

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 (COMOX VALLEY)**

**Regular Board Meeting—Public  
R9/October 27, 2009  
7 pm**

**Present:**

**Trustees**

Susan Barr, Chair  
Janice Caton  
Lori Fowler  
Fran Goldberg  
Corinne McLellan  
Tom Weber, Vice-Chair  
Danny White

**Staff**

Len Ibbs, Secretary-Treasurer  
Jordan Tinney, Superintendent  
Sherry Elwood, Assistant Superintendent  
Chuck Morris, Director of Operations  
MaryAnn McCrea, Director of Instruction (Student Services)  
Allan Douglas, Director of Instruction (Elementary)  
Debbie Page, Recording Secretary

**A.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.01 The Chairperson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**B.**

**ADOPTION OF PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

- 2.01
- R8/September 22, 2009
  - S8/October 14, 2009

**Motion**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board approve all minutes under one motion.

CARRIED

**C.**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- 3.01 The Procedural Bylaw provides that any additions to this Agenda require the unanimous approval of all Board members present.

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board waive the 48-hour notice period required under the Procedural Bylaw in order to consider additions to the Agenda, and adopt the Agenda as amended, the amendments to consist of...

CARRIED

**D.**

**REPORT ON IN-CAMERA MEETING HELD FROM 6 PM TO 7 PM**

- 4.01 Personnel and legal issues—were discussed. The Board will reconvene following the public meeting.

**E.**

**PRESENTATION/DELEGATION**

- 5.01

F. **OLD BUSINESS**

**Committee of the Whole**

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board move into committee of the whole.

CARRIED

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board return to the regular business of the Board.

CARRIED

6.01 **Grade Structure for School District No. 71.**

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board continue with planning and implementation of a Modified Status Quo structure for the District.

CARRIED

8:05 pm—5 minute recess

8:10 pm—reconvened

6.02 **Policy 7050—French Immersion Program**, Briefing Note, Sherry Elwood, Assistant Superintendent

**NOTE:** This Policy will be brought forward to the November 24, 2009 regular Board meeting.

6.03 **Explore Program**, Briefing Note, Sherry Elwood, Assistant Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent Sherry Elwood spoke to the briefing note provided for Board information.

G. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

7.01 Verbal report—Board information

H. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

***--Superintendent's Report***

8.01 **Student Travel Requests:**

- G.P. Vanier trip to Mt. St. Helens, Washington, May 20 to May 23, 2010
- G.P. Vanier trip to Ottawa, Improv, March 22 to March 27, 2010
- Highland Secondary School Music trip to Kamloops, Canmore, Calgary, Drumheller and Edmonton, April 25 to May 1, 2010

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the above student travel requests be approved, in principle, under one motion.

CARRIED

- 8.02 **Proposed Schedule Changes: Brooklyn/Lazo Schools**, Briefing Note, Paul Berry, Principal, Brooklyn Elementary School.

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board adopt the new school start and end times for Brooklyn primary.

CARRIED

- 8.03 **Enrolment Update**, Briefing Note, Jordan Tinney, Superintendent

Superintendent Jordan Tinney spoke to the briefing note provided for Board information.

**I. --Secretary Treasurer's Report**

- 9.01 **Annual Facilities Grant Funding**, Len Ibbs, Secretary Treasurer

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded that a letter be sent to the Minister of Education asking permission to run a deficit.

CARRIED

**J. --Human Resources Report**

- 10.01 Retirements

Noni (Christine) Fenwick-Wilson, Teacher, Royston Elementary School will retire effective December 31, 2009 after 19.5 years of service with the district.  
B.C. Teacher Certification: 1981

Resignations

Debbie Hrechka, Educational Assistant: Secondary Low Incidence, G.P. Vanier Secondary School has resigned effective October 7, 2009 after 17 years of service with the district.

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded to receive the management reports.

CARRIED

**K. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 11.00 **Finance Committee Meeting**, Committee Chair, Danny White

Minutes of the October 19, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting were provided for Board information.

- 11.01 **Budget Process**, Briefing Note, Len Ibbs, Secretary Treasurer

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board accept the initiation of the Budget Advisory Committee as part of the budget process with the inclusion of the Fine Arts Committee and an advocate for students with special needs.

CARRIED

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded to receive the Finance Committee report.

CARRIED

L.

**BOARD APPOINTEES to OTHER BODIES/COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

- 12.01 **Vancouver Island School Trustees Association Meeting**, Parksville, B.C., October 17, 2009, Report, Janice Caton, Trustee and VISTA representative

Trustee Janice Caton provided a verbal report to the Board.

- 12.02 **B.C. School Trustees Association, Provincial Council Meeting**, Vancouver, B.C., October 23-24, 2009, Report, Janice Caton, Trustee

Trustee Janice Caton provided a verbal report to the Board.

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded to receive the Board Appointees to other Bodies reports.

CARRIED

- 12.03
- **B.C. School Trustees Association—AGM**, Vancouver, B.C., December 3-5, 2009
  - **Constructive Workplace Conversations Workshop, Level 2**, Campbell River, B.C., November 26-27, 2009

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved that any Trustee who wishes to attend the *BCSTA Trustee Academy, December 3-5, 2009* may do so from required Board business; and

THAT any Trustee who wishes to attend the *Constructive Workplace Conversations Workshop, November 26-27, 2009* may do so from optional Board business.

CARRIED

M.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 13.01

N.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 14.01 Ruth Masters, **School Naming**

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded to acknowledge, receive and file.

CARRIED

- 14.02(a) Pat Lewis, PAC Chair, Highland Secondary School, **Staffing Highland Secondary School**

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board provide funding to support a timetable that would allow for the return of an AG system to Highland Secondary School.

DEFEATED

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded to extend the regular Board meeting to 9:20 pm in order to complete the business of the Board.

CARRIED

14.02(b) Pat Lewis, PAC Chair, Highland Secondary School, **School Funding**

**Motion:**

Refer the correspondence from Pat Lewis, regarding *School Funding* to the Finance Committee and to Operational Review.

Friendly Amendment: [remove] and to *Operational Review*

**Main Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded to refer the correspondence from Pat Lewis, PAC Chair, Highland Secondary School regarding *School Funding* to the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

**Note:** Finance Committee Chair, Danny White, will extend an invitation to Pat Lewis, PAC Chair, Highland Secondary School to give a presentation.

14.03 Correspondence to Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid from BCCPAC, BCSTA, BCTF and CUPE BC, **Cuts to BC's Public Education System**

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded that partner groups be invited to join the Board of Education in writing a letter to the Ministry regarding cuts to public education.

CARRIED

14.04 Steve Stanley, Comox District Teachers' Association, **Superintendent's Report on Class Size and Composition**

**Direction:** Letter referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for further discussion.

14.05 Lorraine Arndt, PAC Chair, G.P. Vanier Secondary School, **The Necessity of Maintaining Gaming and Bingo Grants**

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded to acknowledge, receive and file.

CARRIED

**Motion:**

It was regularly moved and seconded to extend the regular Board meeting to 9:30 pm to hear *Questions and Enquiries* from the public.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.  
CERTIFIED CORRECT as circulated.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer