

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (HOWE SOUND)

Minutes of Board Meeting No. 757 held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at the School Board Office. The Meeting was called to order by the Secretary-Treasurer, Nancy Edwards, at 6:00 PM.

Present: Dave Walden, Trustee
Rick Price, Trustee
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee
Andrée Janyk, Trustee
Mike Milner, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer
Linda Arnold, Executive Assistant
Shannon Schaeffer, President, CUPE Local 779
Terrill Patterson, Member of the Public

1. AGENDA

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

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Dave Walden

As stated in Policies #202.1 and #204.1, there will be an annual election at the December School Board Meeting for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations by ballot, the ballots were collected by Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools and Linda Arnold, Executive Secretary.

Dave Walden was nominated and declared elected chairperson by acclamation.

Dave Walden assumed the chair and called for nominations by ballot for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Rick Price

There were two nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson, Rick Price and Chris Vernon-Jarvis. The election took place by ballot and Rick Price was declared Vice-Chairperson.

MOVED/SECONDED

"THAT the ballots be destroyed."

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

"THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 756 held Wednesday, November 22nd, 2006 be adopted."

CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairperson's Remarks

"THAT the board meeting in January 2007 be changed from January 10 to January 17, 2007, and the school visit to Garibaldi Highlands be changed from January 24 to January 31, 2007."

CARRIED

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for their support and mentioned the receipt of a thank you note from the family of Principal Ian Kent for the condolences of the Board and fruit basket.

B. Superintendent's Remarks

- Board Goals and Priorities 2006-2007 were reviewed by the Board. The highest priority of the Board is student's success and student learning in literacy and social responsibility.
- A group of parents are interested in offering French Immersion at Signal Hill Elementary School.

C. **Secretary-Treasurer's Remarks**

- Budget Process 2006/2007
As we don't have our final funding from the Ministry yet we have not completed our final 2006/07 budget. The Finance Committee has met three times in the last month, with a conference call scheduled for Friday morning to make the decision whether to change the meeting date for our partner groups currently scheduled for December 18th.
- Building Envelope Program
Information letter was provided to the Board. The letter is in response to the leaky condo problem which also has occurred with schools. The letter explains where they are within the process. Myrtle Phillip School will be in this category and may get funding. Myrtle Phillip School may also have seismic work done, perhaps at the same time.

5. **RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - NIL**

6. **BUSINESS ARISING - NIL**

7. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

A. **Student Achievement Committee – Annual Report**

Committee Chair: Chris Vernon-Jarvis

The Student Achievement Committee met to approve the results reported in student achievement. They discussed their desire to redefine their terms of reference and to look for ways to improve student achievement in the District.

B. **2010 Olympic Committee – Annual Report**

Committee Chair: Andrée Janyk

The 2010 Olympic Committee met about four times during the calendar year. They held a focus session where data was collated and the Committee is currently focusing on calendar issues. The committee is identifying the information that needs to be gathered, trying to get a feeling of how it will affect people and coming up with alternative calendars. They are contacting Park City, outside of Salt Lake City, to determine how they handled their students during the last Winter Olympics.

The Chair noted that there was support and keen interest from the focus day and relief that there is time to have a discussion around all the aspects as this is a unique experience that comes to few Canadians.

C. **Finance Committee – Annual Report**

Committee Chair: Andrea Beaubien

Andrea Beaubien presented a written report and advised that we have not yet been notified of the final Ministry funding and there are timelines for budget approval which we are having difficulty coordinating as we also want to consult with our partner groups. Consistent funding to the schools is important. We are focused on the fact that the budget is about providing services and that we allocate dollars to provide for those services.

D. **Policy Committee – Annual Report**

Committee Chair: Rick Price

Rick Price presented a written report. The Policy Committee has met three times. They have identified seventeen policies for priority review, because they are relevant to decisions we are making now. They have to be consistent with our missions and goals. We will have a newly identified mission and values which will be taken into consideration as we review our policies over the next two years. He thanked Nancy Edwards and Rick Erickson for their assistance.

MOVED/SECONDED

**“TO receive 2006 reports from the Chairperson of each of
above committees. “**

CARRIED

8. **TRUSTEES ITEMS**

A. **Trustee Reports**

- Through Sally Thompson's work, students are arriving from Bogotá, Columbia in January 2007.
- Chris Vernon-Jarvis has attended two Christmas luncheons already, with positive reactions.
- Andrée Janyk noted concern in Whistler Village about lack of respect as shown by graffiti. She discussed this with the RCMP and told them about Spring Creek's social responsibility program. The RCMP will contact Gerri Galloway.
- Dave Walden mentioned that the Ministry is expecting the School Board to do something about

- adult learning literacy.
- The trustees discussed the conference this weekend.

9. **GENERAL**

A. ACTION ITEMS

1) **Sea to Sky Community Services Society**

Motion: ***“THAT staff be requested to develop an agreement with Sea to Sky Community Services for rental of a classroom or classrooms at Signal Hill Elementary School commencing September 2007 to allow for offering of Pre-school and Kindergarten care programs to be offered during the regular work day period.”*** **CARRIED**

The motion was discussed as to whether we have the facilities needed and the Secretary-Treasurer noted that we have enough rooms and that this is part of looking into ways of using them.

B INFORMATION ITEMS

1) **Statements of Receipts and Disbursements – October 2006**

Attachment for your information.

10. **BYLAWS AND POLICIES - Nil**

A. POLICIES

1) **Policy & Regulation 302.3 Transfer of Principals/Vice-Principals** *(attached)*

Motion: ***“THAT the Board approve the amendments to Policy & Regulation 302.3 Transfer of Principals/Vice-Principals*** **CARRIED**

2) **Policy & Regulation 304.1 Hiring of Administrative Personnel** *(attached)*

Motion: ***“THAT the Board approve the amendments to Policy And Regulation 304.1 Hiring of Administrative Personnel.”*** **CARRIED**

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

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

Discussion as to why the parents of French Immersion students need to line up to guarantee their entry into the program at Mamquam school. The trustees noted that they have had many meetings about alternatives to this method and although the parents don't like this one, they don't like other alternatives any better. Chris Vernon-Jarvis suggested conducting a poll on the subject.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer