



BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 3:00 P.M.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

425 Jermyn Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT **Bill Bidlake, Trustee**
Shelley Clarke, Trustee
Bruce Johnson, Trustee
Ginny Manning, Trustee
Julie Planiden, Trustee
Barb Sheppard, Trustee
Linda Van Alphen, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT **Wendy Hyer, Superintendent of Schools**
Bonnie Roller Routley, Secretary-Treasurer
Dave Burgoyne, Assistant Superintendent
Daniel Francisco, Director of Information Technology
Doug Gorcak, Director of Facilities
Daphne Adey, Executive Assistant

Craig Reigh, representing CUPE
Todd Lindsay, representing principals and vice principals

1. Call to Order
Trustee Bidlake called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda
MOTION Duly moved and seconded
That the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Presentations

4. Information Items

4.1 2015-16 Annual Facilities Grant Expenditure Plan

The director of facilities reviewed the 2015-16 annual facilities grant expenditure plan which allocates approximately \$1.2 million to various projects throughout the district. As per the Ministry of Education requirement, this plan has been submitted to the Ministry. The plan allows for phase II of the mechanical upgrade at Wiltse Elementary; fire alarm upgrades at Trout Creek, Columbia, and Parkway Elementary schools; the continuance of data wiring at Queen's Park and Parkway Elementary schools; parking lot repairs and DDC upgrade at Uplands Elementary; an irrigation upgrade at Parkway Elementary;

roofing at West Bench Elementary; and hallway and classroom upgrade at Summerland Secondary School.

4.2 South Okanagan Genealogical Society

The secretary-treasurer advised that the South Okanagan Genealogical Society had written requesting space within the district for meetings and storage, was advised that the district does not have the space, and is now requesting reconsideration of the district's response. It was suggested that due to the current facility review the district cannot make a commitment at this time and further it may not be appropriate to have up to 50 people attending a meeting at a school during school hours. It was suggested that the Shatford Centre or city facilities would be more appropriate.

MOTION Duly moved and seconded

That the committee recommend to the Board of Education that a letter be written to the South Okanagan Genealogical Society advising the district does not have space for the society and suggesting they contact the Shatford Centre or the City of Penticton for their request.

CARRIED

5. Action Items

5.1 Wild Horse Population at West Bench Elementary

The committee reviewed a letter from Principal Allen Beckingham concerning wild horses roaming near the school and causing a safety risk for students and staff. Following discussion,

MOTION Duly moved and seconded

That the committee recommends to the Board of Education that a letter be written to the Chief of the Penticton Indian Band explaining safety concerns for students and staff caused by the wild horses near West Bench Elementary and requesting their assistance in protecting the welfare of the children who live in the area.

CARRIED

5.2 Trustee Indemnity Rates

Pursuant to Policy No. 150 – Trustee Financial Matters, “the secretary-treasurer at the June meeting annually, shall report the trustee indemnity rates to the Board for consideration. Trustee indemnities shall be increased each September by the Consumer Price Index for British Columbia for the previous 12-month period unless the Board declines the increase.” Provided in the agenda package were the results of confidential surveys conducted by BCSTA related to trustee benefits, meals, mileage, professional development, and remuneration. Also attached was a memo providing a comparison of the current trustee remuneration for SD67 compared to the cohort districts and the provincial average, showing that SD67 is lower than both the cohort districts and provincial average.

	Chair	Vice Chair	Trustee
SD67	13,290	12,220	10,620
Provincial Average	16,845	15,421	15,969
Cohort Average	16,384	14,851	13,884

MOTION Duly moved and seconded
That, pursuant to Policy No. 150 – Trustee Financial Matters, trustee indemnities shall be increased in September 2015 by the Consumer Price Index for British Columbia for the previous 12-month period of 1.10%.

CARRIED

Trustees Johnson and Bidlake requested that their negative vote be recorded.

5.3 Policy No. 280 – Recycling and Waste Reduction

The secretary-treasurer reviewed Policy No. 280 – Recycling and Waste Reduction in which the Board encourages all staff to minimize use of resource materials, to use recyclable materials, and to dispose of left-over materials in an environmentally sound manner. There were no recommendations for changes.

MOTION Duly moved and seconded
That the Business Committee recommends to the Board of Education that there be no changes to Policy No. 280 – Recycling and Waste Reduction.

CARRIED

5.4 Policy No. 750 – School Closure

Secretary-Treasurer Roller Routley reviewed recommended changes to Policy No. 750 – School Closure. It was noted that closing a school would mean for a period exceeding 12 months. During discussion, a number of changes were suggested including a longer period of review by partner groups.

MOTION Duly moved and seconded
That the Business Committee recommends to the Board of Education that Policy No. 750 – School Closure with the amendments noted be approved in principle and forwarded to partner groups for any suggestions for changes.

CARRIED

5.5 Policy No. 760 – Disposal of Property

The secretary-treasurer reviewed suggested changes to Policy No. 760 – Disposal of Property, which includes a name change to “Disposal of Land or Improvements”. Ms. Roller Routley added that these suggested changes would bring the policy in line with the Ministry of Education policy. In response to a trustee question, Ms. Roller Routley explained where the funds from a sale of land or buildings would go.

MOTION Duly moved and seconded
That the Business Committee recommends to the Board of Education that Policy No. 760 – Disposal of Land or Improvements be approved in principle and forwarded to partner groups for any suggestions for changes.

CARRIED

6. Upcoming Policies

- Policy No. 500 – Personnel Principles (last reviewed November 8, 1999)
- Policy No. 570 – Long Service Recognition (last reviewed November 8, 1999)
- Policy No. 505 – Hiring or Promoting School District Employees (last reviewed February 9, 2004)

- Policy No. 515 – Principals/Vice Principals/Directors of Instruction (last reviewed February 9, 2004)
- Policy No. 720 – Security of Premises (last reviewed February 9, 2004)
- Policy no. 110 – Policy Development and Maintenance (last reviewed September 10, 2007)

The secretary-treasurer advised there are 19 business policies which need to be reviewed as part of the continuing review of policies pursuant to Policy No. 110 – Policy Development and Maintenance.

7. Question Period

The chair and secretary-treasurer responded to media questions.

8. Adjournment

MOTION Duly moved and seconded
That the meeting be adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED