

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) was held in the Board Room, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson, B.C. on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Trustees: A. Field, A. Hambler-Pruden, D. Lang, M. Joy, B. Lindsay, B. Maslechko, L. Trenaman, B. Wright

**REGRETS:** Trustees: V. Mayers-McKenzie

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

**STAFF/PUBLIC:** 1 members of the public  
G. Campbell, Vice-Principal, Mt. Sentinel Secondary School (*left following comments by the public*)  
J. Moreira, Teacher, Mt. Sentinel Secondary School (*left following comments by the public*)  
D. Olynyk, Teacher, Mt. Sentinel Secondary School (*left following comments by the public*)  
L. Prosser, Journeyman Computer Tech (*left following comments by the public*)  
T. Newell, Co-President, Kootenay Lake Teachers' Federation  
R. Blair, Co-President, Kootenay Lake Teachers' Federation  
R. Korens, Regional Vice-President, CUPE Local 748  
J. Henri, Chair, DPAC

**MEDIA:** C. Payne, Nelson Daily News  
S. Van Schie, Nelson Star (In Part)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and advised that Board policy states that the Secretary-Treasurer shall preside as Chair at the first Regular Board meeting in December until a Board Chair is elected.

### **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR**

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

\*\* At the meeting, nominations were moved and seconded but not voted on. Following the meeting clarification was provided that nominations do not require a motion.

Trustee Trenaman nominated Trustee Maslechko.

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

Trustee Maslechko accepted the nomination and was declared Board Chair.

Chair Maslechko assumed the chair at this point in the meeting.

**ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIR**

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

Trustee Lindsay nominated Trustee Trenaman.

Trustee Wright nominated Trustee Joy.

Chair Maslechko called for further nominations two more times.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Maslechko confirmed that both Trustee Trenaman and Joy accepted the nomination.

A ballot vote was conducted.

Director of Instruction – Student Achievement Smith and Director of Instruction – Student Services Eaton acted as scrutineers for the ballot votes.

Chair Maslechko, on receiving the results of the ballot vote from the scrutineers, declared a tie vote and the vote was repeated.

A tie vote resulted again and the election was decided by drawing the names out of a hat. Trustee Trenaman was declared Board Vice-Chair.

**ELECTION OF PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES**

**Provincial Councillor & Alternate, BCSTA**

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

Trustee Trenaman nominated Trustee Wright.

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

Trustee Wright accepted and was acclaimed as the BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

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

Trustee Trenaman nominated Trustee Hamblen-Pruden.

Chair Maslechko called for further nominations two additional times and hearing no further nominations declared nominations closed.

Trustee Hamblen was acclaimed as the Board's alternate Provincial Councillor to BCSTA.

BCPSEA & Alternate

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

Trustee Trenaman nominated Trustee Mayers-McKenzie.

Chair Maslechko called for further nominations two additional times and hearing no further nominations declared nominations closed.

Trustee Mayers-McKenzie was acclaimed as the Board's representative to BCPSEA.

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

Trustee Trenaman nominated Trustee Lang.

Chair Maslechko called for further nominations two additional times and hearing no further nominations declared nominations closed.

Trustee Lang was acclaimed as the Board's alternate representative to BCPSEA.

**DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS**

09-237 Moved by Trustee Hambler-Pruden, seconded by Trustee Wright  
AND RESOLVED  
that the ballots be destroyed.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

09-238 Moved by Trustee Lindsay, seconded by Trustee Wright  
AND RESOLVED  
that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted by the Board.

The following additions were made:

- Add Item 14.C.(b) – Joint Meeting
- Add Item 14.C.(c) – AFG Concerns
- Add Item 14.E.(b) – Going Paperless - Discussion

**RECEIVING PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Assessment – Tom Newell and Rebecca Blair, Co-Presidents, Kootenay Lake Teachers' Federation (5:20 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.)

Tom Newell and Rebecca Blair, Co-President, Kootenay Lake Teachers' Federation, showed a DVD regarding assessment around public education and how standardized testing is threatening public education. Video comments suggested that teachers were being forced to teach to the test rather than putting students and learning first. Concerns were expressed regarding the FSA data results being used by the Fraser Institute. A request was made to support a moratorium on the FSA.

A question was asked regarding what the difference was between standardized testing and standardized based testing. The FSA is a standards based test rather than standardized as outlined in the BCTF DVD.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Comments were made on the following:

- Policy #430 – Extra & Co-Curricular Activities;
- draft policies not being on the website;
- Policy #230 – Regulation 1.7 regarding policy circulation;
- alternatives if use of 15 passenger vans is restricted – school buses not the best alternative;
- consultation needs to be made with coaches;
- running programs in spite of the Trustees and Board;
- safety issues, budget, staff – 15 passenger vans;
- a presentation was made to the Policy Committee regarding 15 passenger vans;
- lucky to have no accidents with kids no matter what type of vehicle; and,
- funding issue is driving this policy.

### **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES**

09-239 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Joy  
AND RESOLVED  
that the minutes of the Closed and Regular meetings held on November 24, 2009 be adopted, as circulated.

09-240 Moved by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Wright  
AND RESOLVED  
that the minutes of the Special Closed meeting held on November 30, 2009 be adopted, as circulated.

### **RECEIPT OF RECORD OF PREVIOUS CLOSED MEETINGS**

The Board received the record of a Closed Meeting held November 24, 2009.

### **REVIEW OF ACTION FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

#09-220 – When Trustees are making motions, they need to be clear.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Board Mail Package Cover Sheets

09-241 Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Hambler-Pruden  
AND RESOLVED  
that the Board receive the Board mail package cover sheet dated November 12 – 25, 2009, November 26 – December 2, 2009, December 3 – 9, 2009; and the Board email package cover sheets dated November 12 – 25, 2009, November 26 – December 2009 and December 3 – 9, 2009.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **EDUCATION**

FSA Concerns

Discussion took place regarding:

- Fraser Institute results;
- mandated to administer the FSA;
- results of the FSA;
- correct information needs to be available;
- FSA assessed on everyday classroom teaching and B.C. curriculum; and,
- need to have teachers marking.

09-242

Moved by Trustee Wright, seconded by Trustee Joy  
AND RESOLVED

that the Board of Education for School District No. 8 direct senior staff that the legally mandated FSA exams be prepared for, administered, and marked by Grades 4 and 7 teachers in accordance with government legislation and sound assessment practices and to work to ensure full student participation in the assessment as per Ministry guidelines. Any staff not willing to participate should be dealt with in accordance to their contract and district Human Resources policy.

OPPOSED: Trustee Lindsay

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Nil

**FINANCE/OPERATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY**

**Policy #310 – Student Medication**

09-243

Moved by Trustee Hambler-Pruden, seconded by Trustee Wright  
AND RESOLVED

that the Board adopt Policy #310 – Student Medication.

**Policy #114 – Trustee and Senior Management Professional Development**

Trustee Hambler-Pruden served notice of motion that the Board adopt this policy.

**Policy #303 – Student Registration Requirements**

Trustee Hambler-Pruden served notice of motion that the Board adopt this policy.

**Policy #312 – Anaphylaxis**

Trustee Hambler-Pruden served notice of motion that the Board adopt this policy.

**Policy #430 – Extra & Co-Curricular Activities - Interim**

Trustee Hambler-Pruden served notice of motion that the Board adopt this interim policy.

Trustee Hambler-Pruden noted that she has sought legal counsel and as Chair of the Policy Committee will serve notice of motion but will be voting against the motion.

This policy will be deferred to the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting. It was agreed that coaches should have a chance to address the Policy Committee.

### Policy #461 – School Choice and Catchment

Trustee Hambler-Pruden served notice of motion that the Board adopt this policy.

### Date of Next Policy Committee Meeting

The date of the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 P.M. at the Board Office.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### Regional District of Central Kootenay – Appointments

The following Regional District of Central Kootenay appointments were made:

- Recreation Commission No. 2 (Kaslo) – Trustee Lang
- Recreation Commission No. 7 (Salmo) – Trustee Field
- Slokan & Valley South Regional Parks & Recreation Commission – Trustee Lindsay.

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **EDUCATION**

#### Report on Community Connections Library Service Project

Superintendent Dooley reported on the Community Connections Library Service project which has enabled the district to partnership with the City of Nelson, the Nelson Municipal library, the Regional District and the Columbia Basin Alliance to provide services through Winlaw school.

#### Education Committee

The Superintendent's Report on Achievement was circulated and will come forward at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for adoption.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### Bill 33

Director Human Resources DeBiasio advised there was nothing to report regarding Bill 33 at this time.

He reported that the district class size averages are within the guidelines and well below the provincial maximum averages. This is especially true at the secondary level.

## **FINANCE AND OPERATIONS**

### 2009/2010 Financial Grant Announcement Update

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte reported that the district is out of funding protection for the September count; however, the February and May enrolment decrease is expected to keep the district in funding protection for the year. The final budget bylaw needs to be adopted by the Board by the end of February.

### Joint Meeting

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte, Superintendent Dooley and Trustee Joy attended a joint meeting with BCSTA, BCSSA and BCASBO. The purpose was to discuss pending budget challenges. Input received from the meeting included added pressures due to loss of revenue in the oil and gas sections, restrictions on what types of land can be sold, AFG funding, class size limits and possibly pulling back the carbon tax until there is more economic stability.

### AFG Concerns

Secretary-Treasurer Schulte advised that the district is anticipating a -\$751,072 deficit in the AFG fund at June 30, 2010. With the loss of the grant, there are challenges in the maintenance area to provide basic levels of service, which has necessitated an increase of \$100,000 to support emergent staffing needs.

### POLICY

#### Minutes of November 30, 2009

The minutes were received as information.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### BCSTA Academy Report

The report was received as information.

#### Going Paperless - Discussion

Trustees Joy and Lang will be exploring the possibility of paperless Board meetings and giving an overview at a future Board meeting.

### TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees Hambler-Pruden, Joy, Lindsay and Wright reported on the sessions that they attended at the recent BCSTA Trustee Academy in Vancouver. Trustees Trenaman and Mayers-McKenzie gave two presentations on the Crawford Bay School and have been asked to present for other groups.

#### Trustee Trenaman

- attended a BCPSEA meeting on negotiations and funding challenges; and,
- attended Crawford Bay and Redfish PAC meetings.

#### Trustee Lindsay

- attended PAC Christmas parties at Winlaw and Brent Kennedy.

#### Trustee Maslechko

- reminded Trustees that the three areas mentioned earlier in the day need to be addressed by Trustees.

### QUESTION PERIOD

Questions and comments were made regarding the following issues:

- an invitation was extended to attend the DPAC Christmas party at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

**The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at Crawford Bay Elementary-Secondary School, 16150 Walkley Road, Crawford Bay at 5:00 P.M. (MST).**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Board of Education/Senior Leadership Team  
Schools/District Staff  
Presidents: KLTF, KLPVPA, CUPE Local 748, DPAC  
BCSTA  
City of Nelson  
Village of Salmo  
Town of Creston  
Village of Kaslo  
Regional District of Central Kootenay  
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