



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

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010
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
Mrs. J. McElgunn
Mr. J. Insley
Ms. L. Minnabarriet
Mr. J. Pocher
Mr. M. Van Aller
Ms. M. Bjerkan
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Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Secretary-Treasurer
Manager of Finance
Director of Facilities
Recording Secretary
Guests

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R10-082 MOTION: Tarr / Marten

That the revised agenda for the October 27, 2010 regular meeting be approved.

CARRIED

MINUTES

R10-083 MOTION: Hancheroff / Edwards

That the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 29, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

R10-084 MOTION: Petersen / Hancheroff

That the minutes of the special regular board meeting held on October 13, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**Capital Plan Process**

The Board was provided with proposed dates to present the capital plan report. The proposal is to take staff's recommendations to the November 24, 2010 public meeting for review and discussion by the Board, and then to the December 15, 2010 regular meeting for Board decisions regarding the recommendations. The Board agreed with the proposed schedule.

SOSS Capital Project Update

District staff reported the capital project at SOSS is still moving forward and on schedule. The transfer of power to the new generator went very well. It was suggested the board have a short site visit preceding the November 24, 2010 board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Management Committee Report**

A copy of the October 13, 2010 Management Committee Report is attached and forms part of these minutes.

R10-085 MOTION: Coates / Tarr

That Policy F-12 Child Protection be approved as presented.

CARRIED

OTHER REPORTS**BCSTA Branch Meeting**

Trustee Marten provided a positive report on the branch meeting held in Lillooet. The theme was "forging our future and respecting our past". Attendees participated in a tour of Bridge River fishing rocks and an archaeological village site, and a traditional BBQ dinner before the meetings.

Board Chairs Joint Meeting

Board Chair Harrington reported on the October 22, 2010 meeting where the Ministry of Education shared their vision of personalized learning in the 21st century. Personalized learning is a classroom and non-classroom-based public education model, tailored to the individual needs of students. Three discussion questions were presented: (1) What are the most exciting aspects of the Ministry's vision for personalized learning in the 21st century? How will students benefit? (2) What will be needed to successfully translate the vision into action in your district? (3) What do the Ministry, BCSTA and other partner groups need to do now to further shape the vision?

Provincial Council

Trustee Coates reported on BCSTA resolutions, particularly (1) meeting with the Ministry regarding concerns around BCeSIS problems and resulting costs incurred by boards; and (2) embracing change in public education for the 21st century.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

NEW BUSINESS**Roots of Empathy**

Trustee Tarr reported on a recent request from the Roots of Empathy provincial office to pay \$250 per program which is used to fund curriculum and research. The district's program funds are now depleted after using remaining funds to train an additional volunteer instructor. Trustee Tarr made a request to the Board for \$2,500 to enable the program to run for the year.

Trustee Coates recommended sending a letter to the Ministry of Education stressing the value of the Roots of Empathy program, that it fulfills their philosophy of early education, and to make them aware of the number of programs that have been cancelled due to a lack of funding.

V-Line Construction Donation

The Board was informed of a local business that raises monies by donating prizes and organizing raffles. They have expressed interest in this district and/or School District No. 67 being the recipient this year. Superintendent McElgunn explained the Roots of Empathy program to the spokesperson and made a suggestion for funding of \$2,500 in each of the next two years, plus an additional \$2,500 to train another volunteer, for a total donation of \$7,500. The Board authorized district staff to send a response to V-Line Construction confirming the donation would go to the Roots of Empathy program

R10-086 MOTION: Petersen / Coates

That \$2,500 allocated from the instructional funding budget be made available to operate the Roots of Empathy program this year.

CARRIED

Enhancement Program

The Board was informed that the kick-off of the new Enhancement Agreement for the district is set for November 23, 2010 after going to the Aboriginal Advisory Council for finalizing. Trustees will be invited.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD

A question was asked regarding the Roots of Empathy letter to the Ministry.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on November 24, 2010 at the Board of Education Office in Oliver at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

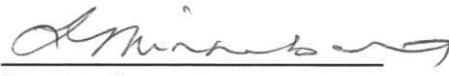
ATTACHMENTS

Agenda
Management Committee Report – October 13, 2010
Policy F-12 Child Protection

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Chairperson of the Board



Secretary-Treasurer



**REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE OLIVER, BC
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010**

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. M. Petersen
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Chair Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

1. iCompass Records Management Solution

Secretary-Treasurer Minnabarriet provided an overview of software, which manages and streamlines the board meeting management process. The board authorized district staff to set up a demonstration with the software company and to check into pricing.

2. Learning Technology

Superintendent McElgunn reported that the District Technical Advisory Committee is currently looking at learning technology needs for the ensuing three years as the district is in the final year of its equipment lease. The committee anticipates finalizing a request for proposal for laptops and desktops for review at the October 21, 2010 DTAC meeting.

The Superintendent also reported on a telepresence she attended at Cisco along with staff from 12 to 15 school districts across North America. Tandberg Suite technology was demonstrated and a webex session will be held next week with the purpose of getting more information on this technology. Cost is approximately \$20,000 per site and would fit nicely into the classroom as it links to other equipment already on site.

The meeting recessed at 7:07 pm and resumed at 7:13 pm.

3. Policy F-12 Child Protection

Secretary-Treasurer Minnabarriet reported that school districts were approached by the Ministry in late August with the suggestion they review their child protection policy, if they had one, and to implement one if they did not. This district has a well established practice in the Special Education handbook, although no policy. The draft policy presented to the board adheres to the Ministry checklist and was brought forward for their review. The policy will be put forward for approval at the next regular meeting.

Recommendation: That Policy F-12 Child Protection be approved.

4. Policy E-4 Field Trips – Archery

Superintendent McElgunn reported the district has received attention in the media regarding restricted activities in the field trip policy. Contrary to her previous report to the board, an employee informed Ms. McElgunn yesterday that archery is being practiced in some of the district's schools. Ms. McElgunn confirmed that archery is considered a moderate risk activity in the Alberta Schools Safety Guidelines manual, therefore the district is not in violation of its policy by having students participate in practicing archery. Discussion ensued regarding safety and there was consensus to continue to allow the sport. District staff will arrange a presentation on safety procedures in place during archery activities and see examples of the bows and arrows.

5. Scent-Free Policy

Assistant Superintendent Insley reported that the district health and safety committee has developed a scent-free survey to be circulated to all district staff via administrators. The committee expects to tabulate results and use it in developing a scent-free policy.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

June Harrington