



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, September 24, 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

- Wm. Turanski, Chair, School District No. 22 (Vernon)
- Moyra Baxter, Chair, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)
- Walt Krahn, Chair/Silvia Dyck, Vice Chair, School District No. 33 (Chilliwack)
- Laura Dixon, Chair, School District No. 37 (Delta)
- Donna Sargent, Chair, School District No. 38 (Richmond)
- Elizabeth Condrotte, Board of Education, School District No. 50 (Haida Gwaii)
- Peg Orcherton, Chair, School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
- Wendy Hobbs, Chair, School District No. 62 (Sooke)
- May McKenzie, Chair, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)
- Dot Neary, Chair, School District No. 68 (Nanaimo)
- Board Chair, School District No. 70 (Alberni)
- Michele Babchuk, Chair, School District No. 72 (Campbell River)
- Denise Harper, Chair, School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson)
- Carmen Ranta, Chair, School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)
- Art Erasmus, Chair, School District No. 82 (Coast Mountains)
- Steve Davis, Chair, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)
- Roger Hebert, President, Le Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique
- Mike Roberts, Interim CEO, BC Public School Employers' Association
- BCSTA Advocacy Update
- Dave Byng, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education

THAT the Board receive all correspondence for information.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

Amendment:

Superintendent Information Item: Start-up Update

THAT the Agenda be ordered as amended.

CARRIED

4. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 10, 2014 Public Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Marshall

THAT the Minutes of the September 10, 2014 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Achievement Contract – David Vandergugten

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

The Acting Assistant Superintendent presented the Achievement Contract and reported on Elementary Literacy, Using Technology to engage the learner, Student Reporting, and Student Wellness.

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
4. Board Committees
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development

- i. Proposed Policy for Rescission: Policy ECF: Site Development

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Marshall

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the development of future school sites should be considered part of the School District Facilities Plan and not required as a policy.

THAT the Board rescind Policy ECF: Site Development

CARRIED

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Aboriginal Education Annual Report

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

The Acting Superintendent reported that the Ministry of Education requests annual reports from school districts to collect data to monitor the performance of Aboriginal students in the BC public school system. The data is published annually and includes demographic and assessment outcomes at both provincial and school district level.

THAT the Board receive the Aboriginal Education Annual Report and Ministry of Education feedback letter for information.

CARRIED

- b) Start-up Update

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Acting Superintendent provided a school Start-up Update including class size at both elementary and secondary, the Learning Improvement Fund, and the Education Fund.

THAT the Board receive the Start-up Update for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees & Advisory & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Finance
 - b) Budget
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - i. Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan 2014-2015

Moved: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Marshall

The Secretary Treasurer reported that from 2011 to present, the Board had adopted forty-five policies, one bylaw and had rescinded thirty-nine policies and three bylaws.

The Secretary Treasurer presented the 2014-2015 Board Policy Development Work Plan which identified new policies required by law, existing policies and a bylaw that are under review and organized them in priority order for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

THAT the Board: receive the Board Policy Committee Work Plan 2014-2015 for information.

CARRIED

ii. Proposed Draft Policy: Policy 9601 Anaphylaxis

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Carr

The Secretary Treasurer reported that proposed draft Policy: 9601 Anaphylaxis is required by law, has been developed based on anaphylaxis policy guidance issued by BCSTA and reviewed by Senior Team and Public Health.

It was clarified that staff training would be provided by Public Health.

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

Policy 9601: Anaphylaxis

Procedure 9601.1: Anaphylaxis

CARRIED

iii. Proposed Draft Policies: Facilities Related Policies

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Clarkson

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the proposed draft Facilities Related Policies have been slightly modified as recommended by legal counsel.

Discussion ensued on draft Policy 6425: School Size and the variables used when determining school size.

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

Policy 6425: School Size

Policy 6801: School Closure

Policy 9200: School Catchment Areas

Procedure 9200.1 Student Placement

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

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council

It was reported that the next District Parent Advisory Council meeting would take place in November.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Rempel reported that a donation of \$200,000 to be used for bursaries for students in need of financial assistance had been identified.

Rotary Club

Trustee Rempel reported on the Rotary Club's involvement in assisting adults with disabilities find employment.

Good News Items

The Board Chair reported that the Salvation Army was continuing to run its lunch program and had donated 200 backpacks to students.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Trustee Rempel

Seconded: Trustee Nelson

THAT the meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Murray, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer