

School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)

Minutes of Board Meeting No. 761 held Wednesday, March 14th 2007 at the School Board Office, Squamish, BC. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson
Rick Price, Vice-Chairperson
Lyle Fenton, Trustee
Mike Milner, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer
John Hetherington, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant
John Hall, President, HSTA
Shannon Schaefer, President, CUPE Local 779
Dorothy Gregg, CUPE Local 779
Alex Marshall, Director of Instruction
Gina Corpuz, Education Consultant
Terrill Patterson, Member of the Public
Magy Butterfield, District Principal
Linda Williams, Squamish Nation PAC
Dan Cindric, Mount Currie Recreation Department

1. AGENDA

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

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

A. **"THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 759 held Wednesday, February 14th 2007 be adopted."**

CARRIED

B. **"THAT the notes of a meeting held Monday, February 26th 2007 be received."**

CARRIED

C. **"THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 760 held Wednesday, February 28th 2007 be adopted."**

CARRIED

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

- Dave Walden congratulated the students who advanced in the CanSpell competition as well as the Howe Sound Secondary Physics students who were successful in the recent competition.
- Mr. Walden commended Sue Henry for her assistance at an accident scene, and for the \$500 donation from the Rocky Mountaineer Group she had requested be forwarded to the Pemberton Secondary School Basketball team.
- The Board received a letter from a parent commending Principal Sharon Broatch.

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B SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS

- Rick Erickson reported that the District Professional Learning Day held on March 2nd at Whistler Secondary was excellent, and well attended.
- 2010 Community Meetings have been held in each of Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton. The last meeting will be held in Squamish after Spring Break.
- Local School Calendar– Schools are investigating the possibility of a two week spring break in the 2007/2008 school year.
- The meetings with staff to discuss the Draft Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement have now been completed.
- The next meeting for SD48’s Education Partner Roundtable – Student Learning will be held on April 2nd 2007.

C SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REMARKS

- The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed District and School Service Plans for 2007/08. The proposed district service plans will be presented to the partner groups in early April and to Principals this week.
- The Maintenance staff in the District received some safety training on the recent professional development day.
- As at February 28th, the district’s enrollment has declined 48 FTE since the September 30th data collection.

4. RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Howe Sound Teachers’ Association- Possible Two Week Spring Break in 2008

John Hall presented the HSTA’s position on a possible two week spring break in 2008. Mr. Hall read the following motion that was passed by the HSTA at a recent meeting: “As there is no recognized educational benefit to our students in a two week Spring Break, the HSTA only supports a two week Spring Break for 2008 where the planning includes:

- No reduction of work and no loss of pay to school-based CUPE staff;
- And where there is every attempt made to protect any potential loss to students’ learning: e.g. a better solution than three minutes added per day throughout the year (especially when the days will all be “lost” from semester two for high school students);
- And consultation with teachers to find this solution.”

B. Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement

Gina Corpuz and Alex Marshall presented an overview of the Draft Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement and the resources required, including the goals and structures to be used in the implementation, and also recognized the work of the Aboriginal Education Council in developing the agreement.

“THAT the Board approve the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement.”

Sign Agreement

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING - Nil

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Policy Committee

“THAT the notes of the Policy Committee held on Wednesday, February 28th 2007 be adopted.”

CARRIED

B. Finance Committee

“THAT the notes of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday, March 13th 2007 be received.”

CARRIED

“THAT the Board approve the new funding allocation system to schools for 2007/08, and further that the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, in consultation with school principals, develop a list of spending specifications to presented to the March 28th Finance Committee.”

CARRIED

C. 2010 Olympic Committee

“THAT the notes of the 2010 Olympic Committee held on Tuesday, March 13th 2007 be received.”

CARRIED

“THAT the Board approve a 2010 Olympic sub-committee on School Curriculum which includes Trustees, two district coordinators, the District CRT, the District Principal, a student and a representative from each of HSTA, CUPE, DPAC, HSPVPA, and the Aboriginal community.”

CARRIED

D. Dialogues on the Future

“THAT the Board receive the March 14th 2007 Dialogues on the Future Report prepared by Dallas Cristofoli.”

CARRIED

“THAT the vision, mission and core values statements in the March 14th 2007 Dialogues on the Future Report be adopted as written.”

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E. Student Achievement Committee

“THAT the Board’s Student Achievement Committee prepare a report for Board consideration, outlining initiatives planed to improve student academic achievement.”

CARRIED

7. **TRUSTEES ITEMS**

A. **Trustee Reports**

Mike Milner reported that the District Professional Development Day was very informative.

B. Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA)

“THAT the Board communicate to the Minister of Education, our MLA, and the Premier that we respectfully request the implementation of the Trade Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement be postponed until analysis of the agreement has been done to determine its effects on school board/district and opportunity has been given for meaningful consultation with those affected.”

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8. **GENERAL**

A. ACTION ITEMS

1) Mt Currie Band – Recreation Department – Request to Waive Rental Fee
Mr. Dan Cindric was in attendance to request the Board waive the rental fee for the use of Pemberton Secondary School for a two day Youth Forum. The Board listened to Mr. Cindric’s presentation and advised that they would make a decision at a future meeting.

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2) Howe Sound Dry Grad – Request for Use of School Busses
“THAT the Board allow the use of school district busses to transport our dry grad students from the Civic Centre to the Adventure Centre on May 25th 2007; provided that our bus drivers are prepared to continue to donate their time and that busses are available at the requested time.”

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4) Communities That Care – Alcohol Policy
The Board received a letter from Christine Buttkus requesting an alcohol policy in line with the Municipal Alcohol Policy. Staff will advise Ms. Buttkus that the review of the community use of school facilities policy is still underway and that the use of alcohol will be considered with that policy revision.

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B. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of January, 2007
Received.

9. **BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

A. Policy & Regulation 302.4 Standard Practice for Principal/Vice-Principal Recruitment

“THAT Policy & Regulation 302.4 – Standard Practice for Principal/Vice-Principal Recruitment be adopted.”

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CARRIED

10. **ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT OUT OF IN CAMERA**

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

John Hall, HSTA President suggested a name change to the Student Achievement Committee and made the following recommendations: Student Performance Committee, Student Potential Committee, Student Success Committee, or Creating Success for Students Committee.

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The suggestions will be forwarded to the Committee for consideration.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer