

## School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky)

Minutes of a Board Meeting No. 802 held Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the School Board Office, Squamish, BC. The meeting commenced at 6:05 pm.

Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson  
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee  
Christine Buttkus, Trustee  
Laura Godfrey, Trustee  
Rebecca Barley, Trustee,  
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee  
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools  
Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rick Hume, Director of Facilities and Services  
Marilyn Caldwell, District Vice Principal, Student Support Services  
Linda Arnold, Executive Assistant  
Dorothy Gregg, Vice President CUPE Local # 779  
John Hall, President Howe Sound Teachers' Association  
Terrill Patterson, Member of the Public

1. **AGENDA**  
MOVED/SECONDED **"THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved as amended to include the item "Programs of Choice" Full Day Kindergarten User Pay."** CARRIED

2. **MINUTES**  
MOVED/SECONDED **"THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 801 held Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be adopted."** CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED **"THAT the minutes of a Committee of the Whole meeting held January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be received."** CARRIED

### 3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### A. **CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:**

- Chairperson Dave Walden commented that February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 is only twelve months away. The Olympic events in our area will commence at that time. He mentioned the programs that our students are involved in, leading up to the Olympics. Pemberton and Whistler students will be going to the Sliding Center and Squamish students will attend the Biathlon World Cup.

#### B. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REMARKS**

- Foundation Skills Assessment  
The assessment will be administered to Grade 4 and Grade 7 students and the objective will be to have the results available to parents by the end of March 2009. Previously this information was not available until the following year.
- Local School Calendar 2009/10 Provincial Exam Schedule  
Conference call with the Ministry of Education with regard to the local school calendar and exam schedule.

C. **SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REMARKS**

- The date for the Board group photo will be confirmed in the future.
- Budget Development 2009/10  
This item was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting this morning.

Confirm  
Photo  
date

4. **RECEIVING DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS** - Nil

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

From meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

A. Power Smart

- There was discussion and further explanation of this program by Rick Hume, Director of Facilities and Services, explaining that the intent is to become carbon neutral by 2010 and this is our way to continue to achieve energy savings. The student programs that we support will be tied into Power Smart. School Districts are expected to receive implementation details of the Climate Change Charter in the next month. By June 30, 2009, our School District has to submit a baseline that shows our emissions.

MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board approve signing a partnership agreement with BC Hydro, (Phase 1) which includes an Energy Management Assessment.** CARRIED

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6. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. 2008/2009 Service Vehicle Replacement-Pemberton/Whistler (Grounds Truck) – One 2009 Heavy Duty 4 x 4 Extended Cab Flat Deck Truck

- Discussion ensued as to whether the truck is fully accessorized. The Director of Facilities and Services stated that the truck has a dumpbox, sander etc. all included in the price so that it is fully usable for 12 months of the year.

MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board of Education accept the lowest price offer and authorize District staff to enter into a purchase agreement for one heavy duty 4 x 4 Extended Cab Flat Deck Truck with Greg Gardner Chevrolet in the amount of \$80,248.00.”** CARRIED

Proceed  
with  
Purchase

B. 2008/2009 Bus Replacements – Pemberton/Whistler – Two Rear Engine Pusher Buses (84 Passenger)

MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board of Education accept the best value offer and authorize District staff to enter into a purchase agreement for two Rear Engine Pusher Buses (84 Passenger) with First Truck Centre**

Proceed  
with  
Purchase

**Vancouver Inc. in the amount of \$ 293,514.31.”**

CARRIED

- C. 2008/2009 Service Vehicle Replacement – Squamish – One 2009 Light Duty 4 x 4 Extended Cab Pickup Truck
- Trustee Beaubien queried as to whether the price lowered with the economic downturn. Rick Hume replied that he thought that bids may have dropped slightly. The price is FOB Squamish.

MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board of Education accept the lowest price offer and authorize District staff to enter into a purchase agreement for one 2009 Light Duty 4 x 4 Extended Cab Pickup Truck with Kamloops Ford Lincoln in the amount of \$26,312.29.”**

Proceed with Purchase

CARRIED

- D. “Programs of Choice” Full Day Kindergarten
- Marilyn Caldwell distributed a handout outlining the current status of kindergarten children registered at Spring Creek, Stawamus, Signal Hill and Myrtle Philip Elementary Schools, including the number of children requesting Full Day User Pay Kindergarten and discussed the need for the program and possible space requirements.

MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board adopt Full day Kindergarten User Pay as a *Program of Choice* for Signal Hill Elementary, Spring Creek elementary, Stawamus elementary and Myrtle Philip elementary, for the 2009-2010 school year.”**

Advise Schools

CARRIED

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8. **TRUSTEE ITEMS**

9. **COMMITTEES**

- A. Finance Committee Minutes of January 14, 2009  
MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 be received.**

CARRIED

- B. Appointment of Auditors  
MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the firm of BDO Dunwoody LLP, Chartered Accountants be appointed Auditors for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.”**

Letter to Auditors

CARRIED

10. **BYLAWS & POLICIES**

School District No. 48 (Howe Sound) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2008/2009

A. MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the Board members unanimously agree to waive the requirement that first, second and third reading of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2008/2009 be given on different dates.”** CARRIED

B. MOVED/SECONDED

**“A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 48 (Sea to Sky) (called the "Board") to adopt the amended annual budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2008/2009 pursuant to section 113 of the School Act, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").**

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Bylaw to  
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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 (Sea to Sky) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2008/2009.

3. The attached Schedule "A1" showing the estimated revenue and the estimated expenditure for the 2008/2009 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$ 38,945,436 for the 2008/2009 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 2008/2009.

CARRIED

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

The following motion was passed at the In Camera meeting earlier in the day:

**“THAT staff be directed to gather input from our elementary schools on how the Monday Ski Program affects their schools (classrooms).”**

Staff  
Gather  
Input  
from  
Schools  
re Mon.  
Ski Prog.

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

John Hall, President of Howe Sound Teachers’ Association stated that he was distressed to hear that the Board has been put in a position where it feels it needs to approve the User Pay Full Day Kindergarten due to the government postponement of their funding all day kindergarten. He suggested that the Board write a letter to the government expressing those views. Andrea Beaubien replied that she understood his perspective of the haves and have nots . Trustee Vernon-

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Jarvis agreed that it is unfortunate that full day kindergarten is not being offered to all our students, particularly those who might arrive at school with troubled reading skills etc. Although we are not ready to write a letter at this point, the Chair stated that they would put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED/SECONDED

**“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”**

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer