

MINUTES OF THE 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 22nd, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

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

Staff

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

Absent

S. Wilson, Chairperson

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Larsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that Chairperson Wilson was not attending the meeting due to illness.

Presenters & Staff:

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

Jennifer Janzen, Administrative Assistant; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director Business Management Services; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services; Alice Tiles, Surrey Retired Teachers Association, Heritage Committee; Greg Timm, Chairman Surrey 2016 Organizing Committee for the Women's World Softball Championship (WBSC); Emily Watson, Manager Demographics & Facilities Planning.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied by a recording by the Grade 7 Band and Music Teachers.

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

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

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

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[2] DELEGATIONS**(a) Surrey Retired Teachers Association – Heritage Committee, Alice Tiles**

Alice Tiles, of the Surrey Retired Teachers Association, Heritage Committee provided an update on the ongoing work of the committee. The committee is continuing to create a modest archive of the history of the District. Recently, the committee received a federal *New Horizons* grant that enabled them to work with Elgin Park Secondary students to record and transcribe interviews of retired Surrey teachers, providing an oral history. Further funding support from the BC Retired Teachers Association has enabled the Heritage Committee to compile modest archives. The majority of the collection was donated by Trudy Rutherford and the four hundred items are stored in the decommissioned, Grandview Heights Elementary School. Using the site has the following challenges: there is no heat or running water, there are rodents and the committee pays \$42.00 per visit. The committee is concerned that the environment is not an ideal location for the storage of archives and that there are not adequate facilities for the committee to do the work.

The Heritage Committee is requesting the following support from the Board:

1. Provision of adequate space to store materials and for the ongoing work of the committee
2. The implementation of a Heritage Policy, similar to the Vancouver School District to ensure the ongoing preservation of the history of the District. The committee provided examples of agreements and the policy from the Vancouver School Board.

Trustees asked the committee about the amount of space needed and the response was a small room. Trustees also asked staff to look into the liability concerns regarding the committee using a decommissioned school site.

Vice Chairperson Larsen thanked the delegation for the information and for their very important work preserving the heritage of the District.

(b) Surrey 2016 Organizing Committee for the WBSC XV Women's World Softball Championship, Greg Timm, Chairman Surrey 2016 Organizing Committee

Greg Timm spoke to the Board on behalf of the Women's Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) XV Women's World Softball Championship Organizing Committee. Mr. Timm introduced the Board to the vision and mission of the Organizing Committee. He explained that this would be the first time that Surrey would host a World Championship of any sport. This event will include participants from over thirty nations, representing six continents,

and will include over two thousand athletes. The economic impact is predicted to be in excess of twenty-million dollars. The event will bring together diverse cultural communities and increase awareness about the athletes and softball. In addition, the tournament organizers expect that the International Olympic Committee will attend as they will be voting on whether to bring softball back to the Olympics. Mr. Timm highlighted that while softball has very high calibre athletes, they do not have the same funding as other international competitions. Therefore, they are seeking sponsorships and support from companies and the community in order to help fund the event.

The primary venue of competition will be Softball City, which is within walking distance of Semiahmoo Secondary School. Mr. Timm requested that the Board support the event through waiving the rental fee for Semiahmoo Secondary. The plan would be to use Semiahmoo Secondary for athlete accommodation; transportation costs would be saved as athletes would be able to walk to the venue. Mr. Timm also inquired if the Board would support the Organizing Committee engaging students in various ways including: contests, adopt-a-nation, presentations and the distribution of promotional material.

Trustees thanked the committee for their work and for informing the Board about this exciting event coming to Surrey.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2015-09-17

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2015-09-17 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Trustee T. Allen Motion re: Employee Practice Liability

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

THAT the Board of Education request a meeting with the CEO of BCPSEA and the Executive Director, Service Delivery Branch to review the Employee Practice Liability Program.

CARRIED

(c) 2014/2015 Audited Financial Statements

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

THAT the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended 2015-06-30 be approved.

CARRIED

(d) Response to Delegation – Mother Language Lovers of the World Society

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

THAT the Board extend its appreciation to the Mother Language Lovers of the World Society (BC) for their informative presentation on the importance of observing International Mother Language Day (February 21st); and

THAT the Board refer the matter to the Deputy Superintendent, who will meet with the Mother Language Society (BC).

CARRIED

(e) Curriculum Announcement and School Calendar

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

THAT the Board approve an adjustment to the local calendar and declare November 12th, 2015 as a non-instructional day.

CARRIED

(f) Five Year Capital Plan

Trustees received a presentation from Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services and Emily Watson, Manager, Demographics & Facilities Planning, regarding the Five Year Capital Plan. Ms. Magnus and Ms. Watson highlighted that priorities of the capital plan have shifted since it was last submitted in 2013/14 and that the unknown capital approval timelines create challenges for planning interim capacity management strategies. Trustees thanked the presenters for their work, and stressed that the Board is working diligently to get the District the needed capital funds.

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

THAT the Board approve the 2015/2016 Capital Plan Submission (for the period 2015/16-2019/20), as presented, for submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION & PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

Vice Chairperson Larsen reported on Trustee activities since the last Board meeting. A copy of the report is on the website.

(b) Progress Report Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

(c) Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

Mr. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer, gave an overview of the presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. Chairperson Wilson presented to the committee on October 13, 2015 highlighting three important themes: capital funding, participation in shared service's programs and exempt compensation.

(d) 2016/2017 Board Authorized Courses

The Board received the 2016/2017 Board Authorized Courses for information. The courses will be presented at the next Regular Board meeting for formal consideration.

[4] **FUTURE BUSINESS**

(a) Items for Future Discussion

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 Tymoschuk:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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