

School District No. 48 (Howe Sound)

Minutes of Board Meeting No. 800 held Wednesday, December 10th 2008 at the School Board Office. The meeting commenced at 6:10 pm. immediately following the swearing-in of the new trustees.

Present: Dave Walden, Chairperson
Rick Price, Vice-Chairperson
Andrea Beaubien, Trustee
Laura Godfrey, Trustee
Christine Buttkus, Trustee
Chris Vernon-Jarvis, Trustee
Rebecca Barley, Trustee
Rick Erickson, Superintendent of Schools
John Hetherington, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Linda Arnold, Executive Assistant
Magy Odorfer, District Principal
John Hall, President, Howe Sound Teachers' Association
Kim Thompson, Press, Squamish Chief
Boyd Godfrey
Jessica Godfrey
Olivia Godfrey
Lina Wendel
Madison Thevarge
Kassidy Barley
Terrill Patterson

John Hetherington, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer advised that in the absence of Nancy Edwards, Secretary-Treasurer, he would assume the Chairperson position until the election was complete. He called the inaugural meeting to order at 6:10 pm. He congratulated the new trustees and welcomed back the re-elected trustees

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer explained the procedure for nomination and election of the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson referring to Policy 202.1.

Nominations for Chairperson were received by ballot. John Hetherington stated that Dave Walden and Chris Vernon-Jarvis were both nominated for the position of Chairperson and both accepted the nomination. The election by ballot was held and Dave Walden won by a clear majority.

Update
Lists,
Advise
BCSTA,
Staff,
Etc.

“THAT the ballots be destroyed.”

CARRIED

Trustee Dave Walden assumed the position of Chairperson and conducted the nomination and election of the Vice-Chairperson position.

2. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Nominations for Vice-Chairperson were received by ballot. Rick Price and Chris Vernon-Jarvis were nominated. Mr. Price accepted the nomination and Mr. Vernon-Jarvis declined. Rick Price was declared elected by acclamation.

3. **AGENDA**

“THAT the agenda of this meeting be approved.”

CARRIED

4. **MINUTES**

“THAT the minutes of Board Meeting No. 799 held Wednesday, November 26th 2008 be adopted.”

CARRIED

5. **COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION**

Dave Walden commented on the Committee and Representative Appointments chart included in the agenda that detailed to the trustees the various committees with Board representation. Trustees are to advise the Chairperson of their preferences with respect to the Board Committees by email in the next week. Committee appointments will be announced in January.

Advise Trustees of Committee Appointments

Trustee Rebecca Barley stated that she would prefer to remain on the Aboriginal Education Council as a representative of her community rather than as a trustee representative.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. **CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS:**

The Board and Committee Meeting Schedule 2008/09 was provided in the agenda. Trustees will be appointed to the committees before Christmas however, all trustees are welcome to come to any of the committee meetings if they are interested in the topic.

B. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REMARKS**

The Superintendent welcomed the new Board members. Dr. Erickson distributed a form prepared by the Ministry of Education, the *Six-Year Completion Rate 2007/08*, which compares all schools in British Columbia. He commented that School District No. 48 has a 80.3% graduation rate within 6 years for all students and 40.4% for aboriginal students. Dr. Erickson noted that the provincial average for all public schools is 77.9%. He stated that part of the Superintendent’s Report to the Board involves strategies to improve those numbers.

C. **SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REMARKS**

John Hetherington, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, informed the new Board about the Trustee Manual which will be reviewed in a January Board Orientation session. Included with their manuals were an Election Guide, Financial Disclosure Act Statements and a set of payroll forms for the new trustees. He noted that they will also receive *A Guide to School Legislation in British Columbia*, as soon as it arrives.

7. **BUSINESS ARISING – Nil.**

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Superintendent’s Report to the Board of Education – Re: Student Achievement

“THAT the Board receive and approve, *The Superintendent’s Report on Student Achievement for the 2007/2008 School Year.*”

CARRIED

- Dr. Erickson noted that this is the second year for this particular

report and that the *Six year Completion Rate* form will be included in this. The Report needs to be submitted to the Board by December 15th of the school year and submitted to the Ministry of Education by January 31st of the same school year. It will be discussed further and reviewed at the January Board meeting.

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B. 2009/10 Local School Calendar

“THAT the Board approve the proposed 2009-10 Local School Calendars for Reconnect Alternative Program (Alternate School) and Howe Sound Outreach School (Distributed Learning School) as presented.”

Advise
Schools

CARRIED

- Dr. Erickson noted that both Reconnect Alternative Program (Alternate School) and Howe Sound Outreach School (Distributed Learning School) are newly created and their Local School Calendars are presented for the first time.

C. 2009 Meetings

“THAT the Board schedule separate meetings in early 2009, with each of the following Councils: District of Squamish, Resort Municipality of Whistler, and the Village of Pemberton.”

Schedule
meetings

CARRIED

- Dr. Erickson noted that the motion had been brought forward as the Board meets with Education partners every year and this is the second round of meetings.
- Trustee Buttkus asked for clarification on Board communication with First Nations Councils. It was queried as to whether it would be of value to pursue a meeting with various aboriginal communities and express our interest in meeting with them on matters of mutual interest.

“THAT Dr. Erickson, on behalf of the Board of Education, write a letter seeking to determine as to whether there is an interest to meet with the Squamish First Nation, Lil’wat First Nation and N’Quatqua First Nation.

Letter
To
First
Nation
Councils

CARRIED

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

10. **QUESTIONS OF CLARIFICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

John Hall, President of Howe Sound Teachers Association asked about the Report on Student Achievement and Dr. Erickson remarked that the Report would be discussed in greater detail at the January Board meeting.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

“THAT the meeting be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned 6:40 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer