

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)
HELD AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 AT 5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT WERE:

Chair - B. Pankhurst
- A. Erasmus
- 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
Network Administrator & Developer
Director of Instruction, Aboriginal Support
Director of Instruction

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pankhurst called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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

#6484 Newbery/Penner

THAT Trustee 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

#6485 Kasum/Erasmus

THAT the Agenda be adopted with the addition of:

10.2.4 Enrolment Report

10.1.1 Trustee Report – Trustee Lynn Newbery

Carried

5. QUESTION PERIOD RELATED TO MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

6.1 Special Meeting, June 22, 2011

#6486 Raj/Kasum

THAT the Minutes of the June 22, 2011 Special Meeting of the Board be approved.

Carried

7. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETNG

7.1 Summary of Special In Camera Session, June 22, 2011

#6487 Raj/Turner

THAT the Summary of the June 22, 2011 Special In Camera Meeting of the Board be approved.

Carried

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

9. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 Business Committee Report

10.1.1 Final Report/Committee Closure – Roy Wilcox/Nechako Elementary Schools Transition Committee

#6488 Erasmus/Raj

THAT the Board accept the Final Report and approve the closure of the Roy Wilcox/Nechako Elementary Schools Transition Committee.

Carried

10.1.2 Leadership Staffing Update

Superintendent Wells reported the Leadership Staffing was completed at the end of June 2011 with all principals and vice principals in place, however, following the last Board Meeting there were a few outstanding approvals as provided below:

Principals:

- Debbie Koehn – Principal, Thornhill Elementary School

Vice Principals:

- Bill Lenuik – Vice-Principal, Thornhill Junior Secondary School (one year term)

- Jan Thorburn – Vice-Principal, Hazelton Secondary School

Congratulations were extended once again to these administrators on their new appointments.

#6489 Penner/Newbery

THAT the Board approve the proposed Leadership Staffing changes effective August 1, 2011 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Carried

10.1.3 Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) Update

Director Garossino highlighted the AFG Update report as provided. It was a busy summer for the Facility Services Department. Noted some work will be delayed due to changes in priorities.

10.1.4 IT Summer Projects Review

A good news story. The IT Department completed a lot of work and we wanted to share this information with the Board and the public. Network Administrator & Developer, Mike Savage, shared this report was intended as an "fyi" as it affected many schools within the district and it also provides an indication of the IT Department's workload over the summer.

10.1.5 2010-2011 Audited Financial Statements

#6490 Penner/Raj

THAT the Board approve a transfer of \$2,157,908 from Local Capital Reserves to the Operating Fund to cover the 2010-2011 Operating Deficit, and

THAT the 2010-2011 Audited Financial Statements Version: 9154-8409-6426 be approved.

Carried

10.1.6 2010-2011 Aboriginal Education Funding Carry Forward

#6491 Penner/Newbery

THAT the Board approve the carry forward of \$242,103 surplus in Aboriginal Education funds.

Carried

10.1.7 School Playground Equipment Grant

Secretary Treasurer Cameron spoke to the Provincial government's press release and backgrounder regarding funding allotted for the elementary and middle school playgrounds to be rolled out over the next two years. Two Middle Schools identified within the district that will benefit from \$50,000 each in provincial funding for a new playground will be Mount Elizabeth Secondary School and Skeena Junior Secondary School. Playground criteria was reviewed as well. The district has submitted all additionally requested information with the hope that further funding will be granted.

10.1.8 New Policy: Policy Development – First Reading

#6492 Penner/Erasmus

THAT the New Policy: Policy Development be presented for first reading at the September 28, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Carried

10.1.9 New Policy: New Trustee Orientation – First Reading

#6493 Penner/Newbery

THAT the New Policy: New Trustee Orientation be presented for first reading at the September 28, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Carried

10.1.10 New Policy: Disposal of Land or Improvements – First Reading

#6494 Penner/Wu

THAT the New Policy: Disposal of Land or Improvements be presented for first reading at the September 28, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Carried

10.1.11 BCSTA Provincial Funding Formula Review

Chair Pankhurst reported that in June 2011, Education Minister George Abbott accepted BCSTA's recommendation to establish a structure to provide boards of education with input on the funding formula for allocating operating grants. A key element of that process is the opportunity for each board to provide input, including suggestions for change. These submissions are to be received by BCSTA by October 3, 2011. The process also includes the appointment of a Representative Committee of Board Chairs to review and consolidate the individual submissions. The Representative Committee will meet in October to review the board submissions. Chair Pankhurst asked Trustees to submit their input to Executive Assistant, Carole Gagnon, by October 3. Submissions will be formulated into a formal letter from the Board to the Representative Committee for consideration.

10.1.12 Trustee Election Update

Secretary Treasurer Cameron spoke to the upcoming Trustee Election significant dates as included in the agenda package. Nomination packages are available for those interested in running for trustee. Nominations will open on October 4 at 9:00 a.m. and close on October 14 at 4:00 p.m. Election day will be on November 19.

10.1.12.1 Ministerial Order – Trustee Variation

Chair Pankhurst reported on the letter dated June 30, 2011 received from Education Minister Abbott providing a Ministerial Order making the requested changes to the number of trustee positions in our school district from nine to seven. Kitimat and Terrace electoral areas will now have two trustee representatives in each area, a reduction from three trustee representatives.

10.1.13 Ministry Response to Board of Education Pacific Carbon Trust Letter

Chair Pankhurst spoke to the letter received from the Minister of Environment Lake in response to the Board's letter dated May 19, 2011 regarding the need to introduce the Pacific Carbon Trust system. The Board is pleased to learn the government is looking into this matter.

10.2 Education Committee Report

10.2.1 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee Formation

#6495 Newbery/Penner

THAT the Board approve the formation of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee effective September 28, 2011.

Carried

10.2.2 National Aboriginal Professional Artist Training Scholarship Award

#6496 Newbery/Penner

THAT the Board send a letter of congratulations to Mary Beth Mowatt who received a full scholarship from En'owkin Centre College located in Penticton, B.C., into the 'National Aboriginal Professional Artist Training' program.

Carried

10.2.3 Letter of Support – Skeena Watershed Stewardship Program

Trustee Newbery spoke to the letter of support provided by Chair Pankhurst on behalf of the Board agreeing in principle to the proposed partnership between the Northwest Community College and Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition to provide a wilderness-based Skeena Watershed Stewardship Program with the aim to educate communities and local schools about the impacts on our ecological resources and environment within the Pacific Northwest.

10.2.4 Enrolment Report

Director of Instruction Speidel reviewed the enrolment statistics and shared the district was close to its projections and class sizes as prescribed within provincial limits at approximately 5,000 students (without North Coast Distance Education School and Stekyoden School). This is within 30 students of what we projected to be. Superintendent Wells pointed out for clarification the Enrolment Report is the regular enrolment report with final head count and the 1701 Data Submission is an FTE count. The FTE raw data is submitted to the Ministry for review, and then feedback with any anomalies is returned to the district. The final information may be available for the October 2011 Board Meeting.

11. Trustees Reports

Trustees reported on activities they have been involved in.

12. ADJOURNMENT

#6497 Raj/Erasmus

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Carried



Board of Education Chair



Secretary Treasurer