



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, October 8, 2014 (6:00 PM)
District Education Office
Board Room**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

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

2. Correspondence

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Palis

- Dr. Wendy Johnson, Chair, School District No. 35 (Langley)
- Franci Stratton, Chair, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)
- Cindy Dekker, Chair, School District No. 45 (West Vancouver)
- Sharel Warrington, Chair, School District No. 57 (Prince George)
- Lynette Kershaw, Chair, School District No. 69 (Qualicum)
- Peter Coleman, Chair, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)
- Taya Whitehead, Early Childhood Educators of BC/Susan Harney, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC

Trustee Clarkson requested that the letter from Peter Coleman, Chair, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) be moved to Information Item, Chairperson.

The Board Chair requested that the letter from Taya Whitehead, Early Childhood Educators of BC/Susan Harney, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC be moved to Trustee Motions and Notices of Motions.

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

Amendments:

Move from Correspondence to Information Item, Chairperson:

Peter Coleman, Chair, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

Move from Correspondence to Trustee Motions and Notices of Motions:

Taya Whitehead, Early Childhood Educators of BC/Susan Harney, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC to Trustee Motions and Notices of Motions

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 24, 2014 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Minutes of the September 24, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Apple Distinguished Program for 2014-2016 – Apple Canada

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

Apple Canada representatives presented School District No. 42 with the Apple Canada Distinguished Program Award, a two year designation. Apple Canada's Education Recognition Program recognizes school districts who have shown innovation, leadership and educational excellence and who have demonstrated that they meet the following Five Best Practices:

- Vision Leadership
- Innovative learning and teaching
- Ongoing professional learning
- Compelling evidence of success
- Flexible learning environment

THAT the Board receive the Apple Distinguished Program for 2014-2016 Award from Apple Canada for information.

CARRIED

2. Achievement Contract – Shannon Derinzy

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

The Acting Assistant Superintendent presented the Achievement Contract and reported on Secondary Education including Graduation Rates and Grade to Grade Transitions.

THAT the Board receive the Achievement Contract Presentation, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

i. School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

The Secretary Treasurer reported the School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows) for the year ended June 30, 2014.

In accordance with the Financial Information Act (the "Act"), each school board is required to prepare a report of financial information for each fiscal year. The Act, together with the related regulation and directive, prescribes the information that is required to be included in the report.

Remuneration reported for two employees exceeded their base salaries due to payouts for a retirement allowance and accumulated overtime. The Secretary Treasurer explained that overtime is now paid out at the end of each calendar year and is no longer allowed to accumulate over more than one calendar year as previously permitted.

Clarification was provided on payments to vendors for school graduation ceremonies.

THAT the Board approve the School District Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014; and that the said statement be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

ii. Trustees' Remuneration

Moved: Trustee Clarkson

Seconded: Trustee Rempel

The Secretary Treasurer reported that in accordance with Board policy 2920 Trustees' Remuneration and associated procedures trustee remuneration was reviewed to ensure comparability with other school districts.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that trustees' remuneration in the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows school district is significantly lower than the average remuneration for trustees in the school districts of Abbotsford, Langley, Delta, Burnaby, Coquitlam and North Vancouver.

Discussion ensued on the role and proposed remuneration for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

THAT the Board approve the increase of trustee remuneration effective December 1, 2014 to \$18,832 for trustees, \$20,332 for the Vice-Chairperson of the Board and \$21,832 for the Chairperson of the Board;

and further;

THAT the Board approve the annual adjustment of trustee remuneration for the period 2014 to 2019 effective on July 1 each year based on the Metro Vancouver Consumer Price Index differential for the prior year.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

- a) Finance
- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

- a) Peter Coleman, Chair, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

Trustee Clarkson referred to the correspondence from Peter Coleman, Chair, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) and commented on the need for increased involvement by school boards in the bargaining process.

- 2. Superintendent of Schools
- 3. Secretary Treasurer
- 4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Finance
- b) Budget
- c) Board Policy Development

- i. Proposed Draft Policy: 4203 Budget Planning and Reporting

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Secretary Treasurer presented proposed Draft Policy: 4203 Budget Planning and Reporting.

Discussion ensued on budget development and partner group involvement in the budget process.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process:

Policy 4203: Budget Planning and Reporting
Procedure 4203.1: Budget Process Procedure

CARRIED

- d) Education
- e) Aboriginal Education

- f) Inclusive Education
- g) French Immersion Advisory
- h) District Student Advisory
- i) Round Table with Partners

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- a) Taya Whitehead, Early Childhood Educators of BC/Susan Harney, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC

The Board Chair requested that the motion to support the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning be brought forward for consideration at the next Public Board Meeting.

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council

Trustee Clarkson reported on emergent motions for the upcoming BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council.

Arts Council

Trustee Rempel reported that the announcement of the arts director, approval of financial statements and a preview of upcoming theatre events was discussed.

Social Planning

It was reported that the role of the Social Planning Advisory Committee was discussed.

Good News

The Board Chair reported that the Salvation Army had donated \$5,000 to the school lunch program and provided approximately 223 backpacks with supplies to students. Trustee Rempel reported that the Rotary Club is looking for 70 Grade 10 – 12 students to participate in the Youth Impact Summit. Applications can be found online at www.haneyrotary.org

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Clarification was requested on the retirement allowance payout reported for one employee on the School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI).

K. OTHER BUSINESS

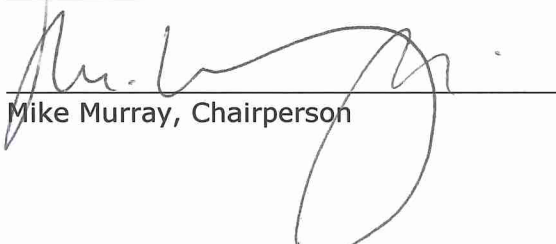
L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer