

## School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)

Minutes of Board Meeting No. 779 held Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 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  
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee  
Lyle Fenton, Trustee  
Andrée Janyk, Trustee  
Mike Milner, Trustee  
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee  
John Hetherington, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools  
Myrna MacRae, Executive Assistant  
Magy Odorfer, District Principal  
Bill Rizun, Teacher, Don Ross Secondary  
Diane Geller, Teacher, Don Ross Secondary  
Terrill Patterson, Member of the Public  
Laura Hendricks, Press, Squamish Chief  
Shannon Shaefer, President, CUPE Local 779  
Dorothy Gregg, Parent, & Vice-President, CUPE Local 779  
John Hall, President, HSTA

### 1. **AGENDA**

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

CARRIED

### 2. **MINUTES**

A. **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 777 held Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

B. **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole -2010 Meeting held Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

C. **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole -Meeting held Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

D. **“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 778 held Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 be adopted.”**

CARRIED

- E. **“THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 be adopted.**

CARRIED

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS**

B. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS**

- Appeals of Board Decisions – New Ministry of Education regulations allow for students and parents to appeal certain decisions of the Board to the Ministry of Education’s Superintendent of Achievement.
- Programs of Choice – Late French Immersion (Gr 5, 6, 7) – 2008/2009 Update – A late French Immersion Program is running in Squamish and Whistler. Registration for the late French Immersion Program resulted in 14 students in Whistler, 48 in Squamish, and only 1 student interested in a new program in Pemberton.

C. **SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REMARKS**

- Energy Study – BC Hydro is funding a study of nine School District facilities to determine ways to improve energy efficiencies.
- 2008/09 Capital Plan – The priority ranking by the Ministry of Education does not have any high priority projects for the district except a school bus replacement and seismic upgrade for Blackwater Creek Elementary School next year.

4. **RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

A. B. C. Ministry of Education’s “Performance Standards”

Magy Odorfer made a presentation on BC Performance Standards, explaining what they are and how they are used. The standards are used to assess the students’ ability to apply the skills and concepts they have learned to complete tasks and to compare the student performance to provincial standards.

B. “SD48’s Matrix: Professional Learning Opportunities”

Magy Odorfer distributed copies of the 2007-2008 Professional Learning Opportunities for the school district. Professional development opportunities covered areas of Literacy (K-12, Primary, Intermediate and Secondary), Curriculum Areas (Numeracy/math, Science and other), Student Success (Emotional Development Aboriginal Learners, Early Learners, Diverse Learners and Enrichment for Learners) and Learning Together (Instruction, Assessment, Leadership and SFU student diploma). The schedule indicated the training opportunities available each month during the school year.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

6 **ACTION ITEMS**

A. 2007/08 Capital Plan Replacement Buses

- i) **“THAT the Board accept the tender in the amount of \$131,265.12 (including taxes), from Thomas Bus of B.C. for the purchase of 1 Thomas 84 Passenger bus.”**

CARRIED

- ii) **“THAT the Board accept the tender in the amount of \$243,608.96 (including taxes), from Western Canada Bus for 2 International 84 passenger buses.”**

CARRIED

- iii) **“THAT the Board accept the tender in the amount of \$240,083.20 (including taxes), from Western Canada Bus for 2 International 68 passenger buses.”**

CARRIED

B. Proposal to Change the Name of the School District

The Board discussed the comments received, the cost estimates, and the need for the name of the District to more accurately describe the area covered by the school district.

**“THAT the Board proceed with the process through the Ministry of Education to change the name of School District No 48 from “Howe Sound” to “Sea to Sky”.**

Letter to Minister

CARRIED

C. Rotary Club of Squamish – Howe Sound Secondary Kitchen

**“THAT the request from the Rotary Club of Squamish to waive the rental fee for the use of the Howe Sound Secondary School kitchen to cook an Easter dinner on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2008 be approved.**

Letter

CARRIED

D. Mamquam Enrolment

The enrolment at Mamquam Elementary School is reaching capacity. Options are being considered to address this issue and will be brought forward at a future meeting.

Agenda

7. **TRUSTEE ITEMS**

8. **COMMITTEES**

A. Finance Committee

i) Minutes of the January 30<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee

**That the minutes of the January 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 meeting be received."**

CARRIED

**"THAT the Budget Development Process for 2008/09 be approved."**

CARRIED

ii) Minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee

The minutes will be available at the next Board meeting.

9. **BYLAWS & POLICIES**

A. School District No. 48 (Howe Sound) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2007/2008.

i)

**"THAT the Board members unanimously agree to waive the requirement that first, second and third reading of School District No. 48 (Howe Sound) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2007/2008 be given on different dates."**

CARRIED

ii)

**A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 48 (Howe Sound) (called the "Board") to adopt the amended annual budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2007/2008 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").**

Submit  
to  
Ministry

**1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the *Act* respecting the amended annual budget adopted by this bylaw.**

**2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. No. 48 (Howe Sound) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2007/2008.**

**3. The attached Schedule "A1" showing the estimated revenue and the estimated expenditure for the 2007/2008 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$38,245,864 for the 2007/2008 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the *Act*.**

**4. The "A" Schedules are adopted as the**

**amended annual budget of the Board for the  
fiscal year 2007/2008.**

CARRIED

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

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Assistant Secretary-Treasurer