



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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011
AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE, OLIVER BC**

PRESENT:

Trustees

Mrs. J. Harrington, Chairperson
Ms. D. Marten, Vice Chairperson
Ms. M. Coates
Mr. M. Petersen
Ms. M. Tarr

Mr. S. Hancheroff
Mrs. T. Edwards

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Secretary-Treasurer
Manager of Finance
Manager of Human Resources
Director of Facilities
Incoming Superintendent
Recording Secretary
Guests

Mrs. J. McElgunn
Mr. J. Insley
Ms. L. Minnabarriet
Mr. J. Pocher
Mrs. S. Trower
Mr. M. Van Aller
Ms. B. Young
Ms. M. Bjerkan
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CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R10-020 MOTION: Petersen / Coates

That the agenda for the February 23, 2011 regular Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

MINUTES

R10-021 MOTION: Hancheroff / Edwards

That the minutes of the regular board meeting held on January 26, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Enrollment – January 2011

Superintendent McElgunn reported that February 1701's have just been completed and that numbers are close to September's. There is a slight increase in FTE head count from September, a reflection of new families moving into the district. YouLearn.ca continues to intake students with their various programs.

Historical Records for Oliver & District Heritage Society – Update

Superintendent McElgunn provided an update regarding the district's donation of historical records to the Oliver & District Heritage Society. Ms. McElgunn met with the Society's archivist who advised they will archive and store the documents in a temperature-controlled, acid-free environment. As well, all documents and photos will be scanned and stored electronically, and the Board will have access to all documents. Documents relating to Osoyoos schools will go to the Osoyoos museum if they agree. The archivist will assist Southern Okanagan Secondary School in preparing their photos.

R10-022 MOTION: Edwards / Petersen

That the donation of archival documents to the Oliver & District Heritage Museum, with the understanding that the Board will have access to said documents, be approved.

CARRIED

Request to Conduct Research on the Effects of Full Day Kindergarten

Superintendent McElgunn informed the Board of a request from the Centre for Education Research and Policy to conduct a study on the effects of full day versus half day kindergarten. Deputy Minister Gorman supports the survey and the Superintendent recommended approval.

R10-023 MOTION: Coates / Tarr

That the survey request from the Centre for Education Research and Policy regarding the effects of full day kindergarten be approved.

CARRIED

Dry Grad Proposal for Southern Okanagan Secondary School 2011 Graduates

Superintendent McElgunn reported on and recommended approval of the SOSS dry grad proposal.

R10-024 MOTION: Edwards / Hancheroff

That the Board approve the Southern Okanagan Secondary School dry grad proposal.

CARRIED

Dry Grad Proposal for Osoyoos Secondary School 2011 Graduates

Superintendent McElgunn reported on and recommended approval of the OSS dry grad proposal.

R10-025 MOTION: Tarr / Marten

That the Board approve the Osoyoos Secondary School dry grad proposal.

CARRIED

Field Trip Request – OSS B.C. Landforms/Environmental Studies May 11 to 14, 2011

Assistant Superintendent reported on and requested approval for a field trip for grades 11 and 12 Osoyoos Secondary students to Radium, Glacier National Park, Revelstoke, Nelson and Hugh Keenleyside Dam from May 11 to 14, 2011.

R10-026 MOTION: Tarr / Coates

That the Board approve the Osoyoos Secondary School field trip for grades 11 and 12 students to Radium, Glacier National Park, Revelstoke, Nelson and Hugh Keenleyside Dam from May 11 to 14, 2011.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Management Committee Report**

A copy of the February 9, 2011 Management Committee Report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

R11-027 MOTION: Coates / Edwards

That the Board approve the use of the Grade 4 Okanagan Social Studies Unit as a district curriculum.

CARRIED

R11-028 MOTION: Edwards / Tarr

That the Board approve timelines for the Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School consultation process regarding potential closure, as outlined in the memorandum to the Board dated February 9, 2011.

CARRIED

R11-029 MOTION: Coates / Petersen

That the 2010/11 amended annual budget bylaw be given all three readings at tonight's meeting.

CARRIED

R11-030 MOTION: Edwards / Hancheroff

That the 2010/11 amended annual budget bylaw be read a first time the 23rd day of February 2011.

CARRIED

R11-031 MOTION: Marten / Petersen

That the 2010/11 amended annual budget bylaw be read a second time the 23rd day of February 2011.

CARRIED

R11-032 MOTION: Edwards / Coates

That the 2010/11 amended annual budget bylaw be read a third time, passed and finally adopted the 23rd of February 2011.

CARRIED

Superintendent McElgunn thanked staff for their work on this budget.

OTHER REPORTS

Trustee Hancheroff reported on the opening of the fitness centre in the Okanagan Falls Elementary School portable. The portable was leased to Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation by the school district for a nominal amount, and with the School Community Connections grant, they were able to set up a fitness and wellness centre. Trustee Hancheroff thanked staff for their work on behalf of the Board to accomplish this agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Staff reported that students will be moving into the Industrial Education building at end of this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Carbon Offset Purchase

Staff reported that utilities for the year 2010 have been keyed into "Smart Tools", a program which calculates a "carbon footprint" tax. The district's carbon offset purchase equals \$26,774.75 plus HST. A rebate of approximately \$17,000 will offset this amount.

PRESENTATION

A team from Osoyoos YouLearn.ca including Barb Paterson, Caroline Pennelli, Ernie Millward, Miles Derksen, Sharron Piazza, and Elaine Eckert presented regarding the relocation of their learning centre.

CORRESPONDENCE

YouLearn.ca

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Harrington announced that tonight's meeting would be Superintendent McElgunn's last as she enters retirement from the school district at the end of the week. Ms. McElgunn was thanked for her hard work on behalf of education and her dedication to the Board and district.

QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on March 16, 2011 at the Board of Education Office in Oliver at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

ATTACHMENTS

Agenda
Enrollment Report – January 2011

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer