

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY) HELD IN ROOM #2020 OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION CENTRE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

Trustees

S. Wilson, Chairperson
L. Larsen, Vice Chairperson
T. Allen
C. Dobie
L. McNally
R. Masi

Staff

Dr. J. Tinney, Superintendent
W. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer
R. Ryan, Deputy Superintendent

Absent

P. Glass

[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Presenters & Staff:

In addition to the Table Officers named above, the following staff were in attendance at the meeting:

Natasha Burgart student, Bayridge Elementary; Elisa Carlson, Director of Instruction, Curriculum and Instruction; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Simrit Grewal student, Creekside Elementary; Andrew Holland, Assistant Superintendent; Jennifer Janzen, Administrative Assistant; Syed Khawar student, Westerman Elementary; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Ahmad Masood student, Westerman Elementary; Christy Northway, Assistant Superintendent; Loris Pante, Executive Director, Human Resources; Brett Raycroft, District Principal; Pavneet Sandhu student, Creekside Elementary; Navnoor Sodhi student, Martha Currie Elementary; Karen Steffensen, Assistant Superintendent; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services.

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- (a) "O Canada"
Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied by a recording by North Surrey Secondary students

- (b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Allen requested that the agenda be amended to exclude schedule 4 (a); Trustee Reports.

It was moved by Trustee Allen seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the agenda of the Regular Board meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

- (c) Presentation- Science Fair Students

Elisa Carlson, Director of Instruction introduced Shelagh Lim, Science Helping Teacher, who provided Trustees with information regarding the 47th Annual District Science Fair. The SD36 (Surrey) Science Fair is the largest science fair in Western Canada. 75 Volunteers were on hand to support the event held at Central City Mall. The event was well attended by the public. Shelagh acknowledged the generous support of Central City and Black Bond Books. In addition she thanked all the students, teachers and parents for the dedication and support of the Science Fair.

Eight years ago a new K-7 science curriculum was implemented. One of the main features of the new curriculum is for students to use an inquiry approach. They pose a question and really think about what they want to know and that drives the research and the presentation. The new curriculum approach is evident again in this year's science fair projects.

Each student made a short presentation on his/her project to the Board. The projects covered a wide variety of scientific concepts and highlighted the achievements of the students.

Science Fair projects were presented by:

- Navnoor Sodhi, Grade 7 student, student, Martha Currie Elementary – “Robotics”
- Pavneet Sandhu & Simrit Grewal, Grade 7 students, Creekside Elementary “Sneezing.”
- Natasha Burgart, Grade 7 student, Bayridge Elementary – “Too Much Pressure.”
- Syed Khawar & Ahmad Masood, Grade 7 students, Westerman Elementary - “Bioplastic.”

The Board thanked the Administration, Helping Teachers, parents, and students for all their efforts in making the Science Fair such a huge success. Chairperson Wilson commented on how each of the projects is relevant to today’s life: health, environment and robotics and how the students illustrated an in depth knowledge of their subject matter. Trustees commented on how much they learned from the students and how impressed they were with the presentations.

Chairperson Wilson recessed the meeting at 7:29 p.m. in order for Trustees to view the Science Fair Presentations more closely and reconvened the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

(d) Presentation – James Jones, Grade 3 Student James Ardiel Elementary

Erin Cheng, a teacher at James Ardiel Elementary introduced James Jones; one of her Grade 3 students. Ms. Cheng challenged her class to come up with ways to reduce their Carbon Footprint. She mentioned that James came up with a great idea and has made his presentation 10 times.

James proceeded with his presentation saying that in response to the challenge he did some research and discovered COLORCYCLE; a recycling initiative sponsored by Crayola. James noted that markers are made of plastic and we often throw them in the garbage when they are dried out, thus littering our landfills and oceans with tons of plastic. James spoke of the great garbage patches in the oceans, how we had created them and the environmental impact. He wanted to provide a solution that would work for his class. The COLORCYCLE program was his answer to reducing the amount of plastic in the environment.

Crayola melts the plastic and turns the waste product into fuel that can actually be used to power cars. He explained how they could recycle markers at his school. Markers, all kinds, would be brought to the School, and would be put in Crayola Marker recycle bins. When they collect enough, FED EX would pick them up and send them to a plant in Niagara Falls where the markers would be melted and converted to fuel (Crayola pays all shipping charges). 308 markers will make one gallon of fuel that can power an SUV for 15 miles. James estimated that in the district there are probably a million markers that could be recycled and that could make a difference.

Chairperson Wilson thanked James for bringing his presentation to the Board and for his thoughtful and thorough explanation of an environmental issue-plastic and the great garbage patches. Chairperson Wilson also noted that James had researched and had found a simple but effective way that his class/school could help recycle plastic. Trustees also thanked James for his interesting presentation.

James commented that he would like to see the District participate in the program.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2014-02-27**

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee Dobie:

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2014-02-27 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Proposed Three Year School Calendar for 2014-2017 School Years

It was moved by Trustee Larsen, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT the Board approve the calendars for 3 consecutive years as follows:

Year 2014/2015	Year 2015/2016	Year 2016/2017
6 district wide non-instructional days: September 22, 2014 October 24, 2014 November 10, 2014 February 20, 2015 May 1, 2015 May 25, 2015	6 district wide non-instructional days: September 28, 2015 October 23, 2015 November 13, 2015 February 26, 2016 May 6, 2016 May 30, 2016	6 district wide non-instructional days: September 26, 2016 October 21, 2016 November 10, 2016 February 24, 2017 May 5, 2017 May 29, 2017
5 district wide school closure days: March 9 – March 13, 2015 (prior to a one week spring break from March 16 – March 20, 2015)	4 district wide school closure days: March 21 – March 24, 2016 (following a one week spring break from March 14 – March 18, 2016)	5 district wide school closure days: March 13 – March 17 2017 (prior to a one week spring break from March 20 – March 24, 2017);

and

THAT the Board approve the proposed 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 calendar submissions to the Ministry of Education; and

THAT the Board adopt a district-wide local school calendar for 2014/2015, 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 as noted above.

CARRIED

(c) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126694 – 2014/2015 Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT, subject to Ministry of Education approval, Capital Project Bylaw No. 126694 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Larsen, seconded by Trustee Dobie:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126694 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Masi, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126694 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Allen, seconded by Trustee McNally:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126694 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(d) New Lease for the Guildford Learning Centre – Site # 594

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Dobie:

THAT the Board authorize the execution of the lease of 10183 – 152A Street, Surrey, BC commencing 1st of December, 2014 to 30th of November, 2024 from the landlord West Coast Hay Management Ltd.

CARRIED

[4] **INFORMATION & PROPOSALS**

(a) Trustee Reports

No reports were received as per the amended agenda.

(b) Progress Report – Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report on Active Capital Projects.

(c) Reporting Student Accidents

Trustees received information on reporting student accidents.

(d) Incoming Correspondence

There were no correspondence items requiring Trustees' attention.

[4] **FUTURE BUSINESS**

(a) Items for Future Discussion

The Trustees noted topics requiring discussion by the Board in the future, outlined on the agenda administrative memorandum schedule.

(b) Future Meetings

Trustees made note of future meetings outlined on the agenda administrative memorandum schedule.

[5] **QUESTION PERIOD**

An informal question period of up to 30 minutes will be provided immediately following the conclusion of the meeting.

[6] **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee McNally, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.
CARRIED

S. Wilson
Chairperson

W. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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