

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) was held in the Creston Education Centre, 617 – 11th Avenue South, Creston, B.C. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Trustees: A. Field, A. Hambler, M. Joy (5:00 P.M. – 6:35 P.M.), D. Lang, B. Lindsay, B. Maslechko, V. Mayers-McKenzie, L. Trenaman, B. Wright

ALSO PRESENT: P. Dooley, Superintendent of Schools
T. Smith, Director of Instruction – Student Learning
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction – Student Services
B. DeBiasio, Director of Human Resources
L. Brown, Director of Operations
B. MacLean, Manager of Operations
M. Schulte, Secretary-Treasurer
E. Henderson, Executive Assistant

STAFF/PUBLIC: A. Suprowich-Dirk, Speech-Language Pathologist (*left following the presentation*)
C. Bourgeois, Speech-Language Assistant Program (*left following the presentation*)
B. Catherall, Speech-Language Assistant Program (*left following the presentation*)
N. DeVuono, Principal, Canyon-Lister Elementary School
J. Robinson, Transportation Co-ordinator (5:00 P.M. – 6:50 P.M.)
R. Blair, Co-President, KLTF
S. Wilson, Chair, DPAC

MEDIA: Nil

VIDEO CONFERENCE

NELSON: 2 members of the public (*left following the presentation*)
B. Cross, Principal, W.E. Graham Community School (*left following the presentation*)
T. Newell, Co-President, KLTF

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Maslechko called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

09-68 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lang
AND RESOLVED
that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted by the Board.

The following changes were made:

- Add Receiving Presentations - Student Transportation Services Review – Doug Hibbins, Trillium Consulting
- Addition to Item 9.A.(a) – Vallican Whole Proposed Motions
- Add Item 12.A.(d) – Trustee Salaries - Motion
- Add Item 12.A.(e) – Trustee Pro-D – Motions
- Add Item 12.A.(f) – School-Based Funds – Motion
- Add Item 12.B.(d) – Travelling - Discussion

RECEIVING PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Student Transportation Services Review – Doug Hibbins, Trillium Consulting (5:10 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.)

Doug Hibbins, Trillium Consulting, presented a synopsis of the findings and recommendations of the Student Transportation Services Review. The objective of the review was to look at the student transportation system to ascertain if it was providing equitable levels of service and whether there were ways that the delivery of the service could be optimized to achieve efficiencies. Eight proposed recommendations regarding walk limits; walk to stop limits; out of catchment bus service; transportation assistance, new routes and route extensions; bell time adjustments; route optimization; synergies with BC Transit; and, management of the transportation system were reviewed.

Employment Equity – Joint Initiative – Rebecca Blair and Trevor Smith

This presentation will be given at a future Board meeting.

Speech/Language Pathologists and Assistants – Andrea Dirk (5:45 P.M. – 5:50 P.M.)

Andrea Suprowich-Dirk, Speech-Language Pathologist, spoke to the new service model to provide Speech and Language services in the district. She introduced Christine Bourgeois and Becky Catherall who are studying the Speech-Language Assistant Program at Grant McEwan College. The district is serving 278 speech-language students.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Comments were made regarding:

- the Student Transportation Services Review;
- government freeze on transportation budgets; and,
- calendar proposals.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

09-69

Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lang
AND RESOLVED

that the minutes of the Closed and Regular meetings held on March 31, 2009 be adopted, as circulated.

RECEIPT OF RECORD OF PREVIOUS CLOSED MEETINGS

The Board received the record of a Closed Meeting held March 31, 2009.

REVIEW OF ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board reviewed action taken from previous meetings that was included with the agenda package.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board Mail Package Cover Sheets

09-70

Moved by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Trenaman
AND RESOLVED

that the Board receive the Board mail package cover sheets dated March 26 – April 1, 2009; April 2 – 8, 2009; and, the Board email package cover sheets dated March 26 – April 1, 2009 and April 2 – 8, 2009.

EDUCATION ISSUES

ACTION ITEMS

Vallican Whole Proposal

A proposal has been received from the Vallican Whole requesting consideration of placing their program into the W.E. Graham Community School. The decision sheet reflected the implications of the proposal. There would be staffing, bussing and renovation costs associated with the proposal.

09-71 Moved by Trustee Lindsay, seconded by Trustee Wright
AND RESOLVED
that the Board rejects the Vallican Whole proposal in its current form.

09-72 Moved by Trustee Lindsay, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
AND RESOLVED
that the Board supports, in principle, the idea of the Whole School relocating to the W.E. Graham facility and that both schools engage in collaborative discussions (committees of about five representatives from each school) designed to create a vision that includes equity/fairness in contractual agreements, a definition of roles and responsibilities amongst staff, administration, parents, CUPE positions, and the use of a shared facility in order to maximize the strengths and efficiencies of the Whole School and W.E. Graham while rationalizing some of the costs.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees: Field, Lang, Lindsay, Maslechko, Mayers-McKenzie, Trenaman, Wright,
ABSTAINED: Trustees: Hambler, Joy

Discussion took place regarding:

- time line for discussion;
- unique geographic grant;
- wording of the motion and in particular, “in principle”; and,
- the proposal would be an express of interest.

Prince Charles Secondary School’s New York City Field Trip Request

Concern was expressed regarding students being required to fund their total cost of the trip with no formal fundraising.

09-73 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lang
AND RESOLVED
that the Board approve the field trip request for ten Grade 12 students from Prince Charles Secondary to go to New York City during spring break 2010.

Proposed Draft Calendar for Consultation – 2009/2010

Superintendent Dooley advised that feedback received indicates that the majority of teachers appreciate the two week spring break. CUPE employees will be given the choice of working, taking holidays, using banked time or taking leave without pay. Two draft calendar scenarios were proposed based on the feedback received. The final proposed calendar will be prepared following input from the District Professional and Staff Development Committee on April 22nd and will include five (5) closure days. The proposed calendar will be circulated to employee groups and parents for public

consultation with a Board meeting scheduled for May 26th to adopt a calendar for 2009/2010.

Discussion took place regarding:

- impact of calendar on CUPE employees;
- dates for Festival Nelson; and,
- contractual implications if not using a standard calendar.

EDUCATION ISSUES **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Bill 33 Report

Director of Human Resources DeBiasio reported that the enrolment projections are down by 93 FTE students.

Education Committee Report

Director of Instruction – Student Learning Smith advised that the Education Committee had met on April 9th. Members of the Student Learning Team gave presentations in their areas. The use of the data warehouse software package and the school planning day and training session were discussed.

Six of the seven Community Coffee Houses have been hosted with the next one being held on May 7th at the new Crawford Bay Elementary-Secondary School.

Special Education Review – Progress Report

The Special Education Review surveys for parents and support staff have closed with the surveys for teachers being released and closing on April 27th.

StrongStart

The district has received Ministry approval for three more StrongStart centres bringing our total to five StrongStart centres.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Superintendent Dooley announced that the Honorable Steven Point, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, will be visiting Nelson on May 14th and will be touring two of our schools.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Action Items

Policy #731 – Bus Transportation for Independent School Students

09-74

Moved by Trustee Hambler, seconded by Trustee Wright

AND RESOLVED

that the Board approve Policy #731 – Bus Transportation for Independent School Students.

Policy #115 – Communication Protocols for Trustees

Trustee Hambler served notice of motion that the Board approve Policy #115 – Communication Protocols for Trustees

Policy #206 – Communications, Concerns and Complaints

Trustee Hambler served notice of motion that the Board approve Policy #206 – Communications, Concerns and Complaints.

Policy #320 – Scholarships and Bursaries

Trustee Hambler served notice of motion that the Board approve Policy #320 – Scholarships and Bursaries.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Information Items

Next Meeting

The Policy Committee will be meeting on Monday, April 27th at 1:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Action Items

School Trustee Election 2008 – Request for Committee

This item was deferred to the next Board meeting.

Student Transportation Services Review

09-75 Moved by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie, seconded by Trustee Wright
AND RESOLVED

that the Board adopt, in principle, the eight recommendations of the Student Transportation Services Review and further that this review go through a public consultation with administrator recommendations and costs before final adoption by the Board.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees: Lang, Lindsay, Maslechko, Mayers-McKenzie,
Trenaman, Wright
OPPOSED: Trustees: Field, Hambler

Discussion took place regarding:

- walk limits for younger students;
- special circumstances - guidelines need to be provided so that discretion can not change what is set in place;
- bell adjustment times;
- one Transportation Co-ordinator; and,
- accepting the motion versus adopting in principle.

J.V. Humphries Elementary-Secondary School Sewer Issue

Director of Operations Brown advised that the Village of Kaslo has waived the sewer operating charges for J.V. Humphries Elementary-Secondary School and the commercial kitchen operation for 2009.

09-76 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
AND RESOLVED
that the Board hook into the Village of Kaslo's sewer system.

Motion to Extend the Meeting

09-77 Moved by Trustee Trenaman, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
AND RESOLVED
that the meeting be extended by fifteen (15) minutes to go until 7:15 P.M.

Trustee Salaries

Trustee Mayers-McKenzie reported that Trustees have not had an increase in their indemnity for five years while both the administrative staff and teachers have had a ten percent or more salary increase in that time. She felt that the indemnities should be tied to the teachers salary increase.

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte advised that the increase would be \$2,325 per year rather than the \$1,000 per year as presented by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie.

09-78 Moved by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie, seconded by Trustee Lang
AND RESOLVED
that the Trustee indemnities be increased by the same percent increase as the teachers for the year 2008/2009 and the following three years.

Trustee Professional Development

09-79 Moved by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie, seconded by Trustee Trenaman
that the rate of professional development for a Trustee/year be increased to \$3,000 to reflect actual expenditures.

Discussion took place regarding:

- the need for the budget to reflect realistic professional development figures;
- New Trustee Academy which was not budgeted for;
- Policy #114 and Policy #116;

Trustee Mayers-McKenzie advised that there was a second and third part to the motion as follows:

Further that all attendance must be approved by the Board; this may mean a change in Policy.

Further all management expenses should come from the Administrative accounts.

At this point an amendment was made to the first motion.

09-80 Moved by Trustee Trenaman, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
that the Board remove the value of \$3,000 from the motion.

The amendment was then voted on.

09-80 Moved by Trustee Trenaman, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
AND RESOLVED
that the Board remove the value of \$3,000 from the motion.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees: Lang, Lindsay, Mayers-McKenzie, Trenaman,
OPPOSED: Trustees: Field, Hambler, Wright

ABSTAINED: Trustee: Maslechko

A friendly amendment was made to the main motion removing the word “actual”.

The main motion was then voted on.

09-79 Moved by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie, seconded by Trustee Trenaman
AND RESOLVED
that the rate of professional development for a Trustee/year be increased to reflect expenditures.

IN FAVOUR: Trustees: Lang, Lindsay, Mayers-McKenzie, Trenaman,
OPPOSED: Trustees: Field, Hambler, Wright
ABSTAINED: Trustee: Maslechko

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte sought clarification that the motion was for 2009/2010 because the 2008/2009 budget had already been passed.

At this point Trustee Mayers-McKenzie advised that she would be withdrawing the proposed second and third motions.

School-Based Funds

09-81 Moved by Trustee Trenaman, seconded by Trustee Lang
that the Board request that a report be provided to the Board on all school based funds, annually, starting June 30, 2009.

Discussion took place regarding:

- funds in school based accounts; and,
- school based funds versus school surpluses.

An amendment was made to the main motion.

09-82 Moved by Trustee Trenaman, seconded by Trustee Lang
that the Board request that a report be provided to the Board on all school surpluses, annually, starting June 30, 2009.

The motion was tabled indefinitely and more information will be gathered.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Lindsay

- reported that The Laziboyz Destination Imagination Team from Mt. Sentinel Secondary School won gold at the Provincial Tournament in Mission doing the challenge Operation Co-operation. Team members are Javen Johnson, Bryden Chernoff, Rylan Horwood and Chris Lamaree. Congratulations!

09-83 Motion to Extend the Meeting
Moved by Trustee Trenaman, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
AND DEFEATED
that the meeting be extended to deal with Items 12.B.(c) and (d).

IN FAVOUR: Trustees: Trenaman, Mayers-McKenzie
OPPOSED: Trustees: Field, Hambler, Lang, Lindsay, Wright
ABSTAINED: Trustee: Maslechko

ITEMS REMAINING ON THE AGENDA
FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Information Items

- a) Board Priority #1 around Trafalgar
 - Community Meeting – May 5th
- b) Crawford Bay Elementary-Secondary School
 - Grand Opening Update – Trustee Trenaman
 - Accounting of Crawford Bay and Community Connections Project
- c) Revenue and Expense Summary at March 31st, 2009
- d) Travelling

MISCELLANEOUS

Time restraints did not allow for this item.

QUESTION PERIOD

Due to time restraints, there was no question period.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th, 2009 at the Board Office, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C. at 5:00 P.M.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Board of Education/Sr. Management
Schools/District Staff
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Town of Creston
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