

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (HOWE SOUND)

Minutes of Board Meeting No. 755 held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at Pemberton Secondary School, Pemberton, BC. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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
Pat MacKenzie, Principal, Signal Hill Elementary School
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant
Shannon Schaefer, President, CUPE Local 779
Dorothy Gregg, CUPE Local 779
Colleen Finck, CUPE Local 779
John Burleson, Pemberton Valley Little League Association

1 AGENDA

"THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved as amended."
CARRIED

2. MINUTES

"THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 753 held Wednesday, October 11th, 2006 be adopted as amended."
CARRIED

"THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 754 held Wednesday, October 25th, 2006 be adopted."
CARRIED

"THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held September 13, 2006 be adopted."
CARRIED

"THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 11, 2006 be adopted as amended."
CARRIED

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairperson's Remarks

- Chairperson Walden reported that in response to the School District's request to the Ministry of Education that CUPE be considered an equal partner in education, Minister Bond advised that the Learning Roundtable membership was to be reviewed after one year and that this would be on the agenda later this year.
- Chairperson Walden reported briefly on the recent BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting:
 - Accountability Contract Framework concerns:
 - The timelines for submitting responses were too tight.
 - A need for defining accountability and who is responsible for each aspect.
 - The role of the School Planning Council, the PACs and the role of the School Boards.
 - The need for teachers to be engaged in the process.
 - Concern of over-reporting and the impact on staff time both in schools and at the district level.
 - There should be some formatting of data reporting to keep it simple.

- Judy Arnold of the Ministry of Education Performance Standard's Branch stated that the Ministry has been relying too heavily on standardized tests and is anxious to have districts come up with their own testing measures in their accountability contracts.
- Emery Dodsall, Deputy Minister discussed the goals of improving literacy skills, increasing focus on apprentice skills, and the difficulty in keeping students in school due to the workforce demands.
- Mr. Dodsall also noted that they are working to determine why British Columbia has the lowest parent satisfaction rates when it has one of the best education systems in Canada.

B. Superintendent's Remarks

- The **District Accountability Contract**, 2006-2007 (Version 2.0, Oct 23, 2006) was adopted by the Board.
- Rick Erickson advised that the **Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement** adoption process has been postponed until March to allow additional time for employee input. More information is available at www.sd48.bc.ca
- **Professional Learning Option** - Approximately 10% of the District's teachers are working on their Simon Fraser Grad Diploma program and offering the program locally has saved travel time for them.
- The District continues to participate in the Ministry of Education's **Student Centered Leadership** (Site Based Management) process with future meetings scheduled for November 20 & 21, 22 & 23, 2006.
- **"Dialogue on the Future"** – The following public meetings provided an opportunity for input into the District's Vision and Mission Statement
 - Monday, Oct 16 – Pemberton (2 group meetings)
 - Tuesday, Oct 17 – Whistler (2 group meetings)
 - Wednesday, Oct 18 – Squamish (2 group meetings)
 - Thursday, Oct 19 – Squamish (1 group meeting)
- Dr. Erickson reported that the Class Size Average information will be updated on the School District's web page.

C. Secretary-Treasurer's Remarks

- Since the Board adopted the Preliminary **Budget 2006/07** the amount of our 2005/06 surplus and actual student enrolments count as at September 30 2006 are known. It is anticipated that the final funding announcement from the Ministry of Education will be available by November 30th. The final budget decisions will be made in accordance with the amended budget process.
- The District of Squamish provided an upgrade to the **Don Ross Secondary School field**, including an irrigation system, so the field could be used for football. Pam Temple Hurley and ground staff were thanked for their assistance in this upgrade.
- **2010 Update** – Nancy Edwards attended the VANOC Community Meeting in Squamish where information was provided on transportation, security, site development progress and volunteer opportunities. A similar meeting will be held in Pemberton on November 15th. A meeting was already held in Whistler and was attended by Trustee Janyk.
- The School District has received grant approval of \$11,500 for Carpentry and \$2,900 for Culinary Arts at Howe Sound Secondary and \$18,000 for the Pemberton Carpentry Program. It is proposed that the matching funds be provided by the School District. This will be considered by the Finance Committee along with other priorities/revisions to District Service Plans.

4. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board will listen to the presentations and may then refer the matter to the appropriate staff member, Board Committee or to the following Board Meeting for a decision.

A. Pemberton Valley Little League Association

Mr. John Burluson attended the meeting to discuss the Pemberton Valley Little League Association's plans to upgrade the Signal Hill Elementary School field. Staff will meet with Mr. Burluson to discuss the details of the plan before reporting back to the Board.

B. **SD48's International Education Program - DVD**

The Board viewed the new DVD being used to promote School District No. 48's International Education Program.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

A. From October 11th Meeting

Whistler Social Sustainability Speakers' Series

The Board received the additional information from Cathy Jewett regarding her request for the Boards support of the Whistler Social Sustainability Speakers Series events including the proposal for the Stephen Lewis event.

"THAT the Board waive the rental and custodial fee for the use of the Multipurpose Room at Whistler Secondary School and a room for child minding for the 4 public presentations of the Whistler Sustainability Speakers' Series.

CARRIED

6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

A. **Notes of a Student Achievement Committee Meeting Held October 25, 2006**

For Information

B. **Report from 2010 Committee Meeting Held November 7, 2006**

Dave Walden thanked Andrée Janyk, Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Rick Erickson and Nancy Edwards for their work on the 2010 Committee Focus Group meeting held on November 7th. Andrée Janyk reported that areas discussed included

- strategic plans are now being developed into actions
- transportation issues
- logistics of keeping school open or closed
- arts & culture, student media, tourism, and curriculum areas
- event management for students to build skills
- the need for volunteers

Dave Walden & Andrée Janyk encouraged Board members to attend meetings and to be involved in the discussions as there are many detailed and controversial issues to be considered and dealt with.

7. **TRUSTEES ITEMS**

A **South Coast Branch Meeting – Proposed Motion - BCSTA Research Department**

"1. That the BCSTA support in principle that we establish a BCSTA research department.

2. That the Executive determines the cost and feasibility of establishing a suitable research department and report back to the next Provincial Council meeting."

CARRIED

Rationale:

1. A research department would collect, collate, interpret up-to-date and topical information and data, so as to assist members of the BCSTA in making decisions and taking action in order to fulfill the mandate, goals and objectives of the organization.
2. Many of the Provincial Council and AGM motions and requests urge the BCSTA to gather survey data from members in order to answer particular questions, but we lack the resources to do so.
3. Timely, accurate and pertinent information will help us meet the requests of our educational partners.
4. Though we receive information from other partner groups and from government data sources, we need to place our own interpretation on from the point of view of educational governance.
5. Having good data gathering and interpretation available within the organization means that we can be more proactive than reactive.

B. **Trustee Reports**

Trustee Janyk commended the Pemberton Boys Single A Soccer teams on their zone playoffs and for placing 9th in the provincial championships.

8. **GENERAL**

A. ACTION ITEMS

i) **Board Priorities 2006/2007**

“THAT the Board Priorities for 2006/07 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ii) **Revised 2007/2008 Capital Plan and Seismic Application**

Nancy Edwards advised that the Ministry of Education now requires that districts submit both their Capital Plan and Seismic Plan together.

“THAT the Board approve the 2007/2008 Five Year Capital/Seismic Plan dated October 27, 2006.”

CARRIED

Nancy Edwards will draft a letter outlining the concerns with the Capital Plan process for replacing school busses for the Board to review at the next meeting.

B. INFORMATION ITEMS

i) **Statements of Receipts and Disbursements – September, 2006**

For information only.

ii). **Annual Committee Reports**

Committee Chairs were reminded that each Committee is to present a report at the December Board meeting.

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.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer