



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53 (OKANAGAN SIMILKAMEEN)**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2010
AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE, OLIVER BC**

PRESENT:

Trustees

Mrs. J. Harrington, Chairperson

Ms. M. Coates

Mr. M. Petersen

Ms. M. Tarr

Mr. S. Hancheroff

Mrs. T. Edwards

Mrs. J. McElgunn

Mr. J. Insley

Ms. L. Minnabarriet

Mr. J. Pocher

Mrs. S. Trower

Mr. M. Van Aller

Ms. M. Bjerkan

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Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent

Secretary-Treasurer

Manager of Finance

Manager of Human Resources

Director of Facilities

Recording Secretary

Guests

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R11-001 MOTION: Petersen / Edwards

That the agenda for the December 15, 2010 regular meeting be approved with the following addition:

BCSTA AGM Motions

CARRIED

MINUTES

R11-002 MOTION: Hancheroff / Coates

That the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 24, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**Enrollment – November 2010**

The Superintendent reported that the November 2010 enrollment report was not available and that there was very little change from October. The enrolment report will be available at the January 26, 2011 regular meeting.

Superintendent's Report on Achievement

The Superintendent presented the Superintendent's Report on Achievement, a requirement under Sections 22 and 79.3 of the School Act. Four goals were addressed: (1) to improve student success in literacy; (2) to improve student success in numeracy; (3) to improve the culture and climate in each school; and (4) 10's to 2010's Leading and Learning with Hope....Building Student Success. A PowerPoint presentation with 2010 FSA results and comparator size districts illustrated the district's successes. Ms. McElgunn acknowledged staff's efforts in these achievements. A copy of the report is attached and forms part of these minutes.

R11-003 MOTION: Tarr / Petersen

That the Superintendent's Report on Achievement December 15, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

Trustees requested that a letter be sent to staff acknowledging their hard work.

2011/12 Budget – Transportation

The Board discussed the concept of charging a bus transportation fee; an item that came out of last year's budget process and forums as well as reviewed in the 2008-09 year. Trustees requested district staff research the issue and report back on the findings including what other districts charge, how it is working, how it was implemented, estimated administration costs, how many students currently ride in this district and how many may ride if a fee was implemented. A report will be brought back to the Board at the January 26, 2011 regular meeting.

Canadian Centre for Child Protection – Material for Board Approval for Distribution to Schools

The Superintendent reported on a request from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection to distribute material about internet safety to the district's grade 7 classrooms.

R11-004 MOTION: Edwards / Hancheroff

That materials, as presented, from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection be approved for distribution to grade 7 classrooms.

CARRIED**Study at Cawston Primary School: 2011 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS)**

The Superintendent recommended the Board support a Ministry request for PIRLS to administer the survey to grade 4 students at Cawston Primary School. The survey investigates student achievement in reading literacy on an international level.

R11-005 MOTION: Coates / Edwards

That the PIRLS study be approved for administration to grade 4 students at Cawston Primary School.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

OTHER REPORTS**Board Member Compensation**

The Superintendent advised the Board of the annual requirement under Policy A-2 Board Member Compensation to authorize the payment of remuneration to Board members. There was consensus that there would be no change in trustee compensation for the period December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2011.

R11-006 MOTION: Tarr / Petersen

That board member compensation rates for the period December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2011 remain as stated in the existing policy.

CARRIED**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nil

NEW BUSINESS**BCSTA AGM Motions**

Trustee Edwards, BCSTA branch representative, reported the branch will ask for a motion to address information around graduation rates and how they are reported between districts. District staff suggested a motion for clarification around the Ministry's position on funding protection which will assist districts in establishing their budgets as well as facilitate planning processes.

Capital Project Bylaw No. 126260 – Energy Retrofits at SOSS and Oliver Elementary Schools

District staff recommended that the Board adopt Capital Project Bylaw No. 126260 Energy Retrofits at SOSS and Oliver Elementary Schools for a total maximum expenditure of \$31,186.

R11-007 MOTION: Petersen / Coates

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 126260 be read a first time.

CARRIED**R11-008 MOTION:** Edwards / Hancheroff

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 126260 be read a second time.

R11-009 MOTION: Tarr / Petersen

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 126260 be read a third and final time, passed and adopted.

CARRIED

District staff commented on the timelines for spending capital project funding which can result in loss of funding. District staff will correspond with the Ministry regarding dates.

CORRESPONDENCE

YouLearn.ca Response to 2010-15 Capital Plan Report

This correspondence was deferred to the January 26, 2011 regular meeting.

QUESTION PERIOD

None

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on January 26, 2011 at the Board of Education Office in Oliver at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.


ATTACHMENTS

Agenda
Superintendent's Report on Achievement

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer