

Minutes of Special Board Meeting No. 774 held Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2007 at the School Board Office. The meeting commenced at 9:45 am.

Present:

Dave Walden, Chairperson  
Rick Price, Vice-Chairperson  
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee  
Lyle Fenton, Trustee (left at 11: 40 am)  
Andrée Janyk, Trustee, (arrived at 10:00 am)  
Mike Milner, Trustee  
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee (arrived at 10:00 am)  
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools  
Magy Odorfer, District Principal (left at 10:50 am)  
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant

1 **AGENDA**

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

CARRIED

2. **MINUTES**

A.

**“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 773 held Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS:**

B. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS**

C. **SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REMARKS**

New Data Count Changes & Funding Formula

Nancy Edwards advised that the District received a letter from the Ministry of Education announcing changes in the way secondary students are counted which may have an impact on the funds available for the operating budget for the current 2007/08 school year. The unusual characteristic in the announcement is that this change has been announced mid year when all budgets have been completed. Based on the preliminary information available, it seems that the reduction will be quite significant. This reduction may be offset by some funding for declining enrolment, however without all of the information from the Ministry it is difficult to determine the actual impact.

**“THAT the Board write to the Minister of Education to detail the district’s concerns regarding the proposed changes to the student data counts and funding, and request that the Minister delay the implementation of this change until**

Letter

- a) **at least the next school year, and**
- b) **after adequate consultation with and input from the school districts has occurred.”**

CARRIED

**“THAT the Board request a meeting with Joan McIntyre, MLA to discuss the Ministry of Education’s announcement, the district’s concerns with the timing of the change, and the impact on the school district.”**

Letter

CARRIED

**“THAT a Press Release be written that expresses the Board’s concerns for the Ministry of Education’s announcement of a change that will affect the funding for 2007/08 and advise that the MLA has been invited to a meeting to discuss this matter.”**

Press  
Release

CARRIED

**“THAT the Board send a letter to the employees and partner groups that outlines the changes proposed by the government, the boards response to the changes, including meetings, press releases and letters written.”**

Letter

4. **RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS** Ø

5. **BUSINESS ARISING** Ø

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

Magy Odorfer was in attendance to answer questions from the Board relating to the District Accountability Contract and Community Literacy Plan

i) 2007/08 District Accountability Contract – Transitional Plan

**“THAT the Board approve the 2007/08 District Accountability Contract - Transitional Plan version 1.1 as amended.”**

Submit

CARRIED

ii) 2007/08 District/Community Literacy Plan - Transitional Plan

**“THAT the Board approve the 2007-08 District/Community Literacy - Transitional Plan.”**

Submit

CARRIED

iii) 2008/2009 Capital Plan

**“THAT the Board approve the School District No. 48 (Howe Sound) 2008/09 Capital Plan as presented.”**

Submit

CARRIED

7. **TRUSTEE ITEMS**

i) Sustainability *Trustee Janyk*

**“THAT the Board approves the developing of a statement that represents the interest the School District has in considering environmental issues in the operation of the district and to guide the district in the future.”**

Policy  
Com.

CARRIED

Andrée Janyk will provide contact information or samples of other sustainability statements for review and development of a policy.

8. **COMMITTEES**

A. Policy Committee

i) Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held October 10, 2007

**“That the Board accepts the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on October 10, 2007.”**

CARRIED

ii) Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held October 17, 2007

**“That the Board accepts the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on October 17, 2007.”**

CARRIED

iii) Policy 701.6 - Anti-Idling

**“THAT Policy 701.6 – Anti-Idling be adopted by the Board as amended.”**

Distribute

CARRIED

Trustee Fenton left the meeting at 11:40 am

iv) 401.3 - Criminal Record Checks

**“THAT the Board adopt Policy, Regulation and Procedure 401.3 Criminal Record Checks as amended.”**

Distribute

CARRIED

B. 2010 Committee

i) Minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Committee Meeting

**“THAT the Minutes of the 2010 Committee Meeting held October 10, 2007 be received.”**

CARRIED

ii) 2010 Committee

**“THAT the 2010 Committee be disbanded and all 2010 related matters be dealt with at the Committee of the Whole level and further that Policy 204.10 – 2010 Olympic Committee be repealed.”**

Repeal Policy

CARRIED

iii) Student Achievement Committee

**“THAT the Student Achievement Committee be disbanded and all Student Achievement matters be dealt with at a Committee of the Whole level and further that Policy 204.9 Student Achievement Committee be repealed.”**

Repeal Policy

CARRIED

It was noted that the Secondary Schools have not yet presented their exam and graduation results for 2006/07 to the Board yet.

Agenda File

9. **ITEMS BROUGHT OUT OF IN CAMERA Ø**

10. **QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE PUBLIC Ø**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

**“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**

CARRIED

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer