

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

**Regular Board Meeting—Public
R4/April 27, 2010
7 pm**

Present:

Trustees

Susan Barr, Chair
Danny White, V-Chair
Sheila McDonnell
Fran Goldberg
Tom Weber
Corinne McLellan
Janice Caton

Staff

Len Ibbs, Secretary-Treasurer
Jordan Tinney, Superintendent
Sherry Elwood, Assistant Superintendent
Lynda-Marie Handfield, Director of Human Resources
MaryAnn McCrea, Director of Instruction (Student Services)
Allan Douglas, Director of Instruction (Elementary)
Debbie Page, Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

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

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ADOPTION OF PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

- 2.01 **Minutes of R3/March 23, 2010 Regular Board Meeting circulated earlier in draft form for Board approval.**

Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the R3/March 23, 2010 Regular Board meeting.

CARRIED

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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

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REPORT ON IN-CAMERA MEETING HELD FROM 6 pm to 7 pm

- 4.01 **Prior to the Regular Meeting, the Board held an “In-Camera” meeting.**

Confidential personnel and property matters.

E **PRESENTATION/DELEGATION**

5.01 Bob Bush, **Challenge Program**

Bob Bush spoke to the importance in sustaining the *Challenge Program* for gifted students throughout the district and asked that the Board reconsider the proposed cuts to the elementary Challenge Program.

Note: Item will come forward for reconsideration to the next regular Board meeting, May 25, 2010.

F **OLD BUSINESS**

6.01 **Planning for Brooklyn/Cape Lazo**, Susan Barr, Board Chair

Friendly Amendment:

Following: one school site, insert: and that the school closure processes begin early in the 2010/2011 school year.

Main Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board begin planning for the students of Brooklyn/Cape Lazo to be educated at one school site, **and that the school closure processes begin early in the 2010/2011 school year.**

CARRIED

Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded that this item be referred to the Chair/Vice-Chair/Senior Staff Liaison Committee meeting to develop a plan with regards to the school closure processes and to bring recommendation to the next regular Board meeting, May 25, 2010.

CARRIED

Bring Forward: This item will be brought forward to the next Education Committee Meeting for discussion.

6.02 **Renaming of School, Glacier View Elementary School**, Briefing Note, Jordan Tinney, Superintendent

Friendly Amendment:

Replace: previously with: currently.

Main Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded that the school currently named Glacier View Elementary School be renamed Glacier View Secondary Centre.

CARRIED

G **CHAIR'S REPORT**

7.01 **Welcome to Sheila McDonnell, Trustee, Area A (Baynes, Denman Island and Hornby Island)**

Board Chair Susan Barr welcomed Sheila McDonnell to the Board of Education.

H **MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

- **Superintendent's Report**

8.01 **Good News Items**, Jordan Tinney, Superintendent

Highlights:

1. Cumberland Elementary students—raising funds for the Canadian Red Cross aid to Haiti—reaching their goal of \$1000
2. Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School students—“Destination Imagination”—provincial championships
3. Fine Arts (District)—Encore Musical Instrument Donation Program
4. Highland Secondary School, Helps Haiti—Evening Cafe, raising funds to purchase shelter boxes
5. Highland Grad 2010—raising funds (\$12,000) towards high school tuition for 10 Ugandan students
6. Heritage Fair, approximately 250 students from grades 3-12 participate
7. Lake Trail Robotics—heading to the World Robotics Championships
8. G.P. Vanier Secondary School students—Two-time National Improv Championships
9. Highland Secondary School—Great Canadian Geography Challenge—District Champions

8.02 **Elementary Challenge Program 2010/2011**, Briefing Note, MaryAnn McCrea, Director of Instruction (Student Services)

Director McCrea spoke to the briefing note provided for Board information.

8.03 **Air Quality Reports for Brooklyn**, Briefing Note, Len Ibbs, Secretary Treasurer

Secretary Treasurer Len Ibbs spoke to the briefing note provided for Board information.

8.04 **Field Trip, Lake Trail Secondary School**, Briefing Note, Jordan Tinney, Superintendent

Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board approve the Lake Trail Secondary School Field trip as presented.

CARRIED

Note: Trustee Sheila McDonnell declared conflict of interest and did not vote.

8.05 **Band 7 Update**, Allan Douglas, Director of Instruction (Elementary)

Director, Allan Douglas spoke to this item.

8.06 **Neighbourhoods of Learning**, Briefing Note, Sherry Elwood, Assistant Superintendent

Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded to refer this item to the Education Committee Meeting for discussion.

CARRIED

Bring Forward: Proposals/criteria to be brought to the next regular Board meeting, May 25, 2010.

8.07 **Policy Plan Update**, Briefing Note, Jordan Tinney, Superintendent

Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board rescind the following policies:

- Policy 8052—*Smoke Free Environment*
- Policy 7006—*Homework Assignments*
- Policy 6029—*Teacher Expectations with Respect to Student Discipline*

CARRIED

Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Board adopt the following policies as amended:

- Policy 3000 MR2—*Freedom of Information*
- Policy 3024—*Repair of privately owned items*

CARRIED

Friendly Amendment:

Policy 3000 MR2: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Requests, under Procedures #1, replace superintendent with Board of Education.

Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded that the following policies be referred to the Policy Advisory Committee:

- Policy 3003—*Purchasing*
- Policy 3005—*Reporting of Major and Minor Incidents*

CARRIED

Bring Forward: Board Governance discussion re: process

I - **Secretary Treasurer's Report**

9.01

J - **Human Resources Report**

10.01 **Retirements:**

Eva Embree, Administrative Assistant, Highland Secondary School retired March 31, 2010 after 31 years of service with the district.

Donna Lee Messer, Teacher, Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary School will retire effective June 30, 2010 after 16 years of service with the district. BC teacher since: 1981

Alison Wilkinson, Educational Assistant, North Island Distance Education School will retire effective June 30, 2010 after 20 years of service with the district.

Helen Mason, Administrative Assistant, Denman Island Elementary School will retire effective June 30, 2010 after 18 years of service with the district.

Mary Newcombe, Administrative Assistant, Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School will retire effective July 31, 2010 after 29 years of service with the district.

Resignations:

Christopher Unger, Teacher, G.P. Vanier Secondary School has resigned after 5 years of service with the district.

Motion:

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

CARRIED

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BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 11.01 A) **Finance Committee**
Committee Chair: Danny White

Minutes of the **Monday, April 12, 2010** Finance Committee Meeting were provided for Board information.

- 11.02 B) **Policy Advisory Committee**
Committee Chair: Tom Weber

Minutes of the **Tuesday, April 6, 2010** Policy Advisory Committee Meeting were provided for Board information.

Committee Chair, Tom Weber spoke to frequency of meetings; process: how items get on to the Policy Advisory Committee agenda; housekeeping

Bring Forward: Terms of Reference to Board Governance for further discussion.

Motion:

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

CARRIED

- 11.03 C) **Education Committee Meeting**
Committee Chair: Danny White

Minutes of the **Tuesday, April 13, 2010** Education Committee Meeting were provided for Board information.

Motion:

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

CARRIED

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BOARD APPOINTEES TO OTHER BODIES/COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

- 12.01 **BC School Trustees' Association—AGM**, April 22 to April 25, 2010, Victoria, BC

Verbal report from the Trustees who attended BCSTA--AGM.

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NEW BUSINESS

- 13.01 **Calendar Committee, 2010-2011**, Briefing Note, Jordan Tinney, Superintendent

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

- 13.02 **Reconsideration of Previous Decisions**, Briefing Notes, Sheila McDonnell, Trustee Area A (Baynes, Hornby Island/Denman Island)

Board Chair Susan Barr, after consulting the *Board's Procedural Bylaw* and *Robert's Rules of Order*, denied Trustee McDonnell's request that the Board reconsider the following two motions:

March 23, 2010—Implementation of district-wide Band 7 Program as presented in Option 1

November 24, 2009—Change in grade structure to Cumberland Junior and to Lake Trail Middle to become 7-9 middle schools effective September 2010; Change in grade structure to Cumberland Elementary (K-6), Royston Elementary (K-6), Courtenay Elementary (K-6), Arden Elementary (K-6) and Ecole Puntledge Park (English K-6), and French Immersion (K-7)

Trustee Janice Caton challenged the chair on this decision.

Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded to sustain the decision of the Chair.

CARRIED

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CORRESPONDENCE

14.01 **G.P. Vanier Secondary School PAC:**

- Capital Plan
- Staffing

Board Information

14.02 **Challenge Program:**

- Joanne and Victor Funk
- Jeanine Fukui

Motion:

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

CARRIED

14.03 Kate Ramsay, Secretary, **Comox Valley Youth Music Centre, 2010 Festival of Summer Sounds; Full Tuition Scholarships**

Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded to acknowledge, receive, file and to thank the Comox Valley Youth Music Centre for their scholarships.

CARRIED

14.04 Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister, Ministry of Education, **Child Poverty**

Board Information

14.05 Charlotte Sipione, **Montessori Program**

Board Information

14.06 Riane daSilva, Secretary, Denman Island Parents Advisory Committee, **Weather Camera**

Motion:

It was regularly moved and seconded to refer this item to management.

CARRIED

Motion:

It was regularly moved that the following correspondence:

- G.P. Vanier Secondary School PAC (*Staffing*)
- Joanne and Victor Funk; Jeanine Fukui (*Challenge Program*)
- Charlotte Sipione (*Montessori Program*)

be referred to the Finance Committee to see whether they have significant priority in student achievement and should be recommended for inclusion in our budget.

DEFEATED

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QUESTIONS and ENQUIRIES

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

CERTIFIED CORRECT as circulated.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

