



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, October 14, 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 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**

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

Trustee Clarkson requested that the correspondence from Mike Murray be moved to Chairperson, Information Items.

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

**CARRIED**

3. Approval of Agenda

**Moved/Seconded**

**Amendment:**

Move the following item from Correspondence to Chairperson, Information Items:

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

**Addition:**

Add the following item under Trustee Reports, BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council:

- Motions to Provincial Council

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

**CARRIED**

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

An amendment to the September 23, 2015 Public Board Meeting minutes was requested.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. September 23, 2015

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the September 23, 2015 Meeting be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

a) Strategic Facilities Plan

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Facilities and Learning for Today and Tomorrow Public Consultation Summary.

The Superintendent and the Secretary Treasurer presented the Summary of Recommendations regarding:

- New Proposed Programs of Choice: Fine Arts
- New Proposed Programs of Choice: International Baccalaureate
- New Proposed Programs of Choice: Trades Programs
- General Recommendations: Programs of Choice
- Early French Immersion
- Pitt Meadows Elementary Catchment Areas
- Secondary Catchment Areas
- Capital Plan Priorities for Existing Facilities
- Capital Plan Priorities for Future Schools

Discussion ensued on the elementary fine arts programs in the district, timelines for the International Baccalaureate program, the location of future trades programs, criteria for school registrations, secondary catchments, underutilized district facilities and the process for land disposal.

THAT the Board approve the Strategic Facilities Plan as amended and authorize staff to implement the recommendations included in the plan.

**CARRIED**

**D. DELEGATIONS**

**E. DEFERRED ITEMS**

**F. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

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a) Learning Improvement Fund

**Moved/Seconded**

The Deputy Superintendent reported that as indicated in the Learning Improvement Fund Regulation 2 (6), a Board requesting, in a fiscal year, a grant under section 115.2 of the Bill 22 – Education Improvement Act, must submit a spending plan to the Minister of Education by October 31, 2015.

The Deputy Superintendent presented the Learning Improvement Fund Approval Form and the Learning Improvement Plan Summary.

THAT the Board receive the Learning Improvement Fund Spending Plan Summary for information.

And further;

THAT the Board approve the Learning Improvement Fund Approval form for submission to the Minister of Education by October 31, 2015.

**CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Eligible School Sites Proposal

**Moved/Seconded**

The Eligible School Site Proposal is a required component of the capital plan submission, which must be passed annually by Board resolution and referred to local governments in the District for acceptance pursuant to the Local Government Act.

The Chairperson reported that there will be no change to the school site acquisition charge (SSAC) bylaw rate applied to new development units, based on calculations consistent with Provincial School Site Acquisition Charge Regulations.

Discussion ensued on submitting a motion at the BC School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting requesting that the school site acquisition charge (SSAC) bylaw rate be updated.

THAT the Board approve the following eligible school site proposal:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of School District No.42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) has consulted with the City of Maple Ridge and the City of Pitt Meadows on these matters;

IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. Based on information from local government, the Board of Education of School District No.42 estimates there will be approximately 6,557 new development units constructed in the School District over the next 10 years, as presented in Schedule 'A';
2. These 6,557 new development units will be home to an estimated 2,695 school age children, as presented in Schedule 'A';

3. The School Board expects two (2) new school sites and one (1) site expansion, over the ten-year period, will be required as the result of this growth in the school district. The site acquisitions will be generally located as presented in Schedule 'B';
4. According to Ministry of Education site standards, the School Board expects that the eligible school sites will require a total acquisition of 7.66 hectares (18.93 acres) of land, as presented in Schedule 'B'. These sites should be purchased within ten years and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$17.94 million.
5. That the Eligible School Sites Proposal as adjusted be incorporated in the 2015/16 Capital Plan, and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

**CARRIED**

- b) 2015/16 Capital Plan

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that on July 8, 2015, the Ministry of Education issued the 2015/16 Capital Plan Instructions. Capital projects eligible for submission include capital projects that involve the need for new space, replacements, renovations, site acquisitions, seismic mitigation projects, mechanical upgrade projects and bus purchases. The deadlines for 2015/16 Capital Plan submissions to the Ministry are: September 15, 2015 for Routine Capital and November 2, 2015 for the 2015/16 Capital Plan.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that in order to ensure that Capital Plan submissions accurately reflect the priorities and needs of the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows School District, a comprehensive Strategic Facilities Plan was prepared in consultation with stakeholders, educators, the community and the two municipalities. The Strategic Facilities Plan identifies and rationalizes current and future capital requirements for school sites, new schools, and facility upgrades based on building condition, seismic vulnerability and ongoing maintenance/life cycle costs; as well as new education initiatives.

The Secretary Treasurer further reported that Project Identification Reports were completed by King & Company for the expansion of the 104<sup>th</sup> school site, a new South Albion Elementary school and a facility upgrade for Pitt Meadows Secondary and that these reports will be included in the capital plan submission to the Ministry of Education.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the 2015/16 Routine Capital Plan Submission was prepared with assistance from Rocky Point Engineering and includes mechanical upgrade projects that can be completed in the next two years in the schools and would result in replacement of beyond useful life equipment and improved energy efficiency.

THAT the Board approve the 2015/16 Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education.

**CARRIED**

4. Board Committees

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

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson

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

Trustee Clarkson reported on the submission by the Board to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services regarding Budget 2016 Consultations.

2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Superintendent's Update

**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent reported on the Heart & Mind 2015 Conference, the Speaker Series, School Team Sessions, District Fall Cross Country and events at schools across the district. The Superintendent congratulated staff who had received recognition for their accomplishments.

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

**CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Finance
  - b) Budget
  - c) Board Policy Development
  - d) Strategic Facilities Plan
  - e) Education
  - f) Aboriginal Education
  - g) Inclusive Education
  - h) French Immersion Advisory
  - i) District Student Advisory
  - j) Round Table with Partner Groups

**H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**I. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

BC School Trustees Provincial Council

Trustee Clarkson reported on the motions that have been submitted to the Provincial Council meeting that is due to take place in Vancouver from October 23 – 24, 2015.

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustees reported on the Round Table discussion.

Joint Parks and Leisure Services

Trustee Palis reported on the presentation by Fraser Health on the use of sharps containers on school and park grounds.

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Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Carreras reported on the Annual General Meeting and the re-naming of the Maple Ridge Art Gallery to the The ACT Art Gallery.

Good News

Trustees reported on "roasts" by high school students and the children's clothing drive that will take place on November 28, 2015 at the Hive Neighbourhood Centre at Eric Langton Elementary.

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

Trustee Beare posed questions on student voting and civic elections, meetings in schools, the possibility of adding a student trustee to the Board and the policy on physical restraint and/or seclusion of students.

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

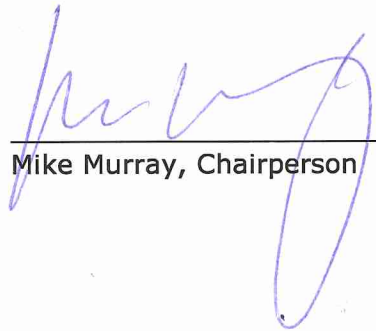
**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.


**CARRIED**

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



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Mike Murray, Chairperson



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Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer