

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 - Burnaby was held in the Board Room at 7:05 pm on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

Present

Trustees Diana Mumford (Chair), Ron Burton, Tony Coccia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, James Wang, and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Kevin Kaardal and Gina Niccoli-Moen, Associate Superintendent Elliott Grieve and Executive Assistant Laureen Bruntjen.

Agenda

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

The amendment added New School Name under New Business.

Good News

Larry Hayes presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Minutes

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of February 23, 2010 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Diana Mumford noted that March 22-27 is Education Week throughout the province. She highlighted some of the events taking place in our schools during this time and throughout the year.

District Operations – Superintendent’s Report

Alpha Secondary School – Science Fair 2010

Alpha Science Department Head Manjit Rai provided an overview of the school’s annual science fair. Grade 10 student Jenny Corra shared her experience with her project ‘Biogas’ and Grade 8 students Alex Lemon and Nikita Lusic-Hotta discussed their project ‘Can Scents Affect You Physically?’. Both projects will be entered into the Vancouver Regional Science Fair at UBC taking place April 8-10, 2010.

Grade 7 District Public Speaking Challenge

Director of Instruction Heather Hart provided an overview and history of the district’s Elementary Public Speaking Challenge contest. The topic for this year’s event was ‘I Wonder’. Challenge Champion students Milan Zivadinovic from Chaffey-Burke and Alyson Williamson from Stoney Creek Elementary Schools gave their speeches and the winner of this year’s Carter Cup, Jared Ham from Armstrong Elementary presented his winning speech.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the Superintendent’s Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the letter from Danyta Welch, Policy & Programs Officer, Local Government Program Services, regarding School Community Connections Program Phases 2 and 3, be received.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Tony Coccia:

THAT the letter from Bill Gilhooly, Assistant Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia, be received.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by James Wang and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the letter from Kathy Corrigan, MLA, Burnaby-Deer Lake, regarding the Minister of Education's response to a letter regarding Burnaby Board of Education's budget challenges, be received.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Education inviting her to visit the district.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report of February 16, 2010 be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report of March 16, 2010 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Education Committee

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the Education Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the Finance Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT an invitation be sent to the four Burnaby MLAs inviting them to attend a meeting to discuss the district's budget, related issues and concerns.

It was moved by Tony Coccia and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the above motion be amended to include the Minister of Education.

Carried unanimously.

Trustees voted on the following amended motion:

THAT an invitation be sent to the Minister of Education and the four Burnaby MLAs inviting them to attend a meeting to discuss the district's budget, related issues and concerns.

Carried unanimously.

Policy Committee

It was moved by Tony Coccia and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the Policy Committee Report be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the Board receive and approve the Superintendent's District Operations – Administrative Services Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

New Business

BCSTA Provincial Council Report

Tony Coccia provided a brief report on the February 19, 2010 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting.

It was moved by Tony Coccia and seconded by Ron Burton

THAT the verbal report regarding the February 19, 2010 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting be received.

Carried unanimously.

New School Name

The Chair, Diana Mumford, provided a brief overview of the process used to solicit input on names for the new elementary school at Simon Fraser University. The name selected for the new elementary school is University Highlands Elementary School. Ms Mumford thanked everyone who took time to provide input to the process. The University Highlands Elementary School is scheduled to open in September 2010.

Adjournment

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Carried unanimously

Original signed by:

Diana Mumford
Chair

D. Greg Frank, C.A.
Secretary-Treasurer