

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, June 2, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Trustees: A. Field, A. Hambler, M. Joy, 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
M. Schulte, Secretary-Treasurer
E. Henderson, Executive Assistant

STAFF/PUBLIC: W. West, District Librarian (In Part)
M. Scott, Secretary, Curriculum Resource Centre East
M. Bennett, President, CUPE Local 748
C. Sanders, Paraeducator
S. Wilson, Chair, DPAC
K. Mann, DPAC Rep
L. Johnston, Focus On Youth (In Part)
M. Lavender, Auditorium Society (In Part)

MEDIA: Nil

VIDEO CONFERENCE

NELSON: Nil

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Maslechko called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

09-107 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lindsay
AND RESOLVED
that the Agenda, as presented, be adopted by the Board.

RECEIVING PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Local Education Agreement - Signing

Director of Instruction – Student Learning Smith introduced Anne Jimmie and Sandra Luke from the Lower Kootenay Indian Band who were present to sign the Local Education Agreement between School District No. 8 and the Lower Kootenay Band.

Chair Maslechko thank Ms. Jimmie and Ms. Luke for their attendance at the Board meeting and advised that it was an honour and pleasure to be able to sign the Agreement as working partners for the children of the School District.

Employment Equity – Joint Initiative – Rebecca Blair and Trevor Smith (5:07 P.M. – 5:15 P.M.)

Director of Instruction – Student Learning Smith advised that the Kootenay Lake Teachers' Federation and the Senior Leadership Team would like to enter into a process for employment equity for aboriginal teachers. He provide a power point presentation which highlighted the underrepresentation of aboriginal teachers in the education system; the value of aboriginal teachers as role models; and, the Letter of Understanding #6 between the BCPSEA and BCTF.

- 09-108 Moved by Trustee Hambler, seconded by Trustee Wright
AND RESOLVED
that the Board approve, in principle, to empower the Director of Instruction – Student Learning to begin to facilitate the Employment Equity – Aboriginal Employees Program.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Comments were made on the following:

- benefits of Focus on Youth and budget item for Mary Scott;
- school district embracing the aboriginal people; and,
- loss of the auditorium co-ordinator's position.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

- 09-109 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
AND RESOLVED
that the minutes of the Closed and Regular meetings held on May 12, 2009 be adopted, as circulated.

RECEIPT OF RECORD OF PREVIOUS CLOSED MEETINGS

The Board received the record of a Closed Meeting held May 12, 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

- 09-110 Moved by Trustee Hambler, seconded by Trustee Lang
AND RESOLVED
that the Board receive the Board mail package cover sheets dated May 07 – May 13, 2009; May 21 – 27, 2009; and, the Board email package cover sheets dated May 7 – 13, 2009; May 14 – 20, 2009; May 21 – 27, 2009; and, the Board Package cover sheets dated Calendar – May 22, 2009; Curriculum Resource Centre – East – May 22, 2009 and W.E. Graham – May 22, 2009.

EDUCATION ISSUES

ACTION ITEMS

09-111

Prince Charles Secondary School London & Paris Field Trip Request

Moved by Trustee Hambler, seconded by Trustee Wright

AND RESOLVED

that Board approve the request from Prince Charles Secondary School for the Grade 11 and 12 students to travel to London and Paris March 9 – 17, 2010.

The Whole School Program of Choice Proposal – Motion #09-91

Moved by Trustee Lindsay, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie

that the Board accept the Whole School as a Program of Choice as a Pilot Project this year with the understanding that the staffing will be allocated according to the funds available to W.E. Graham and that the Whole School as a Program of Choice has an option to buy more teacher time, if desired.

The Whole School Programs of Choice proposal was removed from the table in light of a letter received from the Whole School indicating that there was not sufficient time before the end of the school year to investigate the option and thoroughly prepare for the 2009/10 school year.

EDUCATION ISSUES

INFORMATION ITEMS

Bill 33 Report

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Director of Human Resources DeBiasio advised that he was gathering information on school classes in three schools (Adam Robertson, Erickson and Prince Charles Secondary) for the BCTF Provincial grievance.

Education Committee Report

The Education Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, June 10th at 1:00 P.M. at the Board Office. The focus will be on school goals and the Achievement Contract to support the school goals.

Special Education Review – Progress Report

The Special Education Review survey identified the themes of ownership of student success; collaboration; Individual Education Plan; and, staff development. Focus group discussions for the Special Education Review will be held June 3rd at Mt. Sentinel; June 9th at the Board Office; June 10th at Salmo Secondary; June 11th at J.V. Humphries and June 15th at Prince Charles Secondary School.

A report will be provided to the Board at the June 23rd Board meeting.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Superintendent Dooley reported on the following:

- power of action research projects in the district – examples were shown from Jewett and Erickson Elementary Schools;

- a celebration of the work that has been done around the Literacy Innovation Action Research projects was held on May 19th at the Board Office; and,
- the Network of Performance Based Schools was held in Creston on May 26th and in Castlegar on May 28th.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Action Items

- 09-112 Policy #206 – Communications, Concerns and Complaints
 Moved by Trustee Hambler, seconded by Trustee Wright
 AND RESOLVED
 that the Board approve Policy #206 – Communications, Concerns and Complaints.
- 09-113 Policy #102 – Meeting Procedures & District Committees
 Moved by Trustee Hambler, seconded by Trustee Wright
 AND RESOLVED
 that the Board approve Policy #102 – Meeting Procedures & District Committees.
- 09-114 Policy #200 – Prevention of Violence in the Workplace
 Moved by Trustee Hambler, seconded by Trustee Wright
 AND RESOLVED
 that the Board approve Policy #200 – Prevention of Violence in the Workplace

Appreciation was expressed for having both the revised draft and final policies as appendices.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Information Items

Next Meeting

The Policy Committee will be meeting on Thursday, June 11th at 1:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Action Items

2009/2010 Preliminary Budget Bylaw – 1st and 2nd Reading

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reviewed the process that was used to arrive at the Preliminary Budget Bylaw. The Bylaw is based on the estimated enrolment numbers and will be amended once the enrolment numbers are finalized in September.

She advised that the Finance Committee of the Whole had met eight times this year to discuss the budget. The meetings were inclusive with the partner groups, public and minutes being posted on the district website.

Highlights of the power point presentation that was provided included:

- goal of system sustainability;
- a vision quote – “How can we expect to get the money when/if we don’t have a vision for the future that is different from the way we are doing things today?”;
- enrolment is still declining;
- the budget does not include a deficit repayment;
- service area allocations;

- contingency of \$420,000;
- funding protection;
- reduced by \$657,689 in order to provide a balanced budget and a contingency of \$420,000; and,
- staff FTE analysis.

Discussion took place regarding:

- tried to make cuts without affecting classrooms;
- unfunded, imposed contract settlements that are not funded;
- sending a letter to the Ministry regarding inadequate funding;
- partnership with the Regional District to fund Focus on Youth; and,
- the Creston Resource Centre option.

Appreciation was extended to Senior Leadership for their time and consideration in reaching a balanced budget with a contingency.

A Bylaw of the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) to adopt the annual budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2009/2010 pursuant to Section 113 of the School Act, R.S.B.C., 1996, c.412 as amended from time to time.

09-115 Moved by Trustee Joy, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
AND RESOLVED
that the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) adopt the Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009/2010 in the amount of \$50,796,364, as read a first time.

OPPOSED: Trustee Hambler

09-116 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
AND RESOLVED
that the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) adopt the Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009/2010 in the amount of \$50,796,364, as read a second time.

OPPOSED: Trustee Hambler

09-117 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
AND WITHDRAWN
that the Board move to third and final reading.

With the approval of the mover and seconder, the motion was withdrawn. Third reading will be dealt with at the June 23rd Board meeting.

Facility Rental Charges

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte advised that the facility rental charges referred to the long term rentals and not the short term rentals. A comparison of the rental charges to the actual costs of the rental shows that the district is not recovering sufficient rental income to offset the costs.

Discussion took place regarding:

- clarification of the Gordon Sargent school rental;
- rental increase to the Creston Family Place;
- obtaining feedback from rental groups;
- services that tenants receive from the school district;
- school district's priority is education;
- cost neutral rentals versus subsidized rentals; and,
- the need for contracts and rentals agreements for tenants.

09-118 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Joy
AND RESOLVED
that the Board instruct Senior Leadership to work with the proposed monthly facility rental charges in consultation with the groups.

Capital Project Bylaw 126121 – J.V. Humphries Energy Retrofit – Three Readings
A Bylaw of the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) to adopt a Capital Project for 2009/2010 in the amount of a maximum of \$600,000 for Energy Retrofit – Public Sector Energy Conservation Agreement – J.V. Humphries Elementary-Secondary School – Capital Project Bylaw 126121.

09-119 Moved by Trustee Hambler, seconded by Trustee Wright
AND RESOLVED
that the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) adopt the Capital Project Bylaw 12612 in the amount of a maximum of \$600,000 for Energy Retrofit – Public Sector Energy Conservation Agreement – J.V. Humphries Elementary-Secondary School, as read a first time.

09-120 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Lang
AND RESOLVED
that the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) adopt the Capital Project Bylaw 12612 in the amount of a maximum of \$600,000 for Energy Retrofit – Public Sector Energy Conservation Agreement – J.V. Humphries Elementary-Secondary School, as read a second time.

09-121 Moved by Trustee Hambler, seconded by Trustee Wright
AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY
that the Board move to third reading of Capital Project Bylaw 126121.

09-122 Moved by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Lindsay
AND RESOLVED
that the Board adopt Capital Project Bylaw No. 126121 in the amount of a maximum of \$600,000 for Energy Retrofit – Public Sector Energy Conservation Agreement – J.V. Humphries Elementary-Secondary School, as read a third and final time and that the Chair of the Board and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to affix the seal of the Board and their signatures to the said Bylaw.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Information Items

Payroll Deduction – Kootenay Lake Hospital

09-123 Moved by Trustee Hambler, seconded by Trustee Lindsay
AND RESOLVED

that the Board endorses payroll deductions for school district staff who would like to contribute to the Kootenay Lake Hospital CT Scanner fundraiser.

MISCELLANEOUS

Proposed Board Meeting Schedule – 2009/2010

Discussion took place regarding:

- viability of meetings in community locations – poor turnout, hardship on public and staff;
- video conferencing for meetings available only in Nelson and Creston;
- visiting schools prior to the meeting; and,
- meetings could be held on a different day rather than on Tuesdays.

09-124 Moved by Trustee Joy, seconded by Trustee Mayers-McKenzie
AND RESOLVED

that the Board supports the proposed Board meeting schedule, Option #2, with some variations.

ABSTAINED: Trustee Field

Crawford Bay will be added to the meeting location sites and the meeting in Kaslo will take place June 1st rather than January 12th.

Board Working Session

The Board Working Session has been scheduled for September 2/3 with the location to be determined. Trustees were asked to email agenda topics to Executive Assistant Henderson.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Chair Maslechko

- advised that this was Director of Instruction – Student Learning Smith’s last Board meeting in Creston and wished him well in Saskatchewan; and,
- attended the Central Centennial celebrations.

Trustee Trenaman

- attended the Central Centennial celebrations. The time capsule will be on display until June 20th. A picture of the Board will be included in the time capsule to be viewed in the next one hundred years. As a fundraiser messages can be printed and included in the time capsule for a fee of \$5.00.
- impressed with the presentations and awards that were given out at the Kootenay Regional Heritage Fair held at Central during the 100 year celebration – students will be going to Victoria and Ottawa;
- participated in the scholarship selections;
- attended the Literacy meetings and four out of the six Student Transportation Review meetings;

- advised of the upcoming French Advisory Council meeting on June 5th at 2:00 P.M.; and,
- encouraged Trustees to attend the Special Education Review focus group discussions in their communities.

Trustee Mayers-McKenzie

- attended the Heritage Days at Canyon/Lister Elementary School.

Trustee Lang

- reported on the network of performance based schools from Jewett and the scrapbook for literacy project; and, the planning day and soap box derby at J.V. Humphries.

Trustee Joy

- attended Literacy Innovation Action Research projects in Creston; and,
- recognized Director of Human Resources DeBiasio for his time and work in gathering information not only for Bill 33 but also for BCPSEA.

Trustee Wright

- advised of a phone call that he had received regarding a grey area student.

QUESTION PERIOD

A comment was made regarding pressures that staff are feeling as budget cuts are happening in the school district.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd, 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
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