



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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011
AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE, OLIVER BC**

PRESENT:

Trustees

Ms. J. Harrington, Chairperson
Ms. D. Marten, Vice Chairperson
Ms. M. Coates
Ms. M. Tarr
Mr. S. Hancheroff
Ms. T. Edwards
Ms. B. Young
Mr. J. Insley
Ms. L. Minnabarriet
Ms. S. Trower
Ms. M. Bjerkan
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Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Secretary-Treasurer
Manager of Human Resources
Recording Secretary
Guests

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R11-041 MOTION: Marten / Tarr

That the agenda for the May 25, 2011 regular meeting be approved.

CARRIED

MINUTES

R11-042 MOTION: Hancheroff / Coates

That the Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 20, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

Ms. Marji Basso and Ms. Claire Schwanzenberger provided an overview of the "Farm to School Salad Bar Program" in the district's elementary schools. Students learn salad bar etiquette, nutrition, food choices, and attend field trips to learn about agriculture.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATION

District staff reported on various administration items. A summary of these items will be produced in the Board Report and posted on the district website following the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Management Committee Report

A copy of the May 11, 2011 Management Committee Report is attached and forms part of these minutes.

R11-043 MOTION: Marten / Hancheroff

That Ms. Lynda Minnabarriet, Secretary-Treasurer, be appointed Chief Election Officer for the November 19, 2011 trustee election.

CARRIED

R11-044 MOTION: Coates / Marten

That Ms. Merrill Bjerkan be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the November 19, 2011 trustee election.

CARRIED

Capital Project Bylaw No. 126311 – Annual Facilities Grant

District staff recommended that the Board adopt Capital Project Bylaw No. 126311 Annual Facilities Grant for a total maximum expenditure of \$376,622.

R11-045 MOTION: Hancheroff / Tarr

That Capital Bylaw No. 126311 be given all three readings at tonight's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R11-046 MOTION: Coates / Edwards

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 126311 be read a first time the 25th day of May 2011.

CARRIED

R11-047 MOTION: Edwards / Marten

That Capital Bylaw No. 126311 be read a second time the 25th day of May 2011.

CARRIED

R11-048 MOTION: Tarr / Edwards

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 126311 be read a third and final time, passed and adopted this 25th day of May 2011.

CARRIED

BC Human Rights Tribunal Approval

Trustee Tarr announced that the BC Human Rights Tribunal has given the district special program approval to give preference to people of Aboriginal ancestry for Aboriginal education support worker positions.

Irlen's Syndrome

District staff was directed to investigate the possibility of having a district screener for students who have Irlen's Syndrome, a perceptual disorder that can be misdiagnosed as dyslexia or inattention.

OTHER REPORTS

Trustee Hancheroff reported on the annual meeting with the Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission. The district entered into an agreement with the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen in December 2010 with the purpose of leasing the portable to the Commission for a community wellness centre.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

NEW BUSINESS

2011/12 Annual Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Minnabarriet provided an overview of the 2011/12 annual budget with a comparison to the 2010/11 amended annual budget. A copy of the budget is attached and forms part of these minutes.

R11-049 MOTION: Tarr / Edwards

That the 2011/12 annual budget bylaw be read a first time the 25th day of May 2011.

CARRIED

R11-050 MOTION: Coates / Hancheroff

That the 2011/12 annual budget bylaw be read a second time the 25th day of May 2011.

CARRIED

Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement

Trustee Coates reported that the new Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (2011 to 2016) is in final draft. The Agreement has been simplified and for the first time parent representatives of students of Aboriginal ancestry are signing the Agreement. A copy of the final draft Agreement is attached and forms part of these minutes. The Agreement requires acceptance by the Upper and Lower Similkameen Indian Bands and Osoyoos Indian Band, the Ministry, and the Board of Education.

R11-051 MOTION: Coates / Edwards

That the new Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement be approved.

CARRIED

Assistant-Superintendent Insley explained that the Agreement will be brought back to the Board if any of the Council groups does not approve it.

CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the reading file list for March and April 2011 is attached and forms part of these minutes.

R11-052 MOTION: Hancheroff / Tarr

That the information contained in the Trustee reading file be received and filed.

CARRIED

On behalf of the BC School Trustees Association, Chair Harrington presented long service certificates to trustees as follows:

Trustee Sam Hancheroff - 6 years
Trustee Myrna Coates - 9 years
Trustee Marieze Tarr - 9 years
Trustee Michael Petersen – 12 years (Mr. Petersen was not in attendance)

Trustee Marten presented Chair Harrington with her 21 years life long service certificate.

QUESTION PERIOD

Nil

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on June 22, 2011 at the Board of Education Office in Oliver at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

Agenda
Enrollment Report – April 2011
Management Committee Report – May 11, 2011
2011/12 Annual Budget
Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement
March and April 2011 Reading File

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Chairperson of the Board


Secretary-Treasurer