



"Together We Learn"

School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

*(Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month, except July, August and the fourth Wednesday in December,
at the School Board Office.)*

DATE: Wednesday, September 14, 2011
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: School Board Office
1940 Underhill St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1X 5X7

Attending:

Trustee R. Cacchioni
Trustee M. Baxter
Trustee G. Given
Trustee W. Horning
Trustee A. Hunt-Binkley
Trustee G. Scanlan
Trustee J. Watson

Staff:

H. Gloster, Superintendent
L. Paul, Secretary-Treasurer
T. Beaudry, Assistant Superintendent
K. Hannigan, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Group Representatives Attending:

COPAC	Liz Therres, President
COTA	Alice Rees, President, Susan Bauhart, 1 st Vice-President, and April Smith, 2 nd Vice-President
COPVPA	Jill Voros, Executive Member
CUPE	No representative Wendy Johnson, Vice-President
DSC	No representative

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

AGENDA

Additions/Amendments/Deletions

Add	Material for Scheduled Item	4.1 School Opening Report
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Main

11P-152 MOVED by Trustee Scanlan, SECONDED by Trustee Given,
THAT: The Agenda for September 14, 2011 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 22, 2011 (attachment)

Main

11P-153

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,
THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 22, 2011 be adopted as distributed.
CARRIED

RECOGNITION/ PRESENTATION/DELEGATIONS

Recognitions:

Introduction of New Principals/Vice-Principals

The Board of Education welcomed the following new Principals and Vice-Principals:

Des Sjoquist, Principal, Glenmore Elementary School
Jessica Anjos, Vice-Principal, Glenmore Elementary School
Brady Holland, Vice-Principal, Dr. Knox Middle School
Raelyn Larmet, Vice-Principal, Casorso Elementary School

“Red Light Runner”

The Board of Education recognized the following for their contributions to the video “**Red Light Runner**”:

Constable Tim Monteith, RCMP
Dave Gibson, Traffic Safety Officer
Dave Misener, Transportation Manager
Alex Vieira, School District No. 23 Bus Driver

RCMP, present at the Board meeting, announced that 96 tickets were issued for traffic violations on the first day of school and encouraged drivers to be vigilant in order to keep our students and families safe.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

School Opening Report

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- The most significant systemic change for the 2011/2012 school year is the completion of the introduction of Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) for the remaining 9 of the 30 elementary schools that did not begin the program last year.
- As of September 12, 2011, the District headcount enrolment was 21,696. The projected headcount for September 2011 was 21,784. The difference is 88 students below projection, however, staff is anticipating that this shortfall will be reduced through the registration of additional students in

our Central School's Program. While the total number of students in the School District is expected to decrease slightly this year, significant growth is observed in the Upper Mission, Rose Valley, and Shannon Lake Elementary School.

- All schools in the District reported relatively smooth and orderly openings this year, despite the labour dispute that resulted in teacher job action starting on the first day of the school year. School enrolments at the majority of the schools appear to be relatively close to the projected enrolment numbers.
- There are currently 190 fee paying International Students registered in the School District for the 2011/2012 school year. Additionally, the District's Welcome Centre helped settle 131 students and families into the Central Okanagan schools and community. Families continue to arrive from every continent.
- Parents are becoming more aware of the transportation registration process and, combined with the early payment discount, staff were able to assign over 1,000 more seats prior to school opening compared to last year. Payment has been received for 3,753 students.
- The Human Resources Department has completed the placement of teaching staff throughout the District. During the months of May and June 2011, a total of 230 teacher postings were filled. During the summer months, an additional 200 temporary contracts were awarded to teachers with a few additional positions added in September. Over the summer months, 40 Certified Education Assistants were hired to fill vacancies and new positions.
- At present, the School District is utilizing 66 portable classrooms and 15 new modular classrooms for student learning. The District currently has 24 portables at elementary schools, 17 at middle schools, and 24 at secondary schools plus one portable at the School Board office.
- The external auditors have concluded their year-end review of the District's financial reports. Accounting processes were once again found to be comprehensive and appropriate.
- The Superintendent expressed gratitude to the Central Okanagan School District No. 23 administrative, teaching and support staff, parents and community members for preparing for school opening, and ensuring a smooth and safe start-up for our students. The full 2011 School Opening Report for September 2011 is available on the District website (www.sd23.bc.ca).

The Board discussed the upcoming Education Facility Plan review, which will incorporate enrolment and space challenges at the Elementary and Middle School level, as well as the catchment areas and future grade configurations. The Board also discussed the recent fire at South Okanagan Secondary School in Oliver, and the ability to lend several portables from School District No. 23 to School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen) until the school is rebuilt.

George Abbott, Minister of Education - Visit to School District No. 23 - September 15, 2011

The Superintendent reported that the Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, will be touring three of the District's elementary schools (Chute Lake Elementary, Anne McClymont Elementary and Primary, and Shannon Lake Elementary) on September 15, 2011.

Ministry of Education 3 Year Plan

The Superintendent presented the Ministry of Education's 3-Year Plan to restructure the educational programs (K-12). Key components of the Ministry's 3 Year Plan include:

- Supporting teacher excellence;
- Promoting flexibility and choice for students and families;
- Revising graduation standards;
- Eliminating optional exams;
- Transforming curriculum and assessment practices to support personalized learning;
- Revising the early years, middle years, and graduation programs;
- Reviewing and revising reporting procedures and report cards;
- Providing greater opportunities for students and staff to access technology;
- Changing the accountability model to ensure full transparency; and,
- Revisiting Achievement Contracts to ensure the educational agenda aligns with personalized learning.

Contingency Plan for Job Action

The Superintendent recognized the Central Okanagan Teachers' Association for their efforts to problem solve issues in response to the current Job Action. All of the District's management staff have been dispatched to 42 school sites to assume supervision responsibilities before and after school. Recess has been cancelled to provide some opportunity for business continuity as it would be very difficult to have the District's management staff supervising school sites at three different times during the day. Updates will be provided to parents by school administrators and through the School District's website.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The purpose of this public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any items on the agenda. The total time for this period shall normally be 15 minutes. A person wishing to speak is requested by the Chairperson of the Board to state his/her name and provide, if possible, a written copy of the comments.

Alice Rees, President, COTA, thanked District staff for the work they have done to recognize continued relations between the COTA and the School District. Ms. Rees stated that the COTA teachers continue to be dedicated to students and instruction throughout phase 1 of Job Action. Parents are welcome to contact teachers as the best thing for students is a strong partnership between parents and teachers.

TRUSTEES QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Hunt-Binkley asked if the "Me to We" conference would still be attended by School District No. 23 students in light of the current Job Action. Trustee Hunt-Binkley expressed concern that supervision levels would be affected by the number of administrators required to supervise the trip.

The Superintendent reported that staff and students are planning to attend the "Me to We" conference, as the majority of the planning has been done throughout the Summer months.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley requested that the Board send a letter to the District of Lake Country thanking them for the sidewalk improvements at Davidson Road Elementary school.

The Board agreed to write a letter thanking the District of Lake Country for the improvements.

Trustee Hunt-Binkley expressed concern about how a letter that she submitted to the Coordinating Committee, was handled and is resubmitting the letter with the ~~corrected~~ written addressees. *The Board discussed the process in which Board Correspondence is received and agreed to place the letters on the next Public Board Meeting Agenda and will contact the writer to make a presentation to the Board.*

Trustee Baxter noted that School District No. 58 (Nicola Similkameen) had been advertising their distant education program within School District No. 23 boundaries.

The Superintendent reported that School District No. 58 runs the South Central Interior Distance Education School (SCIDES) and advertises in all Districts in the region. The Superintendent also reported that School District No. 23 enrolment in our own distant education program is nearing its capacity.

Trustee Baxter requested information on the Ministry of Education's funding announcement of \$8 million for playgrounds for middle schools.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Ministry of Education surveyed sites that had students from Grades K-7. As many of the Grade 7 students in School District No. 23 attend middle schools, it appeared as though the District was in need of additional playground space for Grade 7's. More information will be forthcoming by the Ministry.

Trustee Baxter requested information on the apprenticeship scholarships from the Industry Training Authority.

The Superintendent reported that Secondary School Apprenticeship students registered with the Industry Training Authority receive scholarships based on the number of hours completed and not by grades.

Trustee Baxter requested that staff send information to parents in newsletters etc. concerning the ability of School Districts to charge fees for various things throughout the school year.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that information is sent out to parents annually in newsletters regarding school fees.

ACTION ITEMS

CommunityLINK Funding Allocation Review

Notice of Motion - Public Board Meeting - June 22, 2011 - Trustee Hunt-Binkley

Main

11P-154

MOVED by Trustee Hunt-Binkley, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: Starting with the 2012/2013 budget process the CommunityLINK funding allocation be reviewed by both the District Health Promoting Schools Committee and the Finance and Legal Committee prior to it coming to the Board of Education.

The Board discussed the CommunityLINK funding allocation and the process in which feedback is received by partner groups.

Amendment

11P-155

MOVED by Trustee Baxter, SECONDED by Trustee Watson,

THAT: Starting with the 2012/2013 budget process the proposed distribution of the CommunityLINK funding allocation be reviewed by both the District Health Promoting Schools Committee and the Finance and Legal Committee prior to it coming to the Board of Education.

CARRIED

The question was called on the Main Motion 11P-154 as amended by Amendment 11P-155

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

This public question/comment period is to provide an opportunity to members of the gallery to ask a question or comment on any matter pertaining to public education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Month End Enrolment - June 2011

(attachment)

General Statement

(attachment)

Field Trips 2011/2012

(attachment)

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Sent: Liz Therres, President, COPAC, a letter regarding COPAC Executive/Board of Education meeting on September 14, 2011.
Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, a letter regarding the 2010/2011 Holdback Allocations.
Deborah Hughes, a letter regarding the Rutland Community School.
Barb Van Essen, a letter regarding Policy 735 - Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship.
Mayor Fielding and Council, the Corporations of the District of Peachland, a letter regarding the School Site Acquisition Charge.
Mayor Findlater and Council, the District of West Kelowna, a letter regarding the School Site Acquisition Charge.

Received: **Correspondence Directed to the Board**
Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, a letter regarding Full Day Kindergarten.
Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, a letter regarding Student Transportation and Funding Protection.
Bob Simpson, MLA Cariboo North, a letter regarding Pacific Carbon Trust.
Danyta Welch, UBCM, a letter regarding the 2010 School Community (Round 1) - Planning and renovations for community kitchen and learning centre at KSS.
Sue Keenan, BC School Sports, a letter regarding the Handbook and Directory.
Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, a letter regarding the 2011 Holdback Allocations.
Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education, a letter regarding the Premier's Open Government Agenda.
Lauren Owens, Parent, a letter regarding bussing for French Immersion Students on the Westside.
Ann Whiteaker, President, BCCPAC, a letter regarding COPAC.
Kim S. Carter, Ombudsperson, a letter summarizing activity from April 1 to June 30, 2011.
Doug Findlater, Mayor, District of West Kelowna, a letter regarding RCMP School

Liaison Officer.

Summary of Copies of Letters received by the Board

Dr. Cynthia Mathieson, University of British Columbia Okanagan, from the City of Kelowna, regarding Social Media.
Alan Lalonde, Chairperson, Central Okanagan Committee for Safe Schools, from Doug Findlater, Mayor, District of West Kelowna, a letter regarding the RCMP Liaison Officer.
The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Education from School District # 81(Fort Nelson), a letter regarding the Superintendent's meeting on September 7, 2011.
Lauren Owens, Parent, from the District of West Kelowna, a letter regarding bussing for French Immersion Students on the Westside.

The Board discussed the letter from Lauren Owens regarding bussing for Westside French Immersion students. The Board agreed to send the request to the Planning and Facilities Committee for further discussion. The French Immersion Program on the Westside will be discussed during the Facility Plan review.

Main

11P-156 MOVED by Trustee Horning, SECONDED by Trustee Scanlan,
THAT: At the September 14, 2011 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.
CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

Symposium 2011: Insight and Opportunities, Human Resources in Education

Date: October 27 & 28, 2011
Location: Sutton Place Hotel, Vancouver, BC
Attending: Trustee Hunt-Binkley

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meeting

Date: September 30 & October 1, 2011
Location: Salmon Arm, BC

BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

Date: October 21 & 22, 2011
Location: TBA

Call for BCSTA Provincial Council Motions
(attachment)

The Board agreed that there were no current motions to send to the BCSTA Provincial Council on October 21 & 22, 2011.

BCSTA Trustee Academy

Date: December 8 to 10, 2011

Location: Hyatt Hotel

FUTURE MEETINGS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., School Board Office

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance and Legal

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., School Board Office

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion by Trustee Hunt-Binkley

THAT: The Superintendent provide the Board at the next Board meeting with a written report outlining the need for the cancellation of recess the rationale, history, the practical outcome of the decision to date and briefly what other Districts are doing.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Letters regarding George Elliot Secondary School Graduation Banquet

Marvin Farkas, President, Lake Country Chamber of Commerce - Presentation to the Board

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CommunityLINK - District Health Promoting Schools Committee

CommunityLINK - Finance and Legal Committee

ADJOURNMENT: The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer