

**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, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Trustees**

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

**Staff**

Dr. J. Tinney, Superintendent  
P. Dundas, Acting Secretary-Treasurer  
R. Ryan, Deputy Superintendent  
K. Botsford, Executive Assistant

**Absent**

L. McNally

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[1] **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Presenters & Staff:**

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

Liana Ayach, Environmental Technologist, City of Surrey; Simon Ayres, Associate Director, Fiscal Management Services; Bernadine Babuik, Health and Safety Consultant; Mary Campbell, Manager, Health and Safety; Donna Diskos, Partner, Grant Thornton LLP; Mohammad Aminul Islam, President, Mother Language Lovers of the World Society, BC; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Business Management Services; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communications Services; Molika Trueman, Manager, Grant Thornton LLP.

(a) **“O Canada”**

Trustees, Administration and the audience sang “O Canada” accompanied by a recording from Lena Shaw Elementary.

(b) **Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting**

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

THAT the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.  
**CARRIED**

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(c) Presentation – Salmon Habitat Restoration Program

Liana Ayach, Environmental Technologist, City of Surrey spoke to the Board of Education about the SHaRP Program. The District has supported this program financially and in kind contributing to its success over the last 20 years. The program is structured to include Surrey students as crew leaders, while post-secondary students are team leaders. Students participate in urban habitat enhancement, and in the course of twenty years have cleaned 2275 streams.

Ms. Ayach presented the Board of Education with a photograph titled “*Self Contained Ecosystem*” to thank the Board for their ongoing support of the program. The photograph was taken by program alumnus, Shane Kalyn who is a freelance photographer and has done work for Greenpeace and National Geographic. Ms. Ayach shared that feedback from Program alumni indicated that the SHaRP program fostered the development of friendships and meaningful relationships as well as stewardship of the environment.

Trustee Tymoschuk commented that the SHaRP program does great work. His daughter was involved in the program and has very fond memories. Trustee Larsen stated that the SHaRP program has informed the community around Enver Creek about the creek and the environmental impact the community has on the creek. She was amazed at the garbage and debris that was cleared by the SHaRP program participants.

On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Wilson thanked Ms. Ayach for her presentation and said the Board values the partnership with the City. He congratulated Liana for the twenty years that SHaRP has served the City of Surrey and the students of Surrey noting that the program not only teaches environmental stewardship, it helps inform students about important career opportunities.

(d) Presentation – WorkSafe BC Certificate of Recognition (COR) Audit

Cathy Cook of the British Columbia Municipal Safety Association congratulated the Board of Education on the achievement of receiving a WorkSafe BC Certificate of Recognition, the second certificate recognizing the District’s commitment to Health and Safety and the Return to Work program. Ms. Cook indicated that it can be challenging to meet the requirements in a District as large as Surrey. The successful audit conducted through interviews, (ninety-nine were done), included questions regarding: health and safety observations, knowledge, programs and procedures. The District is COR certified for an additional three years.

Trustees responded by thanking Ms. Cook for taking the time to present the certificate to the District and for acknowledging the great work being done by the Health and Safety Department. Trustee Allen pointed out that the savings to the District as a result of the successful audit is important and valued by the Board.

[2] **DELEGATIONS**

(a) **Mother Language Lovers of the World Society, BC**

Mr. Mohammed Islam, President of the Mother Language Lovers of the World Society, BC presented the Board with information regarding “International Mother Language Day” citing that the UNESCO proclaimed the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February as International Mother Language Day. It is a day to celebrate all mother languages by their speakers, for example: First Nations, Aboriginals, Canadians, Immigrants, linguistic minorities such as Braille and Sign Language speakers, etc. The City of Surrey has declared February 21<sup>st</sup> as International Mother Language Day and celebrates the day by hosting a Mother Language Festival. The Premier, the Prime Minister and the Governor General of Canada have sent messages expressing their best wishes.

The society is asking the Board of Education to include this day in the school calendar and believes that it is important for students to be made aware of International Mother Language Day as they are the carriers of the mother languages and will uphold their mother languages for generations.

Trustees thanked Mr. Islam for the informative package distributed to the Trustees in advance of the Board meeting. Trustee Larsen expressed her thanks for the inclusion of Braille as a mother language. Trustees also inquired about the celebration of International Mother Language Day in the City of Surrey and suggested that the Society look into participating in the Surrey Fusion Festival as well.

Chairperson Wilson indicated that the Board would review the request from the delegation and would respond at a future Board meeting.

[3] **ACTION ITEMS**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2015-06-18**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2015-06-18 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Response to Delegation – Children’s Partnerships Surrey White Rock

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

THAT That the Board extend its appreciation to Children’s Partnership’s Surrey White Rock for their informative presentation on child care in Surrey/White Rock; and

THAT the Board refer the matter to the Deputy Superintendent, who will meet with the Children’s Partnership in order to determine whether it is feasible for District staff to participate on the suggested task force.

CARRIED

(c) Schedule of Board Meeting Dates

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

THAT the Board approve the 2016 schedule of Board meetings as presented and the meeting scheduled in August 2016 be held only if the Chairperson determines there is a need for the meeting.

CARRIED

(d) Financial Statements for the Year Ended 2015-06-30

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

THAT the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended 2015-06-30 be accepted subject to receiving the Auditor’s report for the fiscal year ended 2015-06-30; and

THAT the Auditor’s report for the fiscal year ended 2015-06-30 be formally presented to the Board at a future meeting; and

THAT the Financial Statements be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

(e) Routine Capital Projects 2015/2016

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

THAT the Board approve the 2015/2016 Routine Capital Plan Submission (for the period 2015/2016), as presented, for submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

### Trustee Motion Tabled at the Meeting

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

THAT the Board Chairperson write to the new Minister of Education requesting a meeting regarding capital projects and funds.

CARRIED

## [4] **INFORMATION & PROPOSALS**

### (a) Trustee Reports

Chairperson Wilson reported on Trustee activities since the last Board Meeting. A copy of the report is available on the website.

### (b) Progress Report Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

### (c) Enrollment Update (verbal)

Dr. J. Tinney, Superintendent provided an update regarding student enrollment. Projections were for an increase of 250 students, however, numbers are expected to be higher than anticipated. Final enrollment numbers will be collected by the end of September. With the numbers as they are, the need for more capital funding to relieve capacity issues is needed. Dr. Tinney gave the example of Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary, which now has so many portables in the student parking lot; the District has been forced to lease space in order to accommodate parking. He thanked the Trustees for initiating the motion to request a meeting with the new Minister of Education regarding capital funding.

## [5] **FUTURE BUSINESS**

### (a) Items for Future Discussion

No items.

### (b) Future Meetings

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

[6] **QUESTION PERIOD**

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

[7] **ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.  
**CARRIED**

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S. Wilson  
Chairperson

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W. Noye  
Secretary-Treasurer

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