



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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 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

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Secretary-Treasurer
Manager of Finance
Director of Facilities
Recording Secretary
Guests
Media

Mr. S. Hancheroff
Mrs. T. Edwards
Mrs. J. McElgunn
Mr. J. Insley
Ms. L. Minnabarriet
Mr. J. Pocher
Mr. M. Van Aller
Ms. M. Bjerkan
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CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

Chairperson Harrington introduced Ms. Bev Young, the district's future superintendent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R11-010 MOTION: Petersen / Hancheroff

That the agenda for the January 26, 2011 regular meeting be approved with the following changes:

- 2010 to 2015 Capital Plan Report moved to Business Arising from the Minutes.
- School Districts/Post-Secondary Partnership Agreement moved to the Management Committee Report as a recommendation.

CARRIED

MINUTES

R11-011 MOTION: Tarr / Petersen

That the Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on December 15, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**2010-2015 Capital Plan Report and Memorandum**

Chair Harrington commented on the guidelines used in preparing the 2010-2015 Capital Plan Report. A copy of the report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

The Board discussed the following recommendations contained in the Capital Plan:

1. to move Grade 4 Students from Cawston Primary School to Similkameen Elementary Secondary School in the 2011/12 Year.
2. close Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School and amalgamate with Oliver Elementary School.
3. renovate the Osoyoos Bus Garage for Osoyoos YouLearn.ca
4. close Osoyoos Secondary School and amalgamate with Southern Okanagan Secondary School

After discussion, the board passed the following motions:

R11- 012 MOTION: Coates / Marten

That the Board of Education will not consider the Superintendent's recommendation to move grade 4 students from Cawston Primary to Similkameen Elementary Secondary School beginning in the 2011/12 school year.

CARRIED

R11- 013 MOTION: Tarr / Petersen

That the Board of Education will pursue the Superintendent's recommendation regarding closing Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School and amalgamating with Oliver Elementary School for the 2012/13 school year, and activate the Board's Policy A-3 School Closure.

CARRIED

R11- 014 MOTION: Marten / Coates

That the Board of Education directs staff to review and bring back to the Board a variety of options for consideration.

CARRIED

R11- 015 MOTION: Tarr / Marten

That the Board of Education will not consider the Superintendent's recommendation regarding closing Osoyoos Secondary School and amalgamate with Southern Okanagan Secondary School.

CARRIED

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

Superintendent McElgunn reported on November and December 2010 enrolment numbers. Elementary numbers are up by five students and secondary numbers have decreased by 22 students which is typical at this time of year.

Transportation Report

Superintendent McElgunn provided the Board with information regarding possible bus rider charges. This information will be reviewed further during 2011/12 budget discussions.

BC School Trustees Association AGM Motion

The Board discussed the previously approved motion to be presented at the upcoming BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting:

“The BCSTA requests clarification from the Ministry of Education on its position on funding protection and transitional funding to ensure that districts are able to budget effectively over the coming years.”

Historical Records for Oliver & District Heritage Society

Superintendent McElgunn presented district historical records and suggested the Board may want to invite members of the Oliver & District Heritage Society to the February 23, 2011 regular meeting for presentation of the records. Trustees agreed that documents pertaining to Southern Okanagan Secondary School should be inventoried and retained at the school for display.

Field Trip SESS, OSS and SOSS to Moscow, Idaho February 24 to 27, 2011

District staff recommended final approval for grades 9 to 12 jazz band students from SESS, OSS and SOSS to attend the Lionel Hampton jazz festival in Moscow, Idaho from February 24 to 27, 2011.

R11-016 MOTION: Coates / Marten

That the field trip for grades 9 to 12 jazz band students from SESS, OSS and SOSS to Moscow, Idaho to attend the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, February 24 to 27, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED**Dry Grad Proposal for Similkameen Elementary Secondary School 2011 Graduates**

Superintendent McElgunn reported on the preliminary report for Similkameen Elementary Secondary School 2011 graduates and recommended approval-in-principle.

R11-017 MOTION: Petersen / Edwards

That the Board approve-in-principle the Similkameen Elementary Secondary School dry grad proposal.

CARRIED**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Management Committee Report**

A copy of the January 12, 2011 Management Committee Report is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

R11-018 MOTION: Tarr / Coates

That the application to the Human Rights Tribunal for special program status for Aboriginal education support workers be approved.

CARRIED**R11- 019 MOTION: Hancheroff / Edwards**

That the Board approves School District No. 53 becoming a member of the school district/post-secondary partnership as presented.

CARRIED

OTHER REPORTS

Nil

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

School Community Connections re OSS Mini Theatre Grant Update

Superintendent McElgunn advised the district has been successful in receiving a \$30,000 School Community Connections grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Shared Business Service Model Update – Operations

Secretary-Treasurer Minnabarriet advised that effective January 1, 2011, operations became part of the shared service between this school district and School District No. 74 (Gold Trail). The Director of Facilities will be providing service to the two districts.

CORRESPONDENCE

YouLearn.ca, Traci Russell, and Ron Rachinski regarding capital plan recommendations

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Ron Rachinski thanked trustees on behalf of district teachers.

Mayor Stu Wells liked the process (regarding the capital plan), and suggested the Board of Education and Town of Osoyoos work together.

A question was asked regarding rider charges.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on February 23, 2011 at the Board of Education Office in Oliver at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm

ATTACHMENTS

Agenda

2010-2015 Capital Plan Report and Memorandum

Enrollment Reports – November and December 2011

Transportation Report

Field Trip SESS, OSS, SOSS to Moscow, Idaho Feb 24-27, 2011

Dry Grad Proposal for SESS 2011 Graduates

Management Committee Report – January 12, 2011

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Chairperson of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer



REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE OLIVER, BC ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011

Present:

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

Ms. J. Harrington
Ms. D. Marten
Ms. M. Coates
Mr. S. Hancheroff
Ms. M. Tarr
Ms. T. Edwards
Mrs. J. McElgunn
Ms. L. Minnabarriet (by video-conference)
Mr. J. Insley
Mr. J. Pocher
Mrs. S. Trower
Ms. M. Van Aller
Ms. M. Bjerkan

Chair Tarr called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm

1. Transportation Report – Rider Charges

Trustees were provided with a transportation report pursuant to their request at the December 15, 2010 regular meeting. Superintendent McElgunn presented on “potential implementation for rider charges beginning in 2011-12” (copy attached). Mr. Van Aller reported on a “plan B” scenario with the district moving to a 4.0 km elementary school walk limit and a 4.8 km secondary walk limit, saving the district two bus runs at approximately \$60,000. The report will go to the public meeting on January 26, 2011 and will form part of budget discussions for consideration in Spring.

2. November and December 2010 Enrollment

Superintendent McElgunn reported on November and December enrollment. Elementary numbers are up five students and secondary numbers are down twenty-two students, which is typical mid-year.

3. Application for Special Program Status Letter

Ms. Trower reported on a draft letter requesting a Human Rights exemption for Aboriginal workers, specifically to approve the restriction of hiring Aboriginal education support workers to peoples of Aboriginal ancestry. Letters of support from various groups are in hand and approval is recommended.

Recommendation: To approve the letter of application for special program status.

4. School District / Post-Secondary Partnership

Assistant Superintendent Insley and Secretary-Treasurer Minnabarriet reported on a partnership agreement currently in place between several school districts and post-secondary institutions. The purpose of the partnership is to expand training and education opportunities to residents in the geographic areas covered by the agreement. It is the desire of School District No. 53 to join the partnership.

Recommendation: To approve that School District No. 53 becomes a member of the school district/post-secondary partnership as reported above.

5. School Community Connections re OSS Mini Theatre Grant (Update)

Trustees received confirmation that the School Community Connections application for the OSS mini theatre upgrade was approved for an amount of \$30,000. The main grant is \$25,000 and \$5,000 is earmarked for review costs.

6. Capital Project Updates

Trustees were updated on capital projects at Southern Okanagan Secondary and Oliver Elementary Schools.

7. District-Based Health Promoting School Coordinator Grant Application

Superintendent McElgunn provided background information regarding a previous grant application from Interior Health Authority for a district-based health-promoting coordinator. The Board decided at that time not to engage in the initiative. The same application is being presented again but the Superintendent has had no requests from the schools advising of the need for a coordinator. Discussion ensued and trustees agreed that the district will not engage in this initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marieze Tarr