

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (HOWE SOUND)

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting No. 739 held on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at the School Board Office.  
The meeting commenced at 5:34 p.m.

Present Dave Walden, Chairperson  
Rick Price, Vice-Chairperson  
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee  
Lyle Fenton, Trustee  
Andree Janyk, Trustee  
Mike Milner, Trustee  
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee  
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools  
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer  
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant  
Carl Walker, President, HSTA  
Terrill Patterson  
Sylvia Palliard, Squamish Chief

Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer called the meeting to order.

- 1 **AGENDA**  
JANYK/FENTON **"THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved as amended."**  
CARRIED
2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**  
Nancy Edwards called for nominations (by ballot) for the position of Chairperson. Andree Janyk, Rick Price and Dave Walden were nominated. Andree Janyk and Dave Walden agreed to stand for election. Rick Price declined. An election was held by ballot, and Dave Walden was elected as Chairperson.  
  
Dave Walden assumed the position of Chairperson.  
  
JANYK/PRICE **"THAT the ballots for the nomination and election of Chairperson be destroyed."**  
CARRIED
3. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**  
  
Chairperson Walden called for nominations (by ballot) for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Andree Janyk and Rick Price were nominated. Andree Janyk and Rick Price agreed to stand for election.  
  
An election was held by ballot, and Rick Price was elected as Vice-Chairperson.  
  
JANYK/PRICE **"THAT the ballots for the nomination and election of Vice-Chairperson be destroyed."**  
CARRIED
4. **MINUTES**  
MILNER/JANYK **"THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 738 held Wednesday, November 9, 2005 be adopted."**  
CARRIED
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - i) **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**  
Dave Walden stated that he was honoured to be elected Chairperson and he committed to do work to the best of his ability. He noted that he hopes the Board would continue the work of the previous Board in such areas as literacy and social responsibility.

ii) **SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS**

- Rick Erickson reported on the Ministry of Education's recent announcements concerning the distribution of funds saved during the teachers' job action. School District No. 48 will receive approximately \$148,000. for class size and composition challenges. In order to receive payment, the School District and the Howe Sound Teachers' Association must have an agreement on the allocation of these funds. In consultation with the Principals and Vice-Principals, the HSTA executive and their school staff representatives an agreement will be signed shortly.
- In addition to the above funding, each school will receive \$50.00 per student and the district will receive an additional \$50.00 per student. The conditions attached to this funding are that a spending plan be approved by the Board and submitted to the Ministry of Education by January 10<sup>th</sup>. Any goods and services identified in this plan must be received by March 31, 2006.
- Dr. Erickson distributed a copy of "A Guide to School Legislation" to each Trustee.

iii) **SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REMARKS**

- Nancy Edwards reported that the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District started a Regional Growth Strategy study about a year and a half ago with participation of local governments at both the staff and political level from agencies in the Regional District (north of Lillooet to south of Porteau Cove). Nancy Edwards is participating and will report to the board at a later date.
- The Destination Conservation Project is underway in the Whistler area schools. This program involves facilities staff, custodians, maintenance workers, principals, teachers and students. Unlike other energy conservation projects Destination Conservation includes an education and awareness component for students. The main sponsors of the project are Terasen and BC Hydro. It will be interesting to see the results of the program.
- School District staff applied for a Bus Emissions Conversion grant from the federal government to overhaul some of our school busses to reduce their harmful emissions. Approval was granted for the conversion of seven of our school busses. School District mechanics will complete the conversion, with the costs being covered by the grant.

6. **DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

i) **Data/Information**

Rick Erickson discussed the role the School Planning Councils have in:

1. Allocation of staff and resources within the school,
2. Matters contained in the Board's Accountability Contract relating to the school, and
3. Educational services and educational programs in the school.

As was done in 2005, the District will hold meetings in Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton, for trustees and staff to meet with School Planning Councils. The School Planning Councils will report on their progress toward achieving their current School Improvement Plan goals and will update the board on the status of the development of their new school improvement plan.

A Ministry of Education review team will be in the district for the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> and Rick Erickson distributed a copy of the School Review Guide.

ii) **District Parent Advisory Council**

As Cathy Jewett, President of the District Parent Advisory Council was unable to attend she forwarded a letter which was provided to each of the Trustees.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING**

8. **TRUSTEES ITEMS**

i) **Trustee Reports**

Mike Milner was pleased with the District's proposal to the Ministry of Education for supplementary learning time as a result of the job action.

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

i) **Appointment of Signing Authorities**

FENTON/MILNER

**"THAT effective with the adoption of this motion, the Signing Authorities for the Board will be either one of Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer, or John Hetherington, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, together with any one of the following trustees: Dave Walden, Andrea Beaubien, or Rick Price."**

CARRIED

- ii) **Appointment of Auditor**  
 BEAUBIEN/MILNER "THAT the firm BDO Dunwoody be appointed as the Auditors for the School District for the 2005/2006 year. CARRIED
- iii) **Input on Ministry of Education New Areas of Responsibility**  
 Rick Erickson reported that the Ministry will be providing a draft report for consideration by school boards.
- iv) **Pemberton Wildlife Association– Rental of Pemberton Secondary School**  
 MILNER/FENTON "THAT the Board temporarily waive "Section 22. Intoxicants" of Policy 1004.1 and allow the Pemberton Wildlife Association to serve alcohol at their annual dinner to be held at Pemberton Secondary School on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and further that this section of the policy be reviewed by the Board at a future meeting." CARRIED
- v) **School Sponsors for Extra-Curricular Activities**  
 JANYK/MILNER That the Board approve the use of Volunteer Community Coaches for Pemberton Secondary school to June 30, 2006 and further that an update be brought to the Board at that time." CARRIED

It was suggested that volunteer coaches be encouraged to attend the Level 1 Canada Coaching program.

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- i) **Statement of Receipts & Disbursements** – September, October, 2005

11. **ITEMS BROUGHT OUT OF IN CAMERA**

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

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

PRICE/JANYK THAT the meeting be adjourned."

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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 Chairperson

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 Secretary-Treasurer