

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN ROOM #2020 OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

Absent

P. Glass

[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:

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Andrew Holland, Assistant Superintendent; Jennifer Janzen, Administrative Assistant; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communications Services.

- (a) **"O Canada"**
Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied by a recording by the students of Lena Shaw.

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, introduced two new staff members, as per Board Policy. Tracy Blagdon, Manager of Energy Management and Sustainability and Emily Watson, Manager, Demographics and Facilities Planning were welcomed to the District by Trustees.

(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

Trustee T. Allen requested that item 3 (l) Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services be added to the Agenda.

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

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

CARRIED

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2014-09-18

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2014-09-18 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Motion, Trustee T. Allen Re: Declaration of November 5, 2014- "Take Our Kids to Work Day"

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

THAT the Board declare November 5, 2014 as "Take Our Kids to Work" day and publicize the event throughout the school district by reminding staff, parents, students and the business community of the benefit to our Grade 9 students afforded by supporting the various activities during this special day.

CARRIED

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

THAT the *Motion, Trustee T. Allen re: Declaration of November 5, 2014 – "Take Our Kids to Work Day"* be amended to include the words:

THAT the Board direct Administration to make "Take Our Kids to Work Day" an annual event.

CARRIED

The question was called on the amended motion and was CARRIED.

(c) 2013/2014 Audited Financial Statements

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

THAT the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended 2014-06-30 be approved.

CARRIED

(d) Capital Project Bylaw No. 116146

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 116146 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw no. 116146 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw no. 116146 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw no. 116146 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(e) Capital Project Bylaw No. 116119 Rosemary Heights Elementary (Site # 189) Addition Morgan Elementary (Site #188) Addition

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 116119 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw no. 116119 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw no. 116119 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw no. 116119 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(f) Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 115265-3

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

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

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Dobie seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw no. 115265-3 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw no. 115265-3 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw no. 115265-3 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(g) Approval of Sketch Plans: Adams Road Elementary (Site #153) Addition

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

THAT the sketch plans for the construction of an addition to Adams Road Elementary (Site #153), located at 18228 – 68 Avenue, be approved as presented and the architect KMBR architects Planners Inc. be instructed to proceed with the remaining stages of the project.

CARRIED

(h) Amendment to School Calendar 2014-15

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

THAT the Board approve the September 22, 2014 non-instructional day be rescheduled to Friday, January 23, 2015.

CARRIED

(i) Kilometrage Reimbursement Rate

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

THAT the Board raise the kilometrage reimbursement rate to \$0.54 per km., effective 2014-09-01.

CARRIED

(j) Motion: Trustee L. Larsen – Safe and Caring Schools

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

THAT staff reconvene the committee to discuss how to move forward in a timely manner; and

THAT staff report back to the Board no later than December, 2014 a general timetable for the implementation of education and training.

CARRIED

(k) Response to Delegation: Punjabi Language Program, Chimney Hill Parents

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

THAT the Board accept the letter dated 2014-10-07 from Dr. Jordan Tinney to Dr. K. Sekhon and Mr. K. Taggar as the formal response on behalf of the Board to the Delegation: Punjabi Language, Chimney Hill Parents.

CARRIED

(l) Select Standing Committee on Report

Dr. Tinney, Superintendent, summarized the written submission, prepared for the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. The letter highlights the increases to the provincial budget since 2001/2002 of \$23 billion or over 100%, of which Education has received a budget increase of \$0.6 billion or 11%. Increased operating costs, including hydro, benefits, purchasing of carbon offsets etc. have resulting in substantial cuts to the services and programs offered to students. Further, the Board allocates approximately \$4 million from the operating budget to cover the expense of portables, due to the over-crowding of many schools and the lack of capital funding. These funds could be better allocated to fifty teaching positions or programs for students. If the Board is to be successful in their goals, they must be able to rely on adequate and sustainable funding.

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

THAT the written submission, signed by Chairperson Wilson be submitted to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services; and

THAT it be publically released as a press release as soon as possible.
CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION & PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Trustees reported on their activities since the last Board meeting.

(b) Progress Report Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(c) Incoming Correspondence

There were no correspondence items requiring Trustees' attention.

[4] **FUTURE BUSINESS**

(a) Items for Future Discussion

There were no items.

(b) Future Meetings

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

[5] **QUESTION PERIOD**

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

[6] **ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

WDN/kb