

PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 (6:00 PM)

DEO Board Room

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

- 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)

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information. **CARRIED**

Moved/Seconded

3. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>

THAT the Agenda be ordered as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 13, 2015

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. SETA Program Update

Moved/Seconded

Craig Shupe, Manager of Ridge Meadows College, and Deirdre Way presented information on the SETA Program including program description, program length and certification.

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

CARRIED

- **D. DELEGATIONS**
- **E. DEFERRED ITEMS**
- F. DECISION ITEMS
 - 1. Chairperson
 - a) 2015/16 Board of Education Regular Public Board Meetings

Moved/Seconded

The Board Chair reported that the proposed schedule of public meetings will allow the Board of Education to complete the Board work as outlined in the Annual Board Work Plan and to enhance the Board's community outreach through public engagement events on specific topics. Public outreach events will be announced in September 2015.

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
November 18, 2015 April 6, 2016
December 9, 2015 April 27, 2016
January 20, 2016 May 18, 2016
February 3, 2016 June 15, 2016

CARRIED

- 2. Superintendent of Schools
- 3. Secretary Treasurer
- 4. Board Committees
 - a) Finance
 - i. Financial Statements Quarter Ended March 31, 2015

Moved/Seconded

At the recommendation of Finance Committee of the Whole, the Secretary Treasurer presented the Financial Statements Quarter Ended March 31, 2015.

The Secretary Treasurer reported on Capital Asset Purchases explaining that over the past two years purchases that are capital in nature have been deferred in order to assist in balancing the estimated budget funding shortfalls. This has resulted in furniture, equipment and technology not being refreshed when required based on predefined lifecycles. Given the additional one time funding and savings identified in these statements, a one time investment in furniture, equipment and technology is proposed.

THAT the Board approve the proposed capital asset purchases and the Financial Statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2015.

CARRIED

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

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported on the registration process for elementary summer school, school events at Davie Jones Elementary, Edith McDermott Elementary, and Harry Hooge Elementary, kindergarten registration and an upcoming Ministry of Education meeting on special education.

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

The Secretary Treasurer reported that due to low registration there would only be one Strategic Facilities Open House on June 10, 2015 at Thomas Haney Secondary School.

- 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

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustees reported on the appreciation dinner that took place at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

Joint Parks & Leisure Services

Trustee Palis reported on the opening of a dog park for a trial 6 month period.

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Carreras reported on the awards committee, scholarship recipients, member grants and the upcoming tea garden event on May 30th, 2015.

Tzu Chi Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported on the re-scheduling of the Tzu Chi Celebration.

Good News

Trustees reported on school tours and the Aboriginal Education Awards Ceremony.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Murray, Chairperson

Flavia Coughian, Secretary Treasurer