



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, March 17, 2010 (6:00 PM)  
DEO Board Room**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Chair – Ken Clarkson  
Vice Chair – Eleanor Palis  
Trustee – Susan Carr  
Trustee – Kathie Ward  
Trustee – Dave Rempel  
Trustee – Mike Huber

STAFF:

Superintendent – Jan Unwin  
Secretary Treasurer – Wayne Jefferson  
Communications Officer – Seamus Nesling  
Executive Assistant – Tina Fuchs & Tracy Smith  
Dir. of Secondary and Adult Ed. - Stewart Sonne

**ABSENT:**

Deputy Superintendent – Laurie Meston  
Trustee – Stepan Vdovine

**OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Correspondence

- i. Correspondence received from the Ministry.

**ORIGINAL - Motion P285 – 09/10**

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the correspondence for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

**The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Ordering of Agenda

- Recommended that the presentation by Doug Hoey – Third Enhancement Agreement, and his staff be moved to the top of the Agenda.

**ORIGINAL - Motion P286 – 09/10**

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Eleanor Palis) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board order the agenda as amended.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

**The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Doug Hoey – Third Enhancement Agreement. A greater sense of belonging for Aboriginal Students. Consultation and collaboration ~ First district in the Province to complete an Enhancement signing. Unveiling of the “The Spirit of the Children” carving. First signing of any such agreement in a Long House by a school district.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. February 24, 2010 Public Meeting Minutes

## Corrections:

- Pg 7 of 9: Quarter Two Financials. Trustee Ward would like to confirm and change 2 points with respect to issues raised: Firstly, in reference from fellow Trustee Vdovine whereby he stated that her questions being raised do not pertain to the report, Trustee Ward would like to acknowledge for the record that in fact her questions were pertinent to the report and that Trustee Vdovine was overruled. Secondly, Trustee Ward would like to confirm that she did not use foul or obscene language in reference to the Langley conversation.

**ORIGINAL - Motion P287 – 09/10**

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board approve the February 24, 2010 Public Meeting Minutes as amended.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 .

**The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**DELEGATIONS****CHAIR REPORT**

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve 'That the Board receive the Chair Report.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 6 Nay: 0

**The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**DEFERRED ITEMS****TRUSTEE MOTIONS****CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT****DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S DECISION ITEMS**

1. Board Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses – Stewart Sonne, Director of Secondary & Adult Ed.

Overview was provided for each course being considered. If approved, these courses are eligible to be taught at all schools and are aligned with similar courses in other districts.

## i. Yoga 12

Intended as a continuation of Yoga 11 and allows students to develop, extend and personalize their practice.

## ii. Preparing to Learn Online 10A

Students who are registering for online learning are not necessarily online learners. This course, modeled after a course at KPU, prepares the students to be successful learners online and would be one of only two board authorized credit courses offered.

## iii. Musical Theatre 10

## iv. Musical Theatre 11

## v. Musical Theatre 12

Supports, encourages and creates a lifelong passion for performing arts through the medium of musical theatre, including vocal, instrumental, movement/dance and acting.

## vi. Outdoor Pursuits 11

Emphasizes the development of physical fitness and skills related to outdoor education. Discussion ensued regarding the risk associated with such a course but as brought up by the Secretary Treasurer, the district must weigh the risk vs. opportunity to provide options for students.

**ORIGINAL - Motion P288 – 09/10**

Member (Dave Rempel ) Moved, Member (Mike Huber) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board ratify the Board Authority Authorized courses called Yoga 12, Preparing to Learn Online 10A Framework, Musical Theatre 10, 11, 12 and Outdoor Pursuits 11.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

**The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**SECRETARY TREASURER'S DECISION ITEMS****SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS**1. Secondary Use of School Facilities

Superintendent Unwin Thanked Stewart Sonne for a job well done in taking lead on this venture where both Riverside and Mount Crescent Elementary schools are concerned and confirmed that many discussions are still to occur with respect to venues changing. Superintendent Unwin explained that the review had been conducted based on two criteria: 1. Finances; and 2. Providing excellent educational options for students. Three options for consideration (Mt. Crescent): Satellite school for MRSS meeting the needs of Outreach, Journey and Teen Parent programs. Options for Riverside include the creation of a one stop education centre including all continuing education programs, Ridge Meadows College, International Education and generally a school district reception (admissions) centre.

**ORIGINAL - Motion P289 – 09/10**

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board receive the Superintendent's report on Secondary Use of School Facilities for information.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0 .

**The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION ITEMS**

**SECRETARY TREASURER'S INFORMATION ITEMS**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS - COMMITTEE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Carr attended the Youth Centre Society meeting held on the March 15, 2010 and encourages all members to support McDonald Realty's efforts of support by donating to the Youth Centre.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

1. Public Questions

A member of the public followed-up with an email to the Chair whereby minutes were requested from June, 2009. The Chair responded that the topic of email pertained to minutes from a closed meeting and therefore could not be provided.

1. Employee Group Questions

Leslie Franklin, requested clarification on the qualifications and certification of teaching yoga. Superintendent Unwin clarified that students will not complete with the ability to instruct yoga, but that it follows under the same umbrella as P.E. whereby an MRTA teacher will provide instruction. Secondly, Ms. Franklin brought up concerns regarding the Musical Theatre course as it appears to gear toward specialization in the selection process of students (audition). Mr. Sonne answered by stating that no child in the district will be denied access to audition to attend a course and it was reiterated that these courses are for those kids wanting to step up to the next level.

Gladys Hewson, raised a question surrounding the loss of clerical staff from the closing schools. Question answered by reiterating and referring to the newly created admissions centre and other opportunities under consideration.

George Serra inquired about the school spaces and movement of facilitators for example, Mt. Crescent focused towards MRSS and what about the Riverside facilitators. Superintendent Unwin stated that it is all about space and how functional can we make the buildings.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

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REMF: Trustee Ward provided an update of the upcoming Gala Event on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm - THSS. Tickets can be purchased through Trustee Ward.

Parks and Leisure Services Trustee Palis reported on the presentation by Bernie Asbell and the overall positive impact the Olympics had within BC and Canada.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Trustee Ward informed everybody of the upcoming Canadian flag raising at Webster's Corners Elementary on March 31, 2010.

Trustee Ward attended a Pitt Meadows Safe City Committee meeting regarding anti-vandalism and ICBC's commitment to schools whereby they provide guest speakers. Two upcoming events: 1) PMSS on May 4th, 11:54am to 1:15pm - Shane Stole - speaker on speed and impaired driving; 2) May 17 or 19<sup>th</sup> WSS: speaker Kevin Brooks. Also coming to schools "Roll Over Simulator"; ICBC will pay up to \$500 for schools to have a speaker.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

##### **ORIGINAL - Motion P290 – 09/10**

Member (Dave Rempel) Moved, Member (Kathie Ward) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board adjourn the meeting.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0.

**The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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Chair

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Secretary Treasurer