

MINUTES OF AN INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN ROOM #2020 AT THE DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

T. Allen
B. Holmes
L. Larsen
L. McNally
G. Thind
G. Tymoschuk
S. Wilson

Staff

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

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, serving as Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

(a) "O Canada"

Trustees-elect, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada".

[2] **FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

Mr. Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, read a letter from the Chief Election Officer, City of White Rock, announcing the election of Laurae McNally, as well as a letter from the Chief Election Officer, City of Surrey, announcing the election of Terry Allen, Bob Holmes, Laurie Larsen, Garry Thind, Gary Tymoschuk and Shawn Wilson; as Trustees for the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey).

[3] **ROLL CALL**

In order to establish the presence of each Trustee-elect, Mr. Noye called the Roll. All Trustees-elect were present.

[4] **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIGNITARIES**

Mr. Noye acknowledged the presence of the many dignitaries present at the Inaugural Board meeting to honour the Trustees-elect.

[5] **OATH OF OFFICE AND OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

Wayne Noye, Secretary-Treasurer administered the oath of office and oath of allegiance for newly elected Trustees Bob Holmes, Garry Thind, Gary Tymoschuk and re-elected Trustees Terry Allen, Laurie Larsen, Laurae McNally, and Shawn Wilson.

[6] **APPROVAL OF ELECTION PROCEDURE**

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

THAT the election procedure be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

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

THAT Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Gurdeep Diogan, Executive Assistant, be appointed scrutineers for the election of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
CARRIED

[7] **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON**

Mr. Noye called for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2014/2015. Trustee Larsen nominated Trustee Wilson. Trustee Wilson accepted the nomination.

As Trustee Wilson has served three consecutive terms of office as Chairperson, a waiver of Board Policy #2915 – *Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson*, is required.

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

THAT Board Policy #2915 – *Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson* be waived in order to permit Trustee Wilson to hold the office of Chairperson for a fourth consecutive term of office.
CARRIED

Mr. Noye called twice more for nominations for the office of Chairperson for 2014/2015 and hearing none, declared Trustee Wilson elected by acclamation as Chairperson of the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 36 (Surrey) for a one year term of office.

[8] **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Mr. Noye called for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson for 2014/2015. Trustee Allen nominated Trustee Larsen. Trustee Larsen accepted the nomination.

Mr. Noye called twice more for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairperson for 2014/2014 and hearing none, declared Trustee Larsen elected by acclamation as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 36 (Surrey) for a one year term of office.

[9] **BOARD CHAIRPERSON ASSUMES THE CHAIR**

Mr. Noye congratulated Trustees Wilson and Larsen on their elections and turned the Chair over to Chairperson Wilson at 7:20 p.m. for the remainder of the meeting.

[10] **REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Wilson expressed that the Board is incredibly proud of our district, the largest in British Columbia and that the Board will continue to govern the system consistent with decisions in the past. Vice-Chairperson Larsen spoke from the heart conveying her thoughts on accepting the Vice-Chairperson nomination. Both extended their thanks and appreciation to the City of Surrey's voters for their support.

[11] **GREETINGS**

Greetings and congratulations were brought to the newly elected Board of Education by:

- Kailley Roesler, Abdul Khattab and Sherry Sandhu from Frank Hurt Secondary School, on behalf of the students in the school district;
- Linda Stromberg, President, District 36 Parents' Advisory Council, on behalf of the parents in the school district;
- Faizel Rawji, President, Surrey Principals' and Vice Principals' Association, on behalf of the district's employees.
- Dr. Jordan Tinney, Superintendent of Schools, on behalf of the school district's administrative staff.

[12] **DATE AND TIME NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Chairperson Wilson advised that the next Regular meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in Room #2020 at the District Education Centre.

[13] **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7: 45 p.m.

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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