

A Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees, School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) was held in the meeting room of the Board Office, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Trustees: P. Cattermole, B. Ewashen, A. Field, M. Joy, B. Maslechko, P. Tees, L. Trenaman, B. Wright

ALSO PRESENT: B. Reid, Superintendent of Schools
R. Johnston, Director of Instruction – Student Services
P. Dooley, Director of Instruction – Achievement
B. Wanless, Director of Human Resources
L. Brown, Director of Operations
M. Schulte, Secretary-Treasurer
C. McClure, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer (In Part)
E. Henderson, Executive Assistant

STAFF/PUBLIC: 3 Members of the Public
B. McDonell, MQN Architects
C. Fairbank, Fairbanks Architects
V. Manson, Principal, Hume Elementary School
M. McIndoe, Principal, L.V. Rogers Secondary School (In Part)
D. Myles, Principal, Salmo Elementary School
T. Hierck
M. Bennett, President, CUPE Local 748
T. Newell, Co-Chair, KLTF
S. Wilson, President, DPAC
R. Goodwin-Wilson, Maintenance (In Part)
V. Vasleniuck, Canadian Parents for French (In Part)

MEDIA: S. Newham, Nelson Daily News
G. Hicks, Mountain FM
E. Robins, Kootenay Western Star

VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE: Trustee Hambler (5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.)
N. Cobra, Principal, Creston Education Centre (In Part)
B. Blair, Co-President, KLTF
L. Eckersley, Creston Valley Advance

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and referred to Board Policy #102 – Board Meeting Procedures, 1.2 which states that the Secretary-Treasurer shall preside as Chair at the first Regular Board meeting in December until a Board Chair is elected. The elected Chair shall then assume the chair.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte called for nominations from the floor for the position of Board Chair.

Trustee Hambler nominated Trustee Ewashen.

Trustee Cattermole nominated Trustee Joy.

Trustee Joy nominated Trustee Wright.

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte called for further nominations two additional times and hearing no further nominations declared nominations closed.

An opportunity for each of the nominees to speak was provided before distributing the ballots for the election.

Director of Human Resources Wanless and Director of Instruction – Student Services Johnston were appointed as scrutineers for the votes.

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, on receiving the results of the ballot vote from the scrutineers, declared Trustee Ewashen elected as Board Chair. Trustee Ewashen assumed the position of chair at this point in the meeting.

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIR

Chair Ewashen called for nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chair.

Trustee Field nominated Trustee Hambler.

Trustee Joy nominated Trustee Wright.

Trustee Cattermole nominated Trustee Joy. Trustee Joy declined the nomination.

Chair Ewashen called for further nominations two more times and hearing no further nominations declared nominations closed.

Director of Human Resources Wanless and Director of Instruction – Student Services Johnston acted as scrutineers for the ballot vote.

Chair Ewashen, on receiving the results of the ballot vote from the scrutineers, declared Trustee Wright elected as Board Vice-Chair.

ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Provincial Councillor and Alternate, BCSTA

Chair Ewashen called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Trustee Wright nominated Trustee Maslechko.

Chair Ewashen called for further nominations two more times and hearing no further nominations declared nominations closed and declared Trustee Maslechko acclaimed as BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Chair Ewashen called for nominations for the position of alternate Provincial Councillor to BCSTA.

Trustee Maslechko nominated Trustee Hambler. Trustee Hambler declined the nomination.

Trustee Tees nominated Trustee Trenaman.

Chair Ewashen called for further nominations two additional times and hearing no further nominations declared nominations closed and declared Trustee Trenaman acclaimed as the Board's alternate Provincial Councillor to BCSTA.

BCPSEA and Alternate

Chair Ewashen called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA representative.

Trustee Cattermole nominated Trustee Joy.

Chair Ewashen called for further nominations two additional times and hearing no further nominations declared nominations closed and declared Trustee Joy acclaimed as the Board's representative to BCPSEA.

Chair Ewashen called for nominations for the position of alternate representative to BCPSEA.

Trustee Maslechko nominated Trustee Cattermole. Trustee Cattermole declined the nomination.

Trustee Joy nominated Trustee Wright.

Chair Ewashen called for further nominations two additional times and hearing no further nominations declared nominations closed and declared Trustee Wright acclaimed as the Board's alternate representative to BCPSEA.

DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS

06-185 Moved by Trustee Tees, seconded by Trustee Trenaman
AND RESOLVED
that the ballots be destroyed.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

06-189 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Tees
AND RESOLVED
that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted by the Board.

The following addition was made:

- Following 13.B. (a) time will be permitted for questions relating to the Future Planning presentation.

RECEIVING PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Nil

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

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ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Tees, seconded by Trustee Wright
AND RESOLVED

that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2006 and the minutes of the Teleconference Meeting of November 22, 2006 be adopted, as circulated; and, that the minutes of the Closed Meeting of November 14, 2006 be adopted, as amended.

RECEIPT OF RECORD OF PREVIOUS CLOSED MEETINGS

The Board received the record of a Closed Meeting held November 14, 2006.

REVIEW OF ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Catholic Civil Rights League

The letter was received as information. It will be referred to the next Closed Board meeting.

EDUCATION ISSUES

Action Items

Youth Smoking Survey

The Board referred the Youth Smoking Survey to Superintendent Reid for action.

EDUCATION ISSUES

Information Items

Future Planning Presentation

Superintendent Reid reported on the Commercial Appraiser's report which indicated that the assessed value of the properties is not necessarily what the selling price of the properties would be and in fact could be less. The Board has taken the position that the commercial appraisals will not influence the Board's decision as they thought might be the case at the outset of the process.

Bob McDonell, MQN Architects, and Chris Fairbank, Fairbank Architects, made presentations regarding the future planning for Nelson schools.

Mr. McDonell provided background information on his credentials, information on changes to the provincial funding for school space which is now based on a dollar per student basis rather than a dollar per square meter basis and the steps involved to reach a feasibility study. He also reviewed pros and cons of the four options illustrating the school, grades, impact and outcome. He advised that Ministry approval of any project would be difficult without a Board commitment to increasing efficiencies and utilization rates.

Mr. Fairbank spoke to the possibilities for accommodating students from Grades 8 to 12 at L.V. Rogers in the school year 2009. He provided an overview of the requirements for core spaces and elective spaces as well as three potential possibilities for building addition options.

Questions and comments were made as follows:

- concern was expressed regarding the South Nelson feasibility audit;
- ownership of the land at Trafalgar and South Nelson impacting the decision;
- French Immersion configuration;
- short term options around reconfiguration;
- reconfiguration taking place sooner rather than later;
- need to close schools to have efficiencies;
- Rural Grants being factored into the equations; and,
- L.V. Rogers reconfiguration renovations.

Superintendent Reid expressed appreciation to both Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Fairbank for their presentations.

Education Committee Report

Trustee Tees, Education Committee Chair, reported that the Committee will be meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2006 with a focus on sexual health. Other agenda items include reviewing the working plan for the year, looking at the draft nutrition policy and updating on School Planning Councils, Growth Plans and a training session for School Planning Councils. The KLTF has taken a stand not to participate in the Education Committee meetings.

Bill 33

Superintendent Reid advised that there have been no new consultation processes since his last report.

In answer to a question posed at the last Board Meeting, Superintendent Reid reported that out of 88 consultations, there were twelve situations where teachers did not agree with the classroom composition.

Safe Schools Report – Summary

The Safe Schools Report was reviewed. Eleven schools have completed a review or revision of their codes of conduct and fifteen schools have started but need to complete their review.

Schools that are not in compliance will come back in February for a follow up. All schools will be in full compliance by June, 2007.

Healthy Schools

Director of Instruction – Achievement Dooley reported on the Healthy Schools Network which is a voluntary organization with the goal to improve school health. Adam Robertson, Rosemont, Blewett, Trafalgar and L.V. Rogers have been selected to participate out of 35 schools in the province.

Leadership Seminar Series

Superintendent Reid highlighted the B.C. Education Leadership Council initiative which allows two of our administrators to participate in a leadership equitable growth opportunity. A goal of the initiative is the succession issue.

School Fees

The summary of schools fees was reviewed and concerns for the second semester were discussed. The Board will be reviewing school fees for 2007/08.

EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Superintendent of Schools

- advised that Vic Manson, Laura Moll, Andy Leathwood, Brian DeBiasio, Sharen Popoff, Deanna Holitzki and Carol-Ann Leidloff were selected to participate in the District Internship Program; and,
- acknowledged Michelle Bennett, newly appointed CUPE Local 748 President.

Director of Instruction – Achievement Dooley

- advised of the upcoming Interactive Innovation Conference;
- announced that the district had won an award for leadership for literacy; and,
- attended the portfolio presentation at L.V. Rogers.

Director of Instruction – Student Services Johnson

- reported that the internal audit has taken place;
- named as Kootenay Representative for Ministry training in audits; and,
- advised that two interns will be assisting with the Student Services Funding Committee and the Meals Program Committee.

Director of Human Resources Wanless

- advised that the district is experiencing a shortage of teachers on call in the Creston Area.

REPORT FROM POLICY COMMITTEE

Action Items

Nil

Information Items

Nil

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Action Items

Nil

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Information Items

Lower Six Mile Road and Barnes Road – Update

Director of Operations Brown advised that in regards to the Lower Six Mile Road and Barnes Road matter, he was awaiting a legal opinion.

Mercury Report

The North West Environment Group Ltd. final mercury report indicated that traces of mercury were found in some sink traps in some science labs. The final work to all identified areas will be completed during the Christmas break. Also found were some old mercury type thermometers which were set aside for proper disposal.

FINANCE AND OPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte

- presented an overview of revenue and expenses as at November 30, 2006. It was noted that the two week labour strike and 2.5% increase in salaries will affect the comparative salary figures; and,
- advised that we are awaiting the final funding announcement.

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Moved by Trustee Tees, seconded by Trustee Cattermole
AND RESOLVED
that the meeting be extended to complete the agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS

CUPE Day – Survey Results

The survey results have been given to CUPE.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Trenaman

- attended Trafalgar PAC, DPAC, French Advisory Committee and Canadian Parents for French meetings;
- advised that the previous Chair of the Canadian Parents for French has been named as a director for the Provincial CPF;
- attended the Superintendents' Association conference; and,
- attended the Trustee Academy in Vancouver.

Trustee Cattermole

- advised that the Literacy Committee in Kaslo is working on a Literacy Day.

Trustee Maslechko

- requested that any motions for Provincial Council be submitted by January 17th.

Trustee Tees

- proud to have district representation at the Learning and Action Showcase.

QUESTION PERIOD

Questions and comments were made about the following issues:

- CUPE survey;
- school fees;
- Safe Schools Report;
- Bill 33;
- contingency fund; and,
- webcasting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2006 at the Board Office, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C. at 5:00 P.M.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Board of School Trustees/Sr. Management
Schools/District Staff (via email)
Presidents: KLTF (via email), KLPVPA (via email), CUPE Local 748 (via email)
DPAC Nelson – (K. Couch - via email)
DPAC Creston
CUPE 748 (Secretary – G. Shmon via email)
School PAC Chairs
BCSTA (via email)
City of Nelson (via email)
Village of Salmo (via email)
Town of Creston (via email)
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