



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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 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 Mr. S. Hancheroff Mrs. T. Edwards
Superintendent	Ms. B. Young
Assistant Superintendent	Mr. J. Insley
Secretary-Treasurer	Ms. L. Minnabarriet
Manager of Finance	Mr. J. Pocher
Manager of Human Resources	Mrs. S. Trower
Recording Secretary	Ms. M. Bjerkan
Guests	3
Media	3

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R11-033 MOTION: Petersen / Hancheroff

That the agenda for the March 16, 2011 regular meeting be approved.

CARRIED

MINUTES

R11-034 MOTION: Martens / Edwards

That the Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 23, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

District staff reported on various administration items.

Oliver Parks & Recreation Society: The Board received correspondence from the Oliver Parks and Recreation Society requesting participation on the Board of Directors. Trustee Edwards volunteered to be a member of the 2011 Board for the Oliver Parks & Recreation Society.

Enrollment Report: Comparison from February 2011 to September 2010 notes an overall increase of 12 FTE at the elementary level and a decrease of 45.5 FTE at the secondary level, with an overall decrease of 33.5 students. When combined with YouLearn.ca (continuing education and distance learning), the overall change is an increase of 52 students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

OTHER REPORTS

Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement Committee meetings are progressing well. A final draft of the Agreement will be taken to the local Aboriginal communities and parents for a final review before signing off.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

NEW BUSINESS

Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School Consultation Process

Superintendent Young outlined a recommended process for public consultation meetings regarding the potential closure of Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Board of Education move to adopt the process as provided for the consultation process at Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School.
2. That the Board of Education provide direction to the Superintendent to ensure appropriate notices and advertisements, consistent with the District's School Closure Policy, are placed in the local media and website.
3. That the Board of Education provide direction to the Superintendent to ensure appropriate communication with PAC Chairs and staff of Tuc-el-Nuit and Oliver Elementary School outlining the opportunities for input and the consultation process and timeline.

R11-035 MOTION: Coates / Hancheroff

That the recommendation to adopt the process for the consultation process at Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School as outlined be approved.

CARRIED

Budget Process

Secretary-Treasurer Minnabarriet provided an overview of estimated operating grants for the 2011/12 school year. The Budget Advisory Council will meet on April 20, 2011 to discuss the 2011/12 Operating Budget.

Request for Letter of Support from Town of Oliver

Chair Harrington advised more information is needed before the Board can make a decision to support the Town of Oliver's request to support the Osoyoos Indian Band's Expression of Interest for a correctional centre in the South Okanagan.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on April 20, 2011 at the Board of Education Office in Oliver at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm

ATTACHMENTS

Agenda
Enrollment Report – February 2011

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer