



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007, AT 7:30 P.M.
AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

L. Little, Chair
G. Manning, Vice Chair
K. Andrews, Trustee
C. Denesiuk, Trustee
W. Huebert, Trustee
L. Van Alphen, Trustee

G. Doi, Superintendent of Schools
F. Regehr, Secretary-Treasurer
B. Celli, Assistant Superintendent
R. Shongrunden, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
D. Burgoyne, Director of Instruction
L. Hauptman, Director of Instruction
G. Schafer, Director of Instruction
J. Hickling, Director of Maintenance
D. Adey, Executive Secretary

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Little welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Andrews/Van Alphen that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3.0 PRESENTATIONS BY SCHOOLS AND/OR STUDENTS

4.0 RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS AND GUESTS

5.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: Manning/Denesiuk that the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on June 11, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

6.0 REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING

The secretary-treasurer reported on the closed meeting held on June 11, 2007:

1. Received a report from the finance and management committee and the building, grounds, safety and transportation committee;
2. Confirmed teaching, excluded, and CUPE staff changes;
3. Confirmed the appointment of a principalship;
4. Reviewed the process for the vice principal competition at Wiltse Elementary;
5. Approved a request for a deferred salary leave plan;
6. Received information related to student suspensions;
7. Received information related to a meeting of the Okanagan Labour Relations Council.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from Parents

A letter forwarded by parents Paul and Eunice Randall thanking the Board for their support of the Science Fair Program.

MOTION: Huebert/Manning that the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

8.0 REPORT OF COMMITTEES

8.1 Education Committee

Trustee Van Alphen reported on the education committee meeting held on June 19, 2007:

a. Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement

Director of Instruction Lynn Hauptman provided an overview of work done over the past year around the aboriginal enhancement agreement. Key goal areas and elements of the aboriginal education progress report were reviewed. The committee recommended that the report for 2006-07 be approved. Following discussion,

MOTION: Van Alphen/Andrews that the Board approves the aboriginal education progress report for 2006-07 and commends all involved for their work toward meeting the objectives of the enhancement agreement.

CARRIED

MOTION: Van Alphen/Denesiuk that the report of the education committee be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Policy Committee

Trustee Andrews reported on the policy committee meeting held on June 19, 2007:

a. No Smoking Policy

Assistant Superintendent Brian Celli provided an update and reviewed a draft of the proposed smoke- and tobacco-free environment policy. After discussion, the committee agreed to recommend circulation of the policy.

MOTION: Andrews/Manning that draft Policy No. 740 – Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Environment be approved in principle and circulated to partner groups for any suggestions for changes.

CARRIED

MOTION: Andrews/Huebert that the report of the policy committee be received.

CARRIED

Appreciation was extended to Assistant Superintendent Celli for his assistance and efforts in establishing this draft policy. It was noted that policies are normally circulated for suggestions for changes for a period of 30 days but due to the approaching summer break, the process may be extended to allow sufficient time for consultation with partner groups.

9.0 REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

9.1 Signage on District Vehicles

As a follow-up to the unveiling of the “no2meth” campaign on June 20, 2007 at Cherry Lane Mall, the secretary-treasurer noted that the decals have now been installed on the delivery van. Trustees agreed that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Cherry Lane Mall for their sponsorship of the cost of the decals on school district vehicles.

9.2 Annual Facility Grants

The secretary-treasurer reported that the school district has received \$1,310,000 in funding for the 2007-08 annual facility grants, an increase of \$4,000 compared to the current year. Director of Maintenance Hickling advised that the AFG funds will be used for improvements in the district such as the adventure playground program, Summerland Secondary School entrance, an exterior painting program, the addition of security cameras, an improved keying program for the district’s facilities, and flooring, roofing and technology upgrades. A full report will be available at the September meeting.

10.0 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

10.1 Student Achievement

a. District Goals (Literacy, Numeracy and Social Responsibility)

b. District Achievement Contract

The superintendent advised that boards will no longer be required to submit an achievement contract by July 15. As an interim measure, boards will be required to submit a transition document by October 31, 2007 that encompasses the current accountability contract provisions and transitions to achievement contracts. All boards will be required to submit a formal achievement contract by July 15, 2008.

c. District Literacy Plan

Mr. Doi added that the deadline has been extended for the submission of district literacy plans. As an interim measure, boards will be required to begin linking existing community literacy initiatives within a broader district-wide literacy plan. As well, boards will be required to include in a transition document by October 31, 2007 the steps that they have taken and plans to develop their district literacy plans. All boards will be required to submit a district literacy plan by July 15, 2008.

d. Specialty Academies

It was noted that boards will be required to consult with parent advisory councils and school planning councils with respect to the 2007-08 program offerings before September. School planning council approval will be required for the 2008-09 program offerings. Regulatory criteria for specialty academies will be developed in time for the 2008-09 school year.

11.0 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES

12.0 NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 Date of Next Meeting

- September 10, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, School Board Office, or at the call of the chair

14.0 TRUSTEE COMMENTS

14.1 Trustee Comments

Trustees provided general comments related to the tour of the construction at Penticton Secondary School and extended appreciation to all staff for their efforts during the past year.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Andrews/Huebert that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

CARRIED

16.0 QUESTION PERIOD

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer