

School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky)

Minutes of Special Board Meeting No. 814 held on Wednesday, July 22nd 2009 at the School Board Office, 37866 Second Avenue, Squamish, BC. The meeting commenced at 9:07 am

Present:

Dave Walden, Chairperson
Rick Price, Vice Chairperson
Rebecca Barley, Trustee
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee
Christine Buttkus, Trustee
Laura Godfrey, Trustee
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant
Rose Mackenzie, Director of Instruction

1. **AGENDA**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved.”**
CARRIED

2. **MINUTES**
MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 813
held June 24th 2009, be adopted.”**
CARRIED

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. **CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS**

 - B. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS**
 - Summer Program Update – Approximately 280 students are participating in the summer program being held at Mamquam Elementary, Blackwater Creek Elementary and Howe Sound Secondary schools. With the increased number of students there is a need for a revision to some administrative procedures.

 - H1N1 Virus Update – The Ministry of Education has rescinded the administrative directive and policy regarding the closure of schools. A copy of the notice to rescind was distributed.

 - C. **SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REMARKS**
 - Garibaldi Highlands Elementary – The Building Envelope Program design process has been completed, however the Ministry of Education has indicated that this project has been put on hold at this time.

 - Portable Removals - \$15,000 is in the budget for the removal of the portables at Howe Sound & Mamquam schools. The \$3,300 received from the sale of the portables plus this budget provision will be sufficient to upgrade or pave the ground area where the portables were situated at Howe Sound Secondary. The successful bidder indicated that approximately \$2,000 more

per portable would have been bid had the students not “grafittied” the interior.

- Annual Facility Grant Funding Announcements – Each year the School District receives a grant to cover certain small capital projects; for example approximately \$1,000,000 was spent recently on a complete renovation of the air exchange systems at Don Ross and Howe Sound Secondary School shops. Although the funds are not announced until later in the year, districts often arrange to have many of the projects completed during the summer when school is not in session. The Ministry of Education has indicated that they are not able to provide confirmation of the Annual Facility Grant for 09/10 at this time. Some projects such as floor replacements have been started, however not all of the expected funds have been committed.
- First Class Training for Trustees to access agendas and other documents will take place at 9:30 am on September 16th. Local Trustees are welcome to bring laptops in for software changes before September 16th

4. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A RAP Location – Update

The District of Squamish has indicated that a temporary use permit for the RAP school to be relocated to Second Avenue can not be issued and that a full rezoning process must take place. As a rezoning will take more time, Rose Mackenzie, RAP is exploring alternate locations for school startup in September.

B. Big Equipment Plan

\$50,000 was set aside during the 2008/09 budget process for large equipment at schools. The Principals formed a Committee and brought forward a recommendation on the allocation of the funding. Senior staff have reviewed their proposal and provided a revised recommendation.

MOVED/SECONDED

“THAT the Board approve the purchase of the thickness planer for Howe Sound Secondary School from the Big Equipment Fund, and that the Three Year Plan be returned to the Principals for reconsideration with a minimum cost of capital items over \$3,000 (per single piece of equipment).”

CARRIED

C. Board Goals

The Board reviewed the suggested minor amendments to the wording, titles, and sequence of the Board Goals and added some additional changes. Rick Erickson will revise the document as indicated.

- D. Mamquam Elementary School Overpass Access
Laura Godfrey and Andrea Beaubien will join staff and PAC members for the meeting with the District of Squamish representatives to discuss safety concerns for students accessing the overpass in the London Drugs mall area.

5. **QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED/SECONDED **“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer