

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN THE GRANDVIEW ROOM EAGLEQUEST 7778 152 STREET, SURREY ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

S. Wilson, Chairperson  
L. Larsen, Vice Chairperson  
T. Allen  
C. Dobie  
L. McNally  
R. Masi

**Staff**

J. Tinney, Superintendent  
W. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer  
R. Ryan, Deputy Superintendent  
K. Botsford, Executive Assistant

**Absent**

P. Glass

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Presenters & Staff:**

In addition to the Table Officers named above, the following staff were in attendance at the meeting:

S. Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services, J. Janzen, Administrative Assistant, K. Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; D. Strachan, Manager, Communications Services.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied by a recording by Frost Road Elementary K-7 Students.

(b) **Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting**

Trustee L. McNally requested that item 3 (j) Trustee L. McNally, Motion re: Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be added to the Agenda and that item 4 (a) Trustee Reports be removed.

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Larsen:

THAT the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting be approved as amended.  
**CARRIED**

**[2] DELEGATIONS**

- (a) Dr. K. Sekhon, Mr. Tara Bains, and Mr. Kewal Taggar, Chimney Hill Elementary Parents re: Punjabi Language Program

Dr. Sekhon, Mr. Bains and Mr. Taggar are requesting that a Punjabi language program be implemented at Chimney Hill Elementary for students wishing to study a language other than French in order to meet their second language requirement in elementary school. Dr. Sekhon gave a brief history of the Punjabi language and summarized how widely the language is spoken. He highlighted eight reasons why learning Punjabi would benefit the students of Chimney Hill. Mr. Singh spoke from a personal perspective indicating that children culturally are losing their ability to speak with their elders thereby losing their ability to benefit from their elder's experience and wisdom. Mr. Taggar presented an overview of the numbers of Punjabi people in the area around Chimney Hill and indicated that there is a large number of families who are interested in learning Punjabi. They are asking for two fifty minute periods of Punjabi, which would fulfill the requirement of Punjabi as a second language. Mr. Balwant Sanghera, President of the Punjabi Language Education Association spoke in support of the parents from Chimney Hill.

Chairperson Wilson thanked all the speakers for their presentations and indicated that the Board will respond to the delegation either before or at the next Board meeting.

**[3] ACTION ITEMS**

- (a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2014-06-19

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2014-06-19 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

- (b) Schedule of Board Meeting Dates - 2015

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Dobie:

THAT the Board approve the 2015 schedule of Board meetings as presented and the meeting scheduled in August 2015 be held only if the Chairperson determines there is a need for the meeting.

CARRIED

(c) Financial Statements for the Year Ended 2014-06-30

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee Larsen:

THAT the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended 2014-06-30 be accepted subject to receiving the Auditor's report for the fiscal year ended 2014-06-30; and

THAT the Auditor's report for the fiscal year ended 2014-06-30 be formally presented to the Board at a future meeting; and

THAT the Financial Statements be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

(d) Capital Project Funding Agreement Adams Road Elementary (Site #153) Addition

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Board, subject to government approval, ratify the Capital Project Funding Agreement in the sum of:

\$5,636,880 Restricted Capital Funds

\$5,636,880 Total Capital Project

for design and construction of a (ten) 10 classroom addition to Adams Road Elementary (Site #153).

CARRIED

(e) Capital Project Funding Agreement Rosemary Heights Elementary (Site #189) Addition

It was moved by Trustee Dobie, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the Board, subject to government approval, ratify the Capital Project Funding Agreement in the sum of:

\$1,490,359 Restricted Capital Funds

\$1,490,359 Total Capital Project

for design and construction of a (two) 2 classroom addition to Rosemary Heights Elementary (Site #189).

CARRIED

(f) Capital Project Funding Agreement Morgan Elementary (Site #188) Addition

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Board, subject to government approval, ratify the Capital Project Funding Agreement in the sum of:

\$2,327,600 Restricted Capital Funds

\$2,327,600 Total Capital Project

for design and construction of a (four) 4 classroom addition to Morgan Elementary (Site #188).

CARRIED

(g) Capital Project Funding Agreement Clayton North Secondary (Site #215) New School

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Dobie:

THAT the Board, subject to government approval, ratify the Capital Project Funding Agreement in the sum of:

\$45,600,000 Capital Funding from Province

4,945,161 Restricted Capital Fund

4,945,161 Local Capital Fund

\$55,170,850 Total Capital Project

for design and construction of a 1500 capacity secondary school at Clayton North Secondary (Site #215).

CARRIED

(h) Capital Project Bylaw No. 115265-2 Clayton North Secondary (Site 215) New School

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT, Capital Project Bylaw No. 115265-2 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Larsen, seconded by Trustee Dobie:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115265-2 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115265-2 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Dobie, seconded by Trustee Masi:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 115265-2 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

- (i) Recommended Architect Appointments Adams Road Elementary – Site #153  
Rosemary Heights Elementary – Site #189 Morgan Elementary – Site # 188

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee Larsen:

THAT the firm of KMBR Architects Planners Inc. be appointed Project Architect and the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute client/architect agreements with the firm for a proposed addition to Adams Road Elementary – Site #153; and

THAT the firm of Craven Huston Powers Architects be appointed Project Architect and the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute client/architect agreements with the firm for a proposed addition to Rosemary Heights Elementary – Site #189; and

THAT the firm of Craven Huston Powers Architects be appointed Project Architect and the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute client/architect agreements with the firm for a proposed addition to Morgan Elementary – Site #188.

CARRIED

- (j) Trustee L. McNally, Motion re: Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Board of Education School District No. 36 (Surrey) present the Board's concerns to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Community Services at the October 17, 2014 hearing in Surrey.

CARRIED

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**[4] INFORMATION & PROPOSALS****(a) Trustee Reports**

No reports were received as per the amended agenda.

**(b) Progress Report Active Capital Projects**

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

**(c) Board's Role in Bargaining (verbal)**

Dr. Tinney provided Trustees with information on the history of bargaining and BCPSEA beginning in 1994. At that time Boards conducted local bargaining and province-wide issues were bargained by BCPSEA and the BCTF and agreements were ratified by BCPSEA. In 2006 the first successfully negotiated agreement between BCTF and BCPSEA was negotiated. At this time the Board of Directors, BCPSEA, included: 9 elected members from Boards of Education (Trustees), 4 government representatives, 1 representative from the BC Superintendents and 1 representative from the Secretary-Treasurers. Each Board (60 province-wide) had a BCPSEA representative that liaised with the Board of Directors BCPSEA and their local Board. In January, 2013 the government introduced *Working together for students-a framework for Long Term Stability in Education* setting the path to a new bargaining structure. In July 2013, the provincial government replaced the Board of BCPSEA with a public administrator (Michael Marchbank) who assumed all responsibilities of the former BCPSEA Board of Directors. He appointed Peter Cameron as chief negotiator and a decision was made to have 2 trustees sit as members of the BCPSEA bargaining team. While the input of the 2 trustees was welcomed and valued, and there was a public perception that Boards were included in the bargaining mandate; in reality it became very difficult for Boards to have any true influence in the bargaining process.

Trustees expressed their frustration with the current structure of BCPSEA and the impact that has had on the Board's ability to have a significant influence in the bargaining process.

Trustee Allen tabled the following motion and Trustee Larsen recommended that it be moved to an action item.

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the Board communicate to the BCSTA their displeasure with the Board's role in the current provincial bargaining framework; and

THAT the Board recommend the BCSTA review the role of Boards of Education in provincial bargaining; and

THAT the BCSTA report the findings at or prior to the 2016 BCSTA AGM.

CARRIED

(d) Update Long Range Facility Plan

Trustees received an update from Dr. Tinney re: the Long Range Facility Plan. It will be integrated with the Education Plan. Dr. Tinney advised that staff will have it completed by January in order to move forward with programming for the fall.

(e) Incoming Correspondence

There were no correspondence items requiring Trustees' attention.

[5] **FUTURE BUSINESS**

(a) Items for Future Discussion

There were no items for future discussion.

(b) Future Meetings

Trustees made note of future meetings outlined on the agenda administrative memorandum schedule.

[6] **QUESTION PERIOD**

An informal question period of up to 30 minutes will be provided immediately following the conclusion of the meeting.

[7] **ADJOURNMENT**

Prior to adjourning the meeting Chairperson Wilson on behalf of the Board, welcomed staff and students back to school.

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Larsen:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:51 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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S. Wilson  
Chairperson

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W. Noye  
Secretary-Treasurer

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