



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, May 28 (6:00 PM)  
DEO Board Room**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Board Chairperson – Mike Murray  
Vice-Chairperson – Eleanor Palis  
Trustee – Susan Carr  
Trustee – Ken Clarkson  
Trustee – Kathy Marshall  
Trustee – Dave Rempel

**STAFF:**

Acting Superintendent – Laurie Meston  
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan  
Acting Assistant Superintendent – David Vandergugten  
Mgr. of Communication/Community Relations – Irena Pochop  
Executive Assistant – Karen Yoxall

**ABSENT:**

Trustee – Sarah Nelson

**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.

2. Correspondence

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

**CARRIED**

3. Ordering of Agenda

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

Amendments: Move correspondence from Patti Bacchus, Chair, SD No. 39 (Vancouver) to Trustee Motions.

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

**CARRIED**

**B. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. April 30, 2014 Public Board Meeting Minutes

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Minutes of the April 30, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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**C. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS****1. Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program****Moved:** Trustee Rempel**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

Bryan Hutton, Canadian Tire and Althea Evans, Regional Manager for Jumpstart, presented information on the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program explaining that the Program has enabled hundreds of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows youth participate in sports within the community. Funding comes from the National Program, customers' generosity from Canadian Tire, Mark's Work Wearhouse and Sport Chek and donations to the Program. The available funding of \$55,000 can be used for individual funding based on need, entire after school programs, equipment, staff or anything that is required to run a program. More information can be found at [www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca](http://www.jumpstart.canadiantire.ca)

THAT the Board receive the presentation from Bryan Hutton and Althea Evans of the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program, for information.

**CARRIED****2. Aboriginal Education****Moved:** Trustee Rempel**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

Ron Lanzarotta, Principal Aboriginal Education, presented an overview on the challenges, highlights and main departmental objectives for Aboriginal Education for 2014-2015. The current goals for the Enhancement Agreement and possibilities for the next Enhancement Agreement were explained.

THAT the Board receive the presentation from Ron Lanzarotta, Principal Aboriginal Education, for information.

**CARRIED****D. CHAIR REPORT****1. BC School Trustees' Association Long-Service Awards**

The Board Chair presented certificates and pins of recognition from the BC School Trustees' Association to Trustee Palis (six years of service), Trustee Carr (six years of service), Trustee Clarkson (six years of service), Trustee Marshall (9 years of service), and Trustee Rempel (18 years of service).

The Board Chair also recognized Laurie Meston, Acting Superintendent, for receiving the National Inclusive Education Award from the Canadian Association for Community Living and Inclusion BC.

**E. DEFERRED ITEMS****F. TRUSTEE MOTIONS**

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1. Correspondence from Patti Bacchus, Chair, SD No. 39 (Vancouver)

**Moved:** Trustee Clarkson

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

The Secretary Treasurer advised the Board that according to Board Policy 2400 – Board Meeting Proceedings, unless otherwise determined by two-thirds majority vote, labour matters dealing with collective bargaining matters should be discussed in Closed Board Meetings.

THAT the Board consider at this public meeting writing a letter to the Ministry of Education requesting that a mediator be appointed to resolve the current teacher dispute and to establish a new bargaining process.

**DEFEATED**

**G. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

1. Decision Items

- a) Superintendent of Schools
- b) Deputy Superintendent
- c) Secretary Treasurer

i. 2014-15 Preliminary Budget Bylaw

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2014-15 Preliminary Budget Bylaw and explained that the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2014-15 was prepared in accordance with Public Sector Accounting standards and incorporates the Board approved budget balancing proposals as outlined in the Preliminary Operating Budget 2014-15 as well as preliminary budgets for special purpose funds, and the capital fund.

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT The Annual Budget Bylaw of the Board for the Fiscal year 2014/15 be given three (3) readings at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous).

**CARRIED**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2014/15 Annual Budget Bylaw be:

Read a first time on the 28th day of May, 2014;

Read a second time on the 28th day of May, 2014;

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 28th day of May, 2014.

**CARRIED**

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ii. Rescission of Policy EGB: Clerical Services for Schools

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Carr

The Secretary Treasurer presented for rescission Policy EGB: Clerical Services for Schools and explained that on April 30, 2014 the Board approved for implementation the budget balancing proposals included in the Preliminary Operating Budget 2014/15. These proposals included new board approved elementary and secondary clerical allocation formulas that supersede the allocations established through Policy EGB: Clerical Services for Schools.

It was explained that a policy is not needed since this is a typically a ratio established through the budget process.

THAT the Board rescind Policy EGB: Clerical Services for Schools.

**CARRIED**

**2. Information Items**

a) Superintendent of Schools

i. 2013 Carbon Neutral Action Report

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2013 Carbon Neutral Action Report and reported that the District has hired a consultant to review all of our facilities and provide an action plan to reduce consumption in future years. This will be partly funded from the grant received from Ministry of Education and partly funded from utilities savings accrued in the current year.

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

**CARRIED**

b) Deputy Superintendent

c) Secretary Treasurer

**H. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**1. Committees of the Whole**

a) Finance

i. Financial Statements – Third Quarter

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

The Secretary Treasure presented the Financial Statements quarter ended March 31, 2014.

Questions were asked on rental contracts and the user fee for transportation.

THAT the Board approve the financial reports for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.

**CARRIED**

b) Budget

**2. Committee & Advisory Committee Reports**

a) Aboriginal Education

b) Board Policy Development

i. Policy 2400: School Board Meeting Proceedings

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Marshall

The Secretary Treasurer presented Draft Policy 2400: School Board Meeting Proceedings.

Discussion ensued on Trustee Motions and the notice of motions. The Secretary Treasurer explained that best practice is to include all trustee motions as part of the agenda package as this will allow for sufficient time to consider implications of the proposed motions.

Clarification was requested on the list of committees. Amendments were made to the draft policy under Question Period and Other Agenda Notes.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process the Draft Policy: 2400 School Board Meeting Proceedings as amended.

**CARRIED**

c) District Student Advisory

d) Education

e) French Immersion Advisory

f) Inclusive Education

**Round Table with Partner Groups**

Trustee Clarkson presented an overview of the meeting held with Partner Groups on May 20, 2014. The Board Chair requested that Terms of Reference be created for this committee.

**I. QUESTION PERIOD**

George Serra, President, Maple Ridge Teachers' Association raised a question on the public being aware of the Board's view of the current provincial lockout strategy.

Kelli Marquet, DPAC Chair, requested an update on the search for the new Superintendent of Schools.

**J. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

It was reported that there will be a Tea Garden fundraiser at the Act on June 1, 2014.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported that there will be a hot dog fundraiser on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Mark's Work Wearhouse.

Social Planning Advisory

The draft document on the Housing Action Plan was discussed at the last meeting.

Tzu Chi Foundation

The last distribution of funding is currently underway.

Good News Items

Trustee Rempel reported on bursaries from the Rotary Club.

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

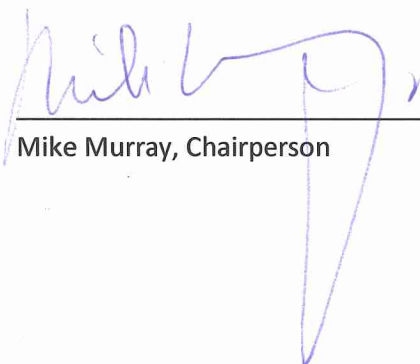
**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Trustee Rempel

**Seconded:** Trustee Palis

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

**CARRIED**



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Mike Murray, Chairperson



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Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer