

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (HOWE SOUND)**

**Minutes of Board Meeting No. 752 held Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at the School Board Office. The meeting commenced at 6:00 pm.**

Present:

Dave Walden, Chairperson  
Rick Price, Vice-Chairperson  
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee  
Lyle Fenton, Trustee  
Andrée Janyk, Trustee  
Mike Milner, Trustee  
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee  
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools  
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer  
Lawrence Tarasoff, District Principal  
Magy Butterfield, District Principal  
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant  
Shannon Schaefer, President, CUPE Local 779  
Dorothy Gregg, Teacher Assistant, and Parent  
Jane Emerick, Reporter, Squamish Chief  
Terrill Patterson, Member of the Public

**1 AGENDA**

**“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved.”**

CARRIED

**2. MINUTES**

**“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 751 held Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 2006 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

**“That the minutes of the Special Board meeting held September 7<sup>th</sup> 2006 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

**“That the minutes of the Special Board meeting held September 12<sup>th</sup> 2006 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Chairperson’s Remarks**

- A special Board meeting will be scheduled on September 20<sup>th</sup> to adopt the class size report. Agenda
- The schedule of Board Meetings for 2006/07 was available for the public.
- Dave Walden reported on his visit to the “Head of the Lakes” community. Each day students from this area travel one and a half hours each way to attend school in Pemberton. The community was extremely proud of one of the graduates who has been accepted to Thompson River University.
- Dave Walden announced the Provincial and District Scholarship recipients

**B. Superintendent’s Remarks**

- 2006-2007 School Year - Class Size & “Bill 33” students – A number of additional staff allocations have resulted in a reduced class size.
- SD48’s Education Partner Roundtable – The education partners will continue to meet during 2006/07 to discuss ways to improve student learning.
- School Planning Councils are now being formed. The 2006-2007 School Improvement Plans will be presented by each school next week.

- “Dialogue on the Future” Focus Group meetings will take place in Pemberton, Whistler and Squamish in October to discuss the School District mission statement and vision.
- Rick Erickson announced that many staff changes have taken place over the summer. Magy Butterfield and Rose MacKenzie have been appointed as District Principals and Marilyn Caldwell has been appointed as a District Vice-Principal. He also noted that there has been either a Principal or Vice-Principal change in 12 of the 14 schools within the District.
- The School District’s newly formatted website ([www.sd48.bc.ca](http://www.sd48.bc.ca)) is now online.

C. **Secretary-Treasurer’s Remarks**

- Mamquam Elementary School Field – Although the Ministry of Transportation and Highways has changed their mind about expropriating a portion of the Mamquam Elementary School property for highway purposes, the upgraded highway will be closer to the school property line. The replacement of the overpass is scheduled to take place during a summer break.
- Summer Projects Report - The following projects were completed during the summer:
  - Parking lot line painting at all schools;
  - Paving and improvements to the Stawamus Elementary School parking lot;
  - A \$70,000 locker replacement project at Howe Sound Secondary;
  - Replacement of some large equipment in the teaching kitchen at Howe Sound Secondary;
  - Installation of more cost effective lighting in gymnasiums. Partial funding for these projects has been from grants received for electrical conservation.
  - Flooring replacement in several areas including linoleum in one room and hallway of the School Board Office.
- Enrolment Report – Nancy Edwards reported that the enrolment figures indicate that compared to the projected enrolments for September, the elementary enrolment has dropped by 11.5FTE. At the secondary level the *preliminary* enrolment suggests an increased of 29FTE. Ms. Edwards cautioned that it is difficult to determine actual FTE enrolment at the secondary level at the very beginning of the year, therefore this number may decrease before the September 30<sup>th</sup> enrolment
- The Financial Report for Summer School Programs and for the International Summer Camp were distributed and reviewed.
- The Annual Technology Report – Years 2 and 3 has been presented to the Whistler/Blackcomb Foundation to provide information on the benefits of their \$250,000. grant to the School District.

4. **RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Communities That Care**

Christine Buttkus, Project Coordinator for *Communities that Care* provided an overview of the initiatives the organization has been working on. One of the main risk factors identified in the annual Youth Survey has been alcohol, tobacco and drug use by teens. Ms. Buttkus asked the Board to create or modify the district policy on alcohol consumption on school properties in accordance with the Municipal Alcohol Policy.

Review  
Policy

B. **INFORMATION – District Student Attendance**

The District average is approximately 92%. Rick Erickson recognized the effort of Mr. Tarasoff and his staff for monitoring the attendance and working with the students at Pemberton Secondary to improve their attendance significantly during the past year.

C. **SD48’s Summer Program 2006**

Magy Butterfield, Summer School Principal reported on the Summer Program which included completion courses, full credit courses, enrichment recreation camps and an International Summer Camp.

D. **Distributed Learning**

Lawrence Tarasoff, District Principal presented an overview of “Distributed Learning” (DL, Flex Ed, CoolSchools; web ct, distance learning, Outreach, etc) and the benefits the additional learning opportunities and flexibility the programs offer students. Additional

information is available on the district's web page [www.sd48.bc.ca](http://www.sd48.bc.ca) or by email to [hsor@sd48.bc.ca](mailto:hsor@sd48.bc.ca).

E. **BCCT "Standards for the Education, Competence and Professional Conduct of Educators in British Columbia"**

The BC College of Teachers is seeking input on the revision of this May 2004 document which is available on their website.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING Nil**

From August 28, 2006

A. **Meetings with Local Governments**

Staff will coordinate meeting dates with local governments.

Arrange meetings

B. **Status of the Flex Ed Program**

Information only

6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - Nil**

**Recommendation from the September 13, 2006 - 2010 Olympic Committee Meeting**

**"That the Board advise our education partners that the School District is considering school calendar options for 2009/2010 including a period of closure during the Olympics and that the Board commence discussions immediately with our partner groups to discuss calendar options for 2009/2010."**

Letters

CARRIED

**Recommendation from the September 13, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting**

**"That the minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Finance Committee be received."**

CARRIED

**"That the Board approve the Audited 2005/06 Financial Statements."**

CARRIED

To Min. of Ed.

Copies of the Financial Statements are available and members of staff are willing to meet to answer any questions.

7. **TRUSTEES ITEMS**

A. **BCSTA Update**

Trustee Janyk reported that Trustees are being represented by BCSTA at the Rural Schools Conference, however some districts feel it is more appropriate that Trustees be represented through their own Districts. Ms. Janyk suggested that the Board may wish to discuss this as an agenda item another meeting.

Agenda File

B. **Trustee Reports**

Andrée Janyk discussed the Whistler Chamber of Commerce involvement in a new Chef's program.

Andrea Beaubien reported that DPAC is making arrangement for Mary MacDonald and Terry Small to speak at schools in the District.

8. **GENERAL**

A. **ACTION ITEMS**

i) **International Education - Fees**

**"THAT the monthly homestay fee in Squamish be increased to \$800. effective September 2007; and further that an airport pick up/drop off fee of \$60.00 for Squamish and \$100.00 for Whistler & Pemberton, effective immediately, be approved."**

Memo

CARRIED

- ii) **Whistler 2020 – Final 2007 Action Items**  
 “That the Board accept the lead responsibility for items 625 and 639 of the 2007 Whistler 2020 Action Plan.” CARRIED Letter
- “That the Board accept participation as a partner in item 626 of the Whistler 2020 Action Plan and given the interest of School District No. 48 in early childhood education, the board advise they are willing to participate as a partner group in item 629 as well.” CARRIED Letter
- iii) **2007/08 Capital Plan**  
 “THAT the Board of School Trustees approve the 2007/2008 Five Year Capital Plan dated September 6, 2006.” CARRIED Submit to Ministry
- iv) **Sea to Sky Community Services Society- Facility for Pre-School Program**  
 “THAT staff be directed to contact Sea to Sky Community Services Society for additional information and bring a recommendation back to the Board at a future meeting.” CARRIED Letter & Review

B INFORMATION ITEMS - Nil

9. BYLAWS AND POLICIES - Nil

10. ITEMS BROUGHT OUT OF IN CAMERA

11. QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

12. ADJOURNMENT

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm