

**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, FEBRUARY 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

S. Wilson, Chairperson  
T. Allen  
B. Holmes  
L. McNally  
G. Thind  
G. Tymoschuk

**Staff**

Dr. J. Tinney, Superintendent  
W. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer  
R. Ryan, Deputy Superintendent  
K. Botsford, Executive Assistant

**Absent**

L. Larsen, Vice Chairperson

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Presenters & Staff:**

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

Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services; Chris Baldry, Principal, Chimney Hill Elementary; Dr. Elisa Carlson, Director of Instruction; Jennifer Janzen, Administrative Assistant; Aileen Kinsella-Beaudry, Principal, North Surrey Learning Centre; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; and Doug Strachan, Manager, Communications Services; Karen Steffensen, Assistant Superintendent.

(a) **"O Canada"**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied by a recording by Woodward Hill Elementary.

(b) Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Allen requested that item 4 (a) Trustee Reports be removed from the agenda, and that item 3 (f) Motion, BCSTA AGM Motions be added to the agenda.

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

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

CARRIED

(c) Recognition – Chris Mohammed, Teacher, Chimney Hill Elementary

The Board recognized Mr. Chris Mohammed for his contribution to Surrey School District students above and beyond the curriculum. Mr. Mohammed introduced and supervises the Fit Kids program at Chimney Hill Elementary. He is also the sponsor teacher for the Student Council and organizes student attendance at We Day as well as the district Student Leadership Conference.

Mr. Chris Baldry, Principal, Chimney Hill Elementary spoke to the level of dedication and tireless effort of Mr. Mohammed in his work with the students. Mr. Baldry explained that the Student Council is so influential in the school community that often he will include them when he needs their support with initiatives such as parent volunteer recruitment.

Chris Mohammed thanked the Board for recognizing his work, but said he is merely the caretaker of the student programs. He remarked that without the support of other Chimney Hill staff and administration he would not be able to do the work he does.

Eight members of the Chimney Hill Student Council executive were on hand to speak about their personal experience serving on Council and in other leadership capacities. Each Student Council member spoke to the successes and personal growth they have experienced and they all expressed their appreciation for the ongoing support and opportunities that Mr. Mohammed has provided.

Chairperson Wilson and the Trustees commended Mr. Mohammed for his exceptional work with the students. Trustees also complemented the student speakers for their articulate, thoughtful and engaging comments.

[2] DELEGATIONS

No items.

**[3] ACTION ITEMS****(a) Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2015-01-15**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2015-01-15 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**(b) Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures – Six Months Ended 2014-12-31**

It was moved by Trustee Tymoschuk, seconded by Trustee Holmes:

THAT the Board accept the Statement of Operating Fund Expenditures for the six (6) months ended 2014-12-31, as presented.

CARRIED

**(c) Interim Financial Report – Special Purpose Funds – Six Months Ended 2014-12-31**

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

THAT the Board accept the Special Purpose Fund Schedules for the six (6) months ended 2014-12-31, as presented.

CARRIED

**(d) 2014/2015 Amended Annual Budget**

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

THAT the attached School District Amended Annual Budget for 2014/2015 totalling \$691,413,148 including \$610,986,770 in operating expenditures, be approved and supplied to the Ministry of Education; and

THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2014/2015 be given three (3) readings at this meeting (vote must be unanimous).

CARRIED

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

THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2014/2015 be approved as read a first time.

CARRIED

It was moved by Trustee Holmes, seconded by Trustee Thind:

THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2014/2015 be approved as read a second time.

CARRIED

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

THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2014/2015 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED

(e) Amendments to School Calendar

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

THAT the Board approved the amendments to the local school calendar listed below:

- February 26, 2016 NID be moved to February 19, 2016; and
- February 24, 2017 NID be moved to February 17, 2017.

CARRIED

(f) BCSTA AGM Motions

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

THAT the Board submit to the BCSTA for the upcoming AGM, motions on the following three topics:

1. Advisory Group on Provincial Assessment (AGPA)
2. Graduation Program - Curricula Grades 10, 11
3. New Teacher Mentorship Program.

CARRIED

[4] INFORMATION & PROPOSALS

(a) Trustee Reports

There were no Trustee reports as per the amended agenda.

(b) Progress Report Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

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

THAT the Board direct the Chairperson to contact the Ministers of Education and Finance to request a meeting with the Board to discuss the pressing capital needs in Grandview Heights, Clayton Heights and other areas in the District.

CARRIED

(c) Update on North Surrey Learning Centre

Trustees received a verbal report from Rick Ryan, Deputy Superintendent, regarding the public consultation on the relocation of the North Surrey Learning Centre. The consultation process included staff, students and parents. Staff are very excited about the move; feedback from students and parents has been positive with the exception of one response. It is expected that a recommendation to relocate the North Surrey Learning Centre to the Surrey College site will be brought before the Board at the March 5, 2015 meeting.

(d) Update on Choice Program Registration

Trustees received a verbal report from Dr. Elisa Carlson, Director of Instruction regarding the online Choice Program registration procedure. This new process is more efficient, transparent, and equitable. Registration opened on January 26, 2015 and to date, 449 applications have been received. Upon the close of registration on February 16, 2015, automatically generated emails will be sent in a lottery style to parents notifying them that they have received a placement, which they can accept or decline, or notifying them that they are waitlisted for their program of choice.

The new system for Choice Program registration was a collaboration of several District departments including: Information Management Services, Education Services and MyEdBC. Dr. Carlson expressed appreciation for the collaboration of the three departments including key staff members: Dan Turner, Director, Information Management Services; Steve Stobbe, Network Technologist; Nicolette Olsen, Information Systems Trainer; and Bonnie Mackwood, Administrative Assistant who all worked tirelessly to conceptualize, test, train and implement the system.

(e) 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 Tymoschuk:

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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S. Wilson  
Chairperson

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W. Noye  
Secretary-Treasurer

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