

**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, APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

S. Wilson, Chairperson  
L. Larsen, Vice Chairperson  
T. Allen  
B. Holmes  
L. McNally  
G. Thind

**Staff**

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

**Absent**

G. Tymoschuk

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Presenters & Staff:**

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

Om Agarwal, Student, Cedar Hills Elementary; Karen Alvarez, District Principal; Amandeep Bamrah, Student, Tamanawis Secondary; Brenda Ceccon, Teacher, Tamanawis Secondary; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Ali Durrani, Student, Strawberry Hill Elementary; Randy Fennell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, CUPE 728; Nish Gautam, Student, Tamanawis Secondary; Andrew Holland, Assistant Superintendent; Serena Honekin, Student, Erma Stephenson Elementary; Andy Joshi, Student, Tamanawis Secondary; Suhail Khokhar, Student, Strawberry Hill Elementary; Jim Lamond, Principal, Tamanawis Secondary; Kitty Li, Student, Erma Stephenson Elementary; Christy Northway, Assistant Superintendent; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Carolyn March, Teacher, Tamanawis Secondary; Serena Millar, Helping Teacher; Karen Steffensen, Assistant Superintendent; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services; Vienna Tambre, Student, Sullivan Elementary; Brady Van Unen, Student, Rosemary Heights Elementary.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied by a recording by Coyote Creek Elementary Choir.

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(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition – Tamanawis Secondary Global Awareness Club

The Board recognized the Tamanawis Secondary Global Awareness Club for their social responsibility and initiatives. Three students and two teachers were on hand to receive the recognition. The students are the executive of the club and brought a photo of another executive member who was unable to attend due to a band trip.

Principal, Jim Lamond introduced the executive members of the club: Andy Joshi, Amandeep Bamrah, Nish Gutam, a photo of Julie Do, and the teacher sponsors, Brenda Ceccon and Carolyn March. He highlighted the great work that the club has done over the course of the school year promoting awareness and taking action on a great variety of issues including: energy consumption, poverty, water conservation, clean communities and much more. The club reaches beyond its school into the community and into elementary schools.

The students and teachers, Ms. Ceccon and Ms. Marsh host 50-60 students during lunch each week. The club's members truly model the behaviour they would like to see in matters that are vital to a harmonious, caring and sustainable society. They all contribute ideas and countless hours in their efforts to make a difference and are effecting change within the school and the community. The Tamanawis Global Awareness Club has been recognized with several community grants and awards for its initiatives.

The executive members are graduating this year and will leave a great legacy. They have inspired others to continue the great work of the Global Awareness Club. Principal Lamond referred to the students as catalysts for change. He also stated that the students are great examples of "Leadership in Learning."

Chairperson Wilson asked the group about their work with elementary students and the club has visited a number of elementary schools encouraging students to join clubs in high school and to focus on social responsibility within their own schools.

Chairperson Wilson thanked the group on behalf of the Board and presented them with pins and a certificate of recognition.

(d) Presentation – Science Fair Students – Karen Alvarez, District Principal; Selina Millar, Helping Teacher

Karen Alvarez, District Principal gave an overview of the Science Fair and the tremendous amount of work involved. There were 34 volunteers, 25 judges and many district staff involved in the Fair. In addition she thanked all the students, teachers and parents for the dedication and support of the Science Fair and introduced Ms. Selena Millar, Helping Teacher who was instrumental in the organization of the Science Fair.

Ms. Millar spoke about her involvement in Science Fairs for the past 33 years and how there has been a change in how the students approach their projects. Students are no longer just researching their topics, but are using more of an inquiry based approach. Students pose a question and really think about what they want to know and that drives the research and ultimately the presentation. Ms. Millar introduced the students who were all from elementary schools and in grades 4-7.

Each student made a short presentation on his/her project to the Board. The projects covered a wide variety of scientific concepts and highlighted the achievements of the students.

Science Fair projects were presented by:

- Kitty Li and Serena Honekin, Erma Stephenson Elementary – “Java Script”
- Suhail Khokhar and Ali Durrani, Strawberry Hill Elementary – “Algae to Fuel”
- Brady Van Unen, Rosemary Heights Elementary – “Left vs Right Brain”
- Vienna Tambre, Sullivan Elementary – “Cookie Chemistry”
- Om Agarwal, Cedar Hills – “Stop Being Bullied”

Chairperson Wilson thanked the students, Ms. Millar and Ms. Alvarez for their presentations and thanked the parents for their support of the students. Trustees commented on how impressed they were with the quality of the projects and presentations.

Chairperson Wilson recessed the meeting at 7:40 p.m. in order for Trustees to view the Science Fair Presentations more closely and reconvened the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

(e) Presentation – Day of Mourning – Randy Fennell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, CUPE 728

Randy Fennell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, CUPE 728 presented on behalf of the New Westminster and District Labour Council and spoke to the Board about the upcoming *Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job*–Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>. He thanked the Board for acknowledging the day as the district lowers the flags to half-mast and observes a moment of silence at 11:00 am.

Mr. Fennell indicated that his presentation is intended to provide the Board with relevant and up-to-date information indicating that education is a critical component of prevention. Youth make up a significant percentage of the work force and notably experience the highest rate of injury of any age group. With laws in BC that permit employers to hire 12 year old children, it is no surprise that over one third of workplace injury claims are filed by young workers. He pointed out that there is a training workshop specifically designed for youth workers, teaching students the roles and responsibilities of the employer, supervisor and workers by using real-life case studies. Mr. Fennell encouraged the District to provide the workshops in Surrey schools.

Over 200 workers died last year in the workplace in BC. Canada has the worst record in the developed world with over 1000 work deaths every year. Mr. Fennell encouraged the Board to sign a petition demanding an inquiry into the Sawmill Explosions of 2012 where four workers were killed and more that 40 critically injured. The explosion was deemed an accident and there was no employer accountability.

Mr. Fennell closed by stating that most accidents are preventable and that education and awareness are critical. He encouraged the Board to consider sponsoring youth workshops in the future with the assistance and support of the Federation's Health and Safety Centre. He thanked the Board for their leadership on issues of health and safety and invited them to join the BC Federation of Labour and the Labour Councils at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Vancouver Art Gallery to commemorate the *Day of Mourning for Worker's Killed and Injured on the Job*.

Chairperson Wilson thanked Mr. Fennell for his presentation and remarked that the Board had passed a motion previously regarding the annual observance of the Day of Mourning. Trustee Larsen spoke briefly about the importance of the Day of Mourning and the many people who risk their lives every day as a result of their chosen career, for example: the army, navy, police, and firefighters.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

No items.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meetings Held 2015-03-05

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2015-03-05 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Motion, Trustee T. Allen Re: Bill 11

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

THAT the Board of Education School District No. 36 (Surrey) ask government to immediately rescind Bill 11 and allow for a thoughtful and productive dialogue between the Government and Boards of Education about the challenges facing our educational system and about any legislative changes required to promote a quality and sustainable public education system.

CARRIED

(c) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126890 – Annual Facilities Grant 2015/2016

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

THAT Capital Project bylaw No. 126890 be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126890 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126890 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126890 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(d) Specialty Academy Program Fees

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

THAT the 2015/2016 schedule of fees for specialty academies be approved as follows:

**Intensive Fine Arts**

David Brankin Elementary	\$40
White Rock Elementary	\$40

**Hockey Academy**

Earl Marriott Secondary	\$675
Semiahmoo Secondary	\$675
Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary	\$800
Fleetwood Park	\$850 (based on 30 students)
	\$950 (based on 24 students)

**Advanced Hockey Academy**

Earl Marriott Secondary	\$4700
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**Softball Academy**

Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary	\$300
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**International Baccalaureate**

Semiahmoo Secondary	\$260 registration (estimated)
	\$183 per examination (estimated)

**Integrated Mathematics and Science**

Fraser Heights Secondary	
Grade 11 and 12	\$150 yearly
Grade 12 –Optional advance Placement exam	\$90 (estimated)

CARRIED

(e) Academic Courses for Graduated Adults

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

THAT Surrey School District no longer offer academic courses to graduated adults, effective May 1, 2015; and

THAT the Newton Adult Education Centre site be closed and its operations consolidated into the Invergarry and Queen Elizabeth Adult Education sites.

CARRIED

(f) Amendment to School Calendar 2015-2016

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

THAT the Board approve the amendment to the 2015-2016 school calendar as follows:

- Change the last day of school from June 30, 2016 to Friday, June 24, 2016

CARRIED

(g) Vision and Guiding Principals

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

THAT the Surrey Board of education Vision and Guiding Principles be approved as presented.

CARRIED

(h) Award of Construction Contract, Old Yale Road Elementary (Site 064) – Mechanical Upgrade Phase 2 of 2

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

THAT the Board's signing officers be authorized to execute a standard Stipulated Price Construction Contract with the lowest qualified bidder, Wood Projects Ltd., in the total amount of \$560,538 (excluding GST) for the mechanical upgrade phase 2 of 2 At Old Yale Road Elementary (Site 064), located at 10135 – 132<sup>nd</sup> Street.

CARRIED

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

Chairperson Wilson reported on the Trustees' activities since the last Board meeting and indicated that the report would be available on the Website.

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

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

**(c) Update on BCSTA Motions – Advisory Group on Provincial Assessment; Graduation Program (Curricula Grades 10, 11; New Teacher Mentorship Program)**

Dr. Jordan Tinney, Superintendent provided Trustees with an update on the motions that the District presented at the recent BCSTA AGM. The motions re the Advisory Group on Provincial Assessment and the New Teacher Mentorship were well received and approved and the Graduation Program (Curricula Grades 10, 11) was defeated. In addition there was a great deal of discussion on Bill 11 and a motion was passed to demand that the province with draw sections of Bill 11 that override the authority of Boards of Education.

**(d) Update on Board Motion re: Capital Concerns**

Dr. Jordan Tinney gave an update on the Board motion re: Capital Concern and the request from the Board to meet with the Minister of Education. In response the Ministry referred the Board to the Deputy Minister's office. Dr. Tinney he has met with the Deputy Minister since the last Board meeting. At that time, the Deputy Minister indicated that he would also meet with the Board. Staff will follow up with the Deputy Minister's office on behalf of the Board. The Assistant Deputy Minister will be touring the District on May 26<sup>th</sup> in order to see first-hand the growth in the Clayton, Grandview Heights and Douglas areas.

Trustee L. McNally brought forward the following two motions in relation to capital concerns:

It was moved by L. McNally, seconded by Trustee Holmes:

THAT the Board of Education request a liaison meeting with the City of Surrey Mayor and Council as soon as possible regarding growth in the district and capital needs.

CARRIED



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

THAT the Board of Education meet with the editorial board members of the local newspapers as soon as possible to share the Board's concerns regarding Bill 11 and capital needs.

CARRIED

(e) Incoming Correspondence

There were no correspondence items requiring Trustees' attention.

[4] **FUTURE BUSINESS**

(a) Items for Future Discussion

The Trustees noted the topic requiring discussion by the Board in the future, outlined on the agenda administrative memorandum schedule.

(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 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED

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S. Wilson  
Chairperson

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W. Noye  
Secretary-Treasurer