

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)
HELD AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011 AT 5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT WERE:

Chair - B. Pankhurst
- A. Erasmus
(via telephone) - L. Kasum
(via telephone) - T. Kilpatrick
- L. Newbery
- D. Penner
- R. Raj
- G. Turner
- H. Wu

Superintendent of Schools
Secretary Treasurer
Recording Secretary

- N. Wells
- A. Cameron
- C. Gagnon

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Instruction, Learner Support
Director of Facility Services
Director of Human Resources
District Principal, Learner Support
Director of Instruction, Aboriginal Support
Director of Instruction, School Support

- D. Bartley
- J. Garossino
- B. Rai
- K. Scales
- C. Sebastian
- B. Speidel

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pankhurst called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Chair Pankhurst acknowledged the artwork displayed in the Board Room provided by Skeena Junior Secondary School Grade 8 and 10 Art Students and Grade 9/10 First Nations Art Students. Special thanks were extended to Nadia Guerreiro, Skeena Junior Secondary Art Teacher for sharing her students' artwork for everyone's viewing and enjoyment.

2. CONSIDER THE PARTICIPATION BY A TRUSTEE OR TRUSTEES AT THE MEETING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

#6524 Penner/Raj

THAT Trustees Kasum and Kilpatrick be permitted to participate in this meeting by telephone conference call.

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#6525 Wu/Raj

THAT the Agenda be adopted with the addition of:

Business Committee Report:

9.1.6 BCSTA Report (Trustee R. Raj)

New Business:

10.1 Budget Presentation of Employee FTEs (Trustee T. Kilpatrick)

10.2 Board Approval of FTE increases (Trustee T. Kilpatrick)

10.3 Classroom Reorganization (Trustee T. Kilpatrick)

Carried

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

5.1 Regular Meeting, October 26, 2011

#6526 Erasmus/Penner

THAT the Minutes of the October 26, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board be approved as amended.

Carried

6. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETNG

6.1 Summary of In Camera Session, October 26, 2011

#6527 Raj/Penner

THAT the Summary of the October 26, 2011 In Camera Meeting of the Board be approved.

Carried

Opposed: Trustee Kilpatrick

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**7.1 Motion to Rescind School Closure Bylaw No. 5-2010
– Thornhill Junior Secondary School (Trustee G. Turner)**

#6528 Turner/Kilpatrick

THAT the Board give first reading to a bylaw to rescind School Closure Bylaw No. 5-2010 – Thornhill Junior Secondary School as approved by the Board on December 15, 2010.

Motion Defeated

In Favour: Kilpatrick, Penner, Turner

Opposed: Erasmus, Kasum, Newbery, Raj, Wu

8. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Jessica McCallum-Miller, a Grade 12 Student at Parkside Secondary School, read a presentation sharing her view of the impacts of the BCTF Strike on students and the importance of alternate programs such as Parkside Secondary School providing a second chance for students. Ms. McCallum-Miller also read a fellow student's report on his views of the same topics.

Chair Pankhurst thanked Ms. McCallum-Miller for her presentation and her courage in sharing her views and thoughts on students' education within our district.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Business Committee Report

9.1.1 Motion to BCPSEA, Reimbursement for Meeting Attendance

#6529 Penner/Raj

THAT the Board approve the following recommendation to BCPSEA:

THAT for BCPSEA Representative Assemblies, expenses for travel, accommodation and meals be reimbursed for the trustee representative and for one senior member of district staff.

Carried

Opposed: Kilpatrick

9.1.2 Draft Board of Education Committee Structure

#6530 Penner/Wu

THAT the Board approve the formal implementation (move away from "draft" status) of the Board of Education Committee Structure.

Carried
Opposed: Kilpatrick, Turner

9.1.3 2011-2021 School District Facilities Plan, Executive Summary

#6531 Penner/Wu

THAT the Board receive the 2011-2021 School District Facilities Plan.

Carried
Opposed: Kilpatrick, Turner

#6532 Erasmus/Raj

THAT a copy of the full report be sent to all municipal councils within the school district for their perusal.

Carried
Opposed: Kilpatrick

9.1.4 Financial Statements, September 30, 2011 & Quarterly Summary

Secretary Treasurer Cameron reported on the quarterly Financial Statements and provided a verbal analysis with no major concerns to report.

9.1.5 Thornhill Junior Secondary School/Skeena Middle School Transition Committee Formation.

#6533 Wu/Erasmus

THAT the Board approve the formation of the Thornhill Junior Secondary School/Skeena Middle School Transition Committee with the addition of an Elementary School representative to the committee membership.

Carried
Opposed: Kilpatrick

9.1.6 BCSTA Report (Trustee R. Raj)

Trustee Raj spoke to his report as provided in the addendum agenda package.

9.2 Education Committee Report

9.2.1 Education Committee Highlights, November 9, 2011

Trustee Newbery shared the committee has demonstrated a focus on the right things since it started early in the year, tried to capture goals and objectives and listed issues/suggestions. Trustee Newbery shared she enjoyed chairing the committee and thanked all partners for participating and staff for providing information and programs that we can learn from. The Education Committee will restart in January 2012 and hope in the new year reports such as Grade 10 Trades Program and 1.31 Committee Reports will be brought to the table for everyone's information.

Trustee Newbery reported the district is working with Gerald Morton, a senior data analyst with the Ministry who provided the data relating to student performance, FSA Grade 4 & 7 scores, reading, writing, numeracy for Coast Mountains School District. This is the type of data the Ministry will help our district meet our goals improving literacy and improving graduation rates; data that we can understand and form strategies around. The current data is beginning to tell a story, when students go to Grade 7, data helps us catch them before they fall behind. It is not blaming or shaming anybody, we just want to do something about it. 6-Year completion and graduation rates were also reviewed which reflected a gap at graduation between students and First Nations students at 20%. This is a concern, however, with the introduction of Middle School this will help the gap.

Superintendent Wells shared the school district was awarded a grant to provide after-school programs as part of Phase I of the Ministry of Sport & Culture Grant. Carol Pickering, Principal at New Hazelton Elementary School will be coordinating, and hopefully the next funding will be granted for Suwilaawks Community School.

9.2.2 BC Education Plan Video

Trustee Newbery spoke to the Ministry's new Education Plan as provided in the agenda package and presented by video for all to view at the meeting. The Education Committee is making progress and concentrating on the right things. A big part or a lot of the progress will be centered around how we implement Middle School.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Budget Presentation of Employee FTEs (Trustee T. Kilpatrick)

#6534 Kilpatrick/Turner

THAT when employee positions are budgeted for in the preliminary budget by the Board of Education, they are included as both salary costs and as matching FTE's on the appropriate budget schedules.

Motion Defeated

In Favour: Kilpatrick, Turner

Opposed: Erasmus, Kasum, Newbery, Penner, Raj, Wu

10.2 Board Approval of FTE Increases (Trustee T. Kilpatrick)

#6535 Kilpatrick/Turner

THAT the Board must approve all proposed increases to staff FTE's that exceed the allocations approved of within the preliminary budget prior to these increases being implemented.

Motion Defeated

In Favour: Kilpatrick, Turner

Opposed: Erasmus, Kasum, Newbery, Penner, Raj, Wu

10.3 Classroom Reorganization (Trustee T. Kilpatrick)

#6536 Kilpatrick/Turner

THAT no classroom reorganizations will take place after the Board has approved the Organization of Classes report without Board knowledge and approval.

Motion Defeated

In Favour: Kilpatrick, Turner

Opposed: Erasmus, Kasum, Newbery, Penner, Raj, Wu

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees reported on activities they have been involved in.

Chair Pankhurst shared this is the final Regular Board of Education Meeting for the 2008-2011 Board of School Trustees and extended on behalf of the school district very best wishes and sincerest thanks to the following retiring Trustees for their dedication and contribution towards the success of Coast Mountains School District 82:

Trustee Leigh Kasum
Trustee Tanis Kilpatrick
Trustee Diana Penner
Trustee Huey-lin Wu

Regrettably, Trustees Kasum and Kilpatrick could not attend the meeting this evening as we bid farewell to the retiring trustees. Retiring Trustees were presented with a floral bouquet and a Hoselton.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

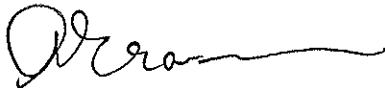
A ten-minute question period took place.

13. ADJOURNMENT

#6537 Wu/Kasum

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Carried



Board of Education Chair



Secretary Treasurer