



"Together We Learn"

**School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)**

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: November 26, 2014

Recognition:

1. Sarina Bouvier, Grade 12, Kelowna Secondary School

Sarina Bouvier was recognized by the Board of Education for her achievement as the Regional Winner of the Okanagan College 3-Hour Short Story Contest.

Presentations:

1. 2014 Chairperson's Report to the Board

Trustee Moyra Baxter presented the 2014 Chairperson's Report to the Board. The Chairperson's Report is attached and is also available to view on the School District website.

2. Presentation to Departing Trustees

Trustees recognized Murli Pendharkar and Joyce Brinkerhoff who are completing their terms on the Board of Education.

3. Jennifer Hopkinson – Request to Continue to Include Pretty Road in the Catchment Area for Davidson Road Elementary School

Ms. Hopkinson presented, on behalf of thirteen residents of Pretty Road, their support for retaining the Pretty Road area within the Davidson Road catchment. When the Board considers changes to the catchment areas in Lake Country, Ms. Hopkinson's letter will be included in all the responses received on this topic.

Action Items:

1. Annual Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Report

The Board of Education received the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Site Maintenance.

2. Policy Review: Policy 605 – Educational Facility Planning; Policy 610 and Regulations 610R – School Sites; Policy 615 and Regulations 615R – Educational Facilities: Use and Management; Policy 620 – Site Maintenance; Policy 625 – Sites, Facility and Equipment Enhancements; Policy 635 and Regulations 635R – Property Dispositions; Policy 645 – Video Surveillance; and Policy 660 – Environmental Sustainability

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 605 – Educational Facility Planning, Policy 610 and Regulations 610R – School Sites, Policy 615 and Regulations 615R – Educational Facilities: Use and Management, Policy 620 – Site Maintenance, Policy 625 – Sites, Facility and Equipment Enhancements, Policy 635 and Regulations 635R – Property Dispositions, Policy 645 – Video Surveillance and Policy 660 – Environmental Sustainability.

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3. Policy Review: Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee, Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of School Facilities, and Policy 631 and Regulations 631R – School Closures/Dedication

The Board of Education affirmed Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee, Policy 630 – Dedication and Naming of School Facilities and Policy 631 and Regulations 631R – School Closures/Consolidation.

4. Joint Use Agreement – Mar Jok Elementary School (Neighbourhoods of Learning Centre)

The Board of Education approved the Joint Use Agreement (Mar Jok Elementary School) with the District of West Kelowna.

5. Capital Project Bylaw No. 126808 – Approved Bus Project

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, passed and adopted, School District No. 23 Capital Project Bylaw No. 126808 – Approved Bus Project, in the amount of \$788,296.75.

6. BC Hydro/TELUS Request for Statutory Right of Way – Okanagan Centre Elementary School

The Board of Education gave first, second, third readings, and adopted, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 131 (registration of a Statutory Right of Way) in favour of BC Hydro and TELUS on Parcel "C" (being a consolidation of Lots 22 to 32, see DD LB57950) Block G Section 17 Township 20 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan 454.

7. Policy Review: Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses; Policy 370 – Expenses: Auto and Travel; and Policy 530 – Fund-Raising

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 190 – Trustee Expenses and affirmed Policy 370 – Expenses: Auto and Travel and Policy 530 – Fund-Raising.

8. Policy Review: Policy 175 – Superintendent of Schools Evaluation Committee; Policy 210 – Superintendent of Schools Role Description; Policy 215 and Form F215 – Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools; and New Policy 176 – Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Employment Matters

The Board of Education approved the amendments to Policy 175 – Superintendent of Schools Evaluation Committee, Policy 210 – Superintendent of Schools Role Description, Policy 215 and Form F215 – Comprehensive Performance Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Education also approved new Policy 176 – Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Employment Matters. Also approved was that the Board Standing Committee entitled "Superintendent of Schools Evaluation Committee" be renamed to "Executive Staff Management Committee".

9. Policy Review

The Board of Education approved the amendments to the following Policy, Regulations and Form:

Regulation 315R - Job Sharing (*Regulations*)

Policy 335 – Occupational Health and Safety

Regulation 455R – Discipline (*Regulations*)

Form F455.1 – Indefinite Suspension Information Sheet for Parents/Guardians

The Board of Education affirmed the following Policies, Regulations and Form:

Policy 305 – Recruitment and Assignment of Teaching and Support Staff

Policy 315 – Job Sharing

Policy 330 – Retirement

Policy 345 – Violence in the Workplace

Regulation 345R – Violence in the Workplace (*Regulations*)

Policy 351 – Respectful Workplace

Regulation 351R – Respectful Workplace (*Regulations*)

Policy 355 – Employee Recognition

Policy 360 – Criticism by Non-Employees about Schools or District Employees

Policy 367 – Employee Wellness

Policy 386 – Employee Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication
Policy 387 – Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy
Policy 390 – Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality
Form F455 – Student Suspension Information Sheet
Policy 486 – Student Use of Electronic and Social Media Communication

Information Items:

1. Superintendent's Emergent Issues

- Based on today's inclement weather, there were power outages in several regions of the Central Okanagan School District. By the time the school day started, power was up in all but five schools. Oyama Traditional School's power was reinstated by mid-morning; however, Peachland Elementary School was without power for the entire day. Peachland's power outage resulted in a one-day school closure at Peachland Elementary. Power was out for short periods of time in the Rutland area; however, students were able to remain in session. It is very rare that a school closure has been called as a result of a poor weather conditions. The Superintendent acknowledged the staff in the District's Operations Department, including custodians shovelling heavy snow and bus drivers navigating students safely through challenging roads. Principals, Vice-Principals, teaching and support staff were also recognized for dealing with snow-related emergent items that arose throughout the day.
- The Superintendent announced that enrolment as of November 14, 2014 have been recorded as 21,852 (headcount) with full time equivalent students (FTE) registered at 21, 418.25.
- The District class size averages have now been calculated:
 - Kindergarten 20.2
 - Grades 1-3 22.6
 - Grades 4-7 25.3
 - Grades 8-12 22.9
- Given the work that is currently underway to improve all aspects of BC's K-12 Accountability Framework, the requirements of the 2014/2015 Superintendent's Report on Achievement will be the same as last year. Some student achievements results from last year are not available as a result of the recent labour dispute. Therefore, some of the student performance data from the 2013/2014 Superintendent's Report on Achievement will be 'rolled over' to this year's report.
- As a result of the public consultation meetings held in Lake Country (regarding revising catchment areas) and Rutland (regarding timing for new grade configurations), parental and community feedback is currently being collected through the ThoughtStream Exchange process. Hundreds of Lake Country parents/community members have provided their feedback on-line and over 5000 direct emails have been sent to parents in the Rutland area. This high level of engagement of the community is providing rich feedback for staff as they prepare recommendations for the Board of Education.

The following items were reviewed by the Board:

1. Annual Report on Special Program: Hiring Exemption
2. District Funds Allocated to the Aboriginal Education Program 2013/2014
3. The Sons of Italy Galileo Lodge Gala Fundraising Event on November 7, 2014
4. Video Surveillance: Annual Report to the Board
5. Field Trips 2014/2015
6. General Statement

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Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Swearing In Ceremony for the new Board of Education for the Central Okanagan School District
Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
School Board Office

Inaugural Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm
School Board Office

Regular Public Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 immediately following the Inaugural Public Board Meeting
School Board Office

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates:

2015 Standing Committee Meeting Dates to be confirmed.

For comments, please contact:

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Hugh Gloster, Superintendent of Schools, 250-860-8888

Larry Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, 250-860-8888

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