government's actions with the adult learner's policy change, the administrative savings requirement without acknowledging the work many Boards have done on this file over the past 10 years, the lack of funding for an appropriate exempt staff salary increase, following increases to all other



staff, leaving BCPSEA in the hands of an administrator despite having the BCSTA taskforce report on Collective Bargaining for well over a year, and now Bill 11 (which does have some good points) do not reflect the respect due to each other as co-Governors of the Public Education System.

In order to reset the dial, so that we can work together, to continue to deliver the best possible outcomes for the students entrusted to our care, we need to rebuild an effective working relationship. To that end we suggest government:

1. Move quickly to work with BCSTA to establish a task force to oversee the development of the regulations and policy that will flow out of Bill 11, as promised, and ask that Royal Assent of Bill 11 be delayed until such time as said regulations and policies have been co-developed and their intent have been fully explained and agreed to by member Boards of BCSTA.
  - a. That Boards of Education should also be consulted on teacher professional development. We believe, as does Premier Clark, that local boards reflect local priorities. To that end we feel Boards of Education should have some control over professional development in consultation with their union local.
2. Consider the positive suggestions on matters related to education finance that were arrived at after careful debate at the BCSTA AGM
  - a. Many of these suggestions mirror the recommendations of the report tabled in November 2014 from the budget consultation of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. On page 19 of the report this all party committee unanimously stated that, "The evidence presented to the Committee indicates that increasing operating, maintenance and capital costs are exceeding current funding allotments." We recommend beginning a dialogue with member boards of the BCSTA to develop a prioritization list with associated timelines to incorporate these dual recommendations into the budgets of member boards of the BCSTA. The all party Committee and School Trustees are in alignment and now is the time, as the economy recovers, to reinvest in public education beyond the funding of negotiated contract allocations.
3. Pursue the removal of the exempt staff salary freeze and obtain the required funding to ensure the key leaders in our public education system are treated fairly and with the respect they deserve within the member Boards of BCSTA.
  - a. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Deputy Minister John Dyble wrote, "excluded management in the core public service will receive a one-time, three per cent wage increase. Although this does not catch up the wage increases of excluded managers to those provided to bargaining unit employees, this increase is applied in recognition of the past five years of no increases." We believe our employees, at the very least, are worthy of the same recognition.

4. Establish an interim Board made up of Trustees from member BCSTA Boards, who were re-elected this past fall to take the helm of BCSPEA together with your appointed board members until such time as the larger issue of public sector bargaining has been resolved by PSEC.
  - a. The stated public rational for the BCPSEA Boards removal was solely so that the provincial government could take direct control on bargaining the Master Agreement with the British Columbia Teacher's Federation. That agreement has been concluded. Further, with the introduction of some shared services, about to possibly be managed through BCPSEA, with public education dollars, paid out of local Boards of Education budgets, it would be in the public interest to return that governance, even on an interim basis, to publically elected school trustees.

Respectfully,

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Gordon Comeau  
Board Chair

GC/sc

pc: Premier Christy Clark  
Jackie Tegart, MLA Fraser-Nicola  
Hon. Michael de Jong, Minister of Finance  
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May 19, 2015

The Honourable Christy Clark  
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The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
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The Honourable Michael de Jong  
Minister of Finance  
PO Box 9417 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9V1

Dear Premier Clark, Ministers Fassbender and De Jong:

At a recent meeting, the Board of Education agreed to develop and submit to the Ministry, a Needs Budget as a reflection of the estimated resources required to restore funding to a sufficient level. This exercise was conducted to estimate how much additional funding is required per student FTE in order to recover the funding amount to previous levels and to address the need to fund exempt salary changes once the current salary freeze is lifted.

The District has removed approximately \$4.400 million from its operating budget over the last two school years. These reductions have eroded the operating budget in services, supplies and also have negatively impacted staffing levels across all of our employee groups.

In addition to these previous reductions, the District has also identified the need to be fully funded for any salary adjustment to our exempt staff compensation that is determined.

The estimated shortfall range of \$4.400 million, or \$468 per student FTE, is approximately 4.5% of the District's budget bylaw amount for the 2015/16 school year.

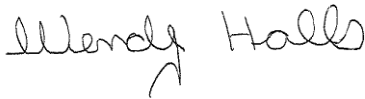
Although the per-student FTE amount is relatively minimal, the financial pressures facing the District are quite significant.

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This information is provided to illustrate the fiscal pressures facing the District as a result of cost increases in a variety of areas that have not been centrally funded by Government, and to again request that salary and benefit increases for all of our employee groups are fully funded.

The Board of Education supports the Government's objective of balancing the budget; however, we would like to bring to your attention the profound impacts these resulting budget decisions have on the education sector in the Sooke School District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Hobbs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wendy Hobbs, Chair  
Board of Education

cc: John Horgan, MLA  
Maurine Karagianis, MLA  
BCSTA

Trustees: Ravi Parmar, Bob Phillips, Neil Poirier, Denise Riley, Dianna Seaton, Margot Swinburnson



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May 12, 2015

The Honourable Christy Clark  
Premier  
PO Box 9041, Stn Prov Govt  
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**Re: Bill 11, The Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015**

Dear Premier Clark,

At its public meeting of May 11, 2015, the Board of Education of School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) passed a motion to contact you expressing our concerns regarding Bill 11, *The Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015*. It is clear that there are strongly opposing elements within Bill 11, elements with which we agree and those with which we do not. We are alarmed that this bill erodes the autonomy and authority of locally and democratically elected school boards, giving the Minister of Education an unprecedented influence over them. The following sections of the bill give us our greatest concern:

- The section giving broadened authority to issue administrative directives;
- The section giving the ability to amend the special advisor provisions;
- The section giving the Minister of Education the ability to designate (make mandatory) shared service providers; and
- The section giving the management of schools and property becoming subject "by order" of the Ministry.

The Board of Education of School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) also supports the motions passed at the 2015 BCSTA Annual General Meeting with regard to Bill 11 and subsequent letter of April 20, 2015 from the BCSTA as stated:

- *That BCSTA demand the Government of BC immediately withdraw the sections of Bill 11 that override the authority of democratically elected Boards of Education. Specifically where Bill 11 adds new provisions which broaden the Minister's authority to issue administrative directives, where Bill 11 would amend the special advisor provision, and where shared service providers are designated by the Minister of Education.*
- *That the BCSTA publically advocate strongly against the erosion of local Board of Education autonomy in Bill 11.*

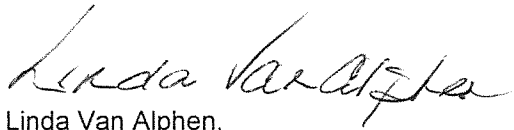


- *That BCSTA demand an immediate review of the intent of Bill 11 legislation and an opportunity to recommend amendments prior to final adoption as well as the formation of a management partners' working group to participate in the development of any subsequent process or resulting regulations.*

Further, we were surprised and dismayed when Bill 11 was announced without any consultation with BCSTA or local Boards of Education, so close on the heels of Minister Fassbender's signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the BCSTA supporting a co-governance model. These actions certainly do not demonstrate good faith to the co-governance model and the MoU.

Premier Clark, we strongly and respectfully request that these sections of Bill 11 be withdrawn or that Bill 11 be withdrawn in its entirety to be reworked in consultation with BCSTA and/or local Boards of Education.

Respectfully,



Linda Van Alphen,  
Chair

/BJR

c: Hon. Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education  
BCSTA (All Boards)  
Dave Byng, Deputy Minister of Education  
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May 13, 2015

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The Honourable Michael De Jong  
Minister of Finance and Government House Leader  
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Ms. Christina Zacharuk  
Interim CEO, Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat  
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**Re: Exempt Staff Compensation Freeze**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of Education by board motion at its May 11, 2015 meeting has chosen again to write to you with regard to the Exempt Staff Compensation freeze within the education sector of the government. We have heard many times that our exempt staff must be patient and wait until all other public sector groups have been satisfied. We and our staffs have waited while direct government staff received increases, health sector staff received increases, our own sector's support staff received increases and teachers have received two increases in the time while we have waited. In the 2015 Throne speech, we heard how important education is to our province; we heard the good news that *"Since 2001, the number of aboriginal students graduating from our schools has increased by 103 per cent. The number of students with special needs graduating is up by 166 per cent. But the world does not stand still. This year, the Ministry of Education is bringing some of the best thinking on learning from around the world to B.C. students, teachers and parents, to make sure our students are ready for the world they will inherit."* We would ask you, who in the education system takes these ideas and guides them into each school and makes them a part of the school culture, thus leading us to successful students and education? It is not teachers alone. Exempt staff, directors of instruction, district principals, principals and vice principals are the pillars that build this success.

As well, we as trustees and the exempt staff employees affected by this freeze are also your taxpayers and constituents. In June 2014, the Taxpayer Accountability Principles were introduced; it was again referenced in the throne speech in February 2015 as follows: *"The One Taxpayer" concept: The new taxpayer accountability principles will be enshrined into the operation of provincial public sector organizations: cost-consciousness (efficiency), accountability, appropriate compensation, service, respect, and integrity."* We are now almost a full year later and we are asking, when will you allow us, as publicly elected Boards of Education, the ability to compensate our exempt staff appropriately?

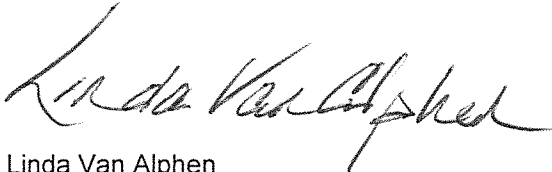
It is also very difficult to sit back and view the Minister of Finance 2015 budget speech that states, "*Our investment in public schools instruction will fund the recently negotiated collective agreements with teachers and support staff, which remain in effect until June 2019, in addition to a 33% increase to the Learning Improvement Fund.*", while then having to make very difficult budget cuts at the local Board of Education level to find \$29 million of administrative savings. So we ask, was the negotiated settlement of the teacher and support staff collective agreements truly fully funded? Our board, over time, has reduced our excluded, exempt and administrative staff and implemented much efficiency and is disheartened when this type of pro-active foresight is not recognized by the Ministry. Our exempt staff has waited long enough, they have been patient, and they have endured comments such as "low hanging fruit" that should come from administrative savings that most assuredly was directed at this group of employees.

Furthermore, it is a well-known fact that long-term compensation freezes eventually cause severe compression issues within sectors and that the effects of a freeze compound those issues. This issue was addressed in the October 2014 – Ernst and Young report as part of the BC Public Sector compensation review. So, no matter when the freeze comes off exempt staff employees should receive increases identical to teachers' increases, since 2009, for the very simplistic reasoning, that in doing so it will alleviate the compression issue. To the public, it will seem like a large increase, but over the course of six years, had it been addressed, it will be minimal...very close to simple cost of living increases. The government is projecting an \$879 million surplus, so we ask, how can the government NOT fully fund salary and benefit increases to the education sector, including exempt staff?

We have been patient; our employees have been patient. They have worked hard and endlessly to maintain a high quality of education and successful learning environment through many years of labour dispute. Our staff deserves acknowledgement; at this time, there are only feelings of disrespect, unappreciated and degraded.

And so we respectfully ask, when will the freeze be lifted? Will it be fully funded? Will you allow Boards to compensate their exempt employees fairly?

Respectfully,



Linda Van Alphen  
Chair

/bjr

c: BCSTA (All Boards)  
Dave Byng, Deputy Minister of Education  
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May 14, 2015

The Honourable Michael de Jong, Q.C.  
Minister of Finance  
PO Box 9048 Stn Prov Govt  
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Dear Minister,

## **Re: Excluded and Exempt Staff Management Freeze**

The Board of Education met recently to discuss the government's imposed compensation freeze for excluded and exempt staff. While the Board understands the compensation freeze applies to all management in the broader public sector, the Board believes that the public school sector is unique.

Some excluded staff in Gold Trail have not received an increase in their compensation package since 2008. Since that time, however, members of the Gold Trail Teachers' Association (GTTA) received a 7.975% increase and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) members received a 3.5%. With the recently bargained collective agreements, teachers will see a further 4% increase in the next four years and support staff will see a further 5.5% increase in the next four years.

This reality has created a number of challenges for the Board of Education to consider:

- Fair compensation should reflect appropriate compensation relationships between positions in the organization. In the K-12 sector, salary differentials between exempt staff positions have typically been narrower than research indicates is the case in other public and private sector organizations.
- Compression, pay differentials too small to be considered equitable. For example, the pay of the supervisors and those they supervise as well as the pay of experienced and newly hired personnel of the same job.

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To: The Honourable Michael de Jong, Minister of Finance

From: Carmen Ranta, Co-Chair Board of Education

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- Recruiting qualified and suitable candidates, the origin of the applicants is changing. Districts are not receiving the number of internal candidate applications which they did previously; further, there is little movement of BC-based superintendents from one BC district to another. As school districts across Canada compete for an ever-shrinking pool of available and qualified individuals, BC school districts will need to consider their attractiveness as employers in all aspects of the Employment Value Proposition and Total Rewards Model, including compensation.

The Board requests that the compensation freeze be lifted enabling Boards to provide a wage balance to the people we rely on to lead public education.

Sincerely

BOARD OF EDUCATION



CARMEN RANTA

Co-Chair

Cc: The Honourable Peter Fassbender, MLA, Minister of Education  
Jackie Tegart, MLA Fraser-Nicola  
Renzo Del Negro, BCPSEA Interim CEO  
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May 14, 2015

The Honourable Peter Fassbender, MLA  
Minister of Education  
PO Box 9045  
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fassbender,

The Gold Trail Board of Education met recently to discuss Bill 11-2015: *The Education Statutes Amendment Act* and expressed its concern regarding the lack of consultation with Boards as outlined in the Co-Governance Relationship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The process is not only flawed but disrespectful to the role and work of Boards of Education in the province of BC. The Board urges you to not proceed with Bill 11 in its current form but to consult with Boards of Education to ensure and support a collaborative process that confirms the work that trustees do to support public education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



CARMEN RANTA  
Co-Chair

cc: BCSTA Boards of Education

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Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
Box 9045 Stn. Provincial Government  
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Attention Minister of Education

Dear Minister Fassbender:

Re: K-12 Innovation Forum, taking place in Fort St. John on Friday, May 15, 2015

Thank you for the invite to this session. We, the Board of Education of School District 81 believe it is important that we hear about and discuss the education transformation agenda. We would like to thank your ministry for generously offering to pay for our lunch. However, we are cutting administrative travel not funded by the ministry as administrative cost savings to meet the ministry's imposed administrative cuts. Our estimated travel expenses to attend this meeting, with our contingent, would be in excess of \$7,000.00 with hotel rooms, meals and travel costs. This estimate does not include the cost of staff resource time away from our district, which would be at least three days which includes 8 hours of driving time to attend this 3 hour meeting.

Our board has asked that the Ministry consider alternate methods of attendance in the past, and each time our request has been denied. Our board is extremely disappointed and frustrated with this lack of innovation and foresight. The lack of genuine commitment to collaboration troubles us. It seems ironic that we are being encouraged to be efficient with our finances and to find administrative savings that we would then be asked to expend significant funds to attend a meeting that is 3 hours long.

You tell us that this was meant to be an interactive dialogue event with colleagues and stakeholders in each district. This could be accomplished if the toolkit was available in advance and we had access through the use of technology such as Periscope, Adobe Connect (free for 30 day app) or even using facetime on an iPhone to listen in to the main presenter. Even if the

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technology was challenged, there is still value to be had through the interactive, guided discussion within our district and in listening to the points of view of the districts to the south of us.

Regards,

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT #81 (FORT NELSON)



Linda Dolen  
Chair

c.c. C. Clark, Premier  
T. Rezansoff, President, BCSTA  
P. Pimm, MLA, Peace River North  
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May 7, 2015

The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
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Victoria, BC  
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Dear Minister Fassbender:

### **Re: Graduated Adult Funding**

The Board of Education, School District No.91 (Nechako Lakes), wishes to express our deep concern regarding the government's inadequate provision of financial resources to districts for the 2015/16 school year and likely for the foreseeable future.

Specifically, at the Board of Education meeting on April 20, 2015, the Board discussed the ministry's policy change regarding funding for graduated adult students taking academic upgrading courses. While we strongly support the government's goals for B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint, the removal of the funding to support tuition-free upgrading courses for graduated adult students seems counter those goals.

This policy change will have a large and very negative impact on vulnerable adults, in both our Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities, who need the opportunity afforded by tuition-free academic upgrading in order to improve their employability for jobs as our BC economy grows. Any plan for a seamless transition from secondary school to post-secondary education and into the work force has ended with your policy change for many of these adults.

We respectfully request the reinstatement of tuition-free upgrading for graduated adult students. Short of that, we request that the May 2015 implementation be delayed in order to allow consultation with Boards of Education regarding impacts of change within their districts.

Respectfully,

Steve Davis

Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Education

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cc: All Boards of Education  
John Rustad, MLA



**ITEM 2**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson  
Mike Murray

Re: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Date: May 27, 2015  
(Public Board Meeting)

**Decision**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.**

Attachment



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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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  
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 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**

- School District No. 38 (Richmond)
- Mike Murray, Chair, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
- Tony Cable, School District No. 57 (Prince George)
- May McKenzie, Chair, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
- School District No. 75 (Mission)
- Steve Davis, Chair, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

**CARRIED**

3. Approval of Agenda

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

**CARRIED**

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. April 29, 2015

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the April 29, 2015 Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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**C. PRESENTATIONS****1. Energy Management Program – Thomas Haney Secondary School****Moved/Seconded**

Students from Thomas Haney Secondary School presented information on the Energy Management Program. As Energy Ambassadors they reported on their vision of a sustainable school explaining behavior changes, ideas to improve conservation, a lighting audit and two school events "Black Out Day" and "Unplug Friday".

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the Energy Management Program - Thomas Haney Secondary School, for information.

**CARRIED****2. Educating the Whole Child – Glenwood Elementary****Moved/Seconded**

Staff from Glenwood Elementary presented information on "Educating the Whole Child" explaining Exploration and Centers, Primary Craft Day, K and Grade 1 Learning, Start Smart and Upper Intermediate Teams.

THAT the Board receive the presentation on "Educating the Whole Child" by Glenwood Elementary, for information.

**CARRIED****D. DELEGATIONS****E. DEFERRED ITEMS****F. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

**a) Elementary Summer Learning Program K-7****Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent reported that the Elementary Summer Learning Program would provide a positive learning enrichment experience in a variety of primary and intermediate subject areas, that there would be no cost to registered school district 42 students and that four potential sites had been selected.

The Superintendent reported that the Ministry of Education provides funding at \$206 per student (headcount) for summer programs as long as courses align with the provincial curriculum and have a minimum of 40 hours of instruction.

Clarification was requested on the registration process.

THAT the Board approve the proposed Elementary Summer Learning Program K-& in principle, subject to sufficient enrolment.

**CARRIED**



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### 3. Secretary Treasurer

#### a) 2015/16 Preliminary Budget Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2015/16 Preliminary Budget Bylaw.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Preliminary 2015/16 Budget Bylaw was amended to include an estimated allocation of provincial holdback funding to offset the corresponding Next Generation Network costs announced by the Ministry of Education. The allocation of holdback funds to cover Next Generation Network costs results in lower overall provincial funding available to fund school district operations.

#### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT The Annual Budget Bylaw of the Board for the Fiscal year 2015/16 be given three (3) readings at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous)

**CARRIED**

#### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2015/16 Annual Budget Bylaw be:

Read a first time on the 13th day of May, 2015;

Read a second time on the 13th day of May, 2015;

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 13th day of May, 2015.

**CARRIED**

#### b) Board of Education Public Board Meetings

#### **Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that in order to facilitate attendance at the Strategic Facilities Open House on June 10, 2015 and Westview Secondary School's Graduation Ceremony on June 24, 2015, a change to the start time of both meetings was being proposed.

THAT the Board approves the change in start time from 6 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the June 10, 2015 and June 24, 2015 Public Board Meetings.

**CARRIED**

### 4. Board Committees

#### a) Finance

#### b) Budget

##### i. Rental Rates for Filming

#### **Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the City of Maple Ridge offers a film liaison service that provides film production companies a "one-stop shop" for all their location scouting, permits and licenses. In order to ensure that the rental rates for filming in school district facilities are reflective of current market rates a new rental rate structure was proposed.

Clarification was requested on when a review of community rental rates would take place. The Secretary Treasurer reported that a full review will be completed in January 2016.

THAT the Board approve the revised rental rates for filming effective immediately, and further that 20% of net rental revenue for filming in schools be shared with host schools.

**CARRIED**

- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Strategic Facilities Plan
- e) Education Committee
- f) Aboriginal Education

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Superintendent of Schools

- a) 2014 Carbon Neutral Action Report

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2014 Carbon Neutral Action Report.

THAT the Board receive Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer's 2014 Carbon Neutral Action Report, for information.

**CARRIED**

- b) Superintendent's Update

**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent reported on school events at Albion Elementary, Davie Jones Elementary, Eric Langton Elementary, Kanaka Creek Elementary, Pitt Meadows Secondary School and Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary School.

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**

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Trustee Clarkson reported on the Advisory Group on Provincial Assessment.

Social Planning

Trustee Carreras reported on an EDI and MDI presentation, the Mayor's task force on homelessness and that the Iron Horse Youth Services had received increased funding.

Good News

Trustees reported on the 20 year recognition event and judging social justice at Garibaldi Secondary School.

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mike Murray, Chairperson

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Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer



**ITEM 3**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson  
Mike Murray

Re: **SETA PROGRAM UPDATE**

Date: May 27, 2015  
(Public Board Meeting)

**Information**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the Board receive the presentation on the SETA Program Update, for information.**

**ITEM 4****To: Board of Education****From: Chairperson  
Mike Murray****Re: 2015/16 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS****Date: May 27, 2015  
(Public Board Meeting)**

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**Decision**

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**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

In accordance with Policy 2400: School Board Meeting Proceedings, the following schedule is proposed for the 2015/16 School Board meeting dates:

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| September 23, 2015 | February 24, 2016 |
| October 21, 2015   | March 9, 2016     |
| November 18, 2015  | April 6, 2016     |
| December 9, 2015   | April 27, 2016    |
| January 20, 2016   | May 18, 2016      |
| February 3, 2016   | June 15, 2016     |

The proposed schedule of public meetings will allow the Board of Education to complete the Board work outlined in the attached annual Board Work Plan (Attachment A) and to enhance the Board's community outreach through public engagement events on specific topics. The public outreach events will be announced in September 2015.

During the year, additional Public Board meetings may be called with 48 hour notice.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT the Board adopt the following regular Public Board meeting schedule for 2015/16:**

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| September 23, 2015 | February 24, 2016 |
| October 21, 2015   | March 9, 2016     |
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## ANNUAL BOARD WORK PLAN

### September

- Approve Audited Financial Statements
- Review the Audit Findings
- Review the Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan
- Submit Executive Compensation Disclosure to Public Sector Employers' Council
- Consider Motions to BCSTA Provincial Council
- Approve the Strategic Facilities Plan

### October

- Approve Five-year Capital Plan for submission to BC Ministry of Education
- Recognize World Teachers' Day
- Represent Board at BCPSEA Symposium
- Represent Board at BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

### November

- Review Class Size Report on School Organizations
- Receive Enrolment Update Report
- Review and Approve First Quarter Financial Statements
- Complete Board Self Evaluation
- Complete Superintendent Growth Plan Review
- Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)
- Attend the BCSTA Trustee Academy

### December

- Election of Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
- Annual Chairperson Report
- Approve Trustee appointments to committees and community liaison groups
- Approve Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement (*under review*)
- Review terms of engagement and appoint or reappoint financial statements auditor

### January

- Review the Carbon Neutral Capital Program Submission
- Receive the Ministry of Education Funding Update
- Approve the Budget Process for Upcoming Year
- Receive the Budget Implementation Report
- Consider Motions for BCSTA AGM and Provincial Council
- Represent Board at BCPSEA AGM

### February

- Adopt the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw
- Review and Approve Second Quarter Financial Statements
- Review and Approve Board/Authority Authorized Courses and Programs of Choice
- Review Three Year Enrolment Projection
- Receive Enrolment Update Report
- Receive Proposed District School Calendar
- Represent Board at BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

### March

- Approve District School Calendar
- Receive Annual Review of Rental Fees
- Receive Ministry of Education Estimated Funding for upcoming year
- Meetings with Partner Groups on Budget

## **April**

- Receive Proposed Preliminary Budget
- Engage in the Budget Consultation Process
- Adopt the Annual Facilities Grant Bylaw
- Approve the Preliminary Budget for Implementation
- Attend the BCSTA Annual General Meeting

## **May**

- Receive and Approve the Third Quarter Financial Statements
- Adopt the Annual Budget Bylaw
- Review and Approve School Fees and Specialty Academies
- Receive the Carbon Neutral Action Report

## **June**

- Approve the Achievement Contract for submission to the Ministry of Education (*under review*)
- Approve the District Literacy Plan for Submission to the Ministry of Education
- Receive the Aboriginal Education Report
- Adopt the Board Calendar for the upcoming year
- Approve Trustees' Remuneration
- Strategic Plan Review
- Board Operational Plan Review
- Attend Graduation Ceremonies

## **Other Items Scheduled as Needed**

- Review and Approve Board Policies and Bylaws
- Review and Approve Capital Project Bylaws
- Hear appeals as needed
- Ratify Principal and Vice-Principal Appointments
- Ratify Collective Agreements
- Approve Exempt Compensation
- Approve disposition of real property (land and buildings)
- Declare facilities surplus for general school needs
- Recognize school and community highlights
- Publish Board Highlights after each meeting
- Represent Board at BCSTA Branch meetings
- Attend school functions
- Attend employee recognition events

## **Board Committee**

- Education
- Aboriginal Education
- Inclusive Education
- French Immersion Advisory
- District Student Advisory
- Round Table with Partners
- BCSTA Provincial Council
- District Parent Advisory Council
- Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council
- Joint Parks and Leisure Services
- Municipal Advisory & Accessibility
- Ridge Meadows Education Foundation
- Social Planning Advisory
- Tzu Chi Foundation
- Youth Centre Society

## **Frequency of Meetings**

- Once per year or as needed
- Three times per year
- Four times per year
- At least three times per year
- At least five times per year
- Four times per year
- Twice per year
- Once per month September - June
- Once per month
- Once per month
- Once per month
- Once per month
- Once per month
- At least five times per year
- Once per month





**ITEM 5**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Finance Committee  
of the Whole

Re: **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2015**

Date: May 27, 2015  
(Public Board Meeting)

**Decision**

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To be distributed



**ITEM 6**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Superintendent  
Sylvia Russell

Re: **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Date: May 27, 2015  
(Public Board Meeting)

**Information**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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



**ITEM 7**

**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:

**April 29, 2015**

Call to Order  
Motion of Exclusion  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2015  
Superintendent Decision Item  
Superintendent Information Items  
Committees  
Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 3:31 p.m.  
Approved  
Approved as circulated  
Approved as circulated  
Approved  
Received for information  
Received for information  
Adjourned at 4:52 p.m.