

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)
WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2008**

Present:

Chair	Mrs. C. Ashlie
Vice Chair	Mrs. K. Ward
Trustees:	Mr. R. Butler
	Mrs. K. Marshall
	Dr. D. Rempel
	Mr. S. Vdovine
Superintendent of Schools	Mr. J.L. Simpson
Secretary Treasurer	Mr. D. Woytowich
Asst. Superintendent	Dr. R. Cranston
Asst. Superintendent	Mrs. J. Unwin
Communications Officer	Mr. S. Nesling
Executive Assistant & Recorder	Mrs. C.J. Jones

A - OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Correspondence & Announcements

3. Ordering of Agenda

P376-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the agenda be ordered as circulated and amended as follows:

Add:

The Board Chair asked whether anyone present had questions regarding items on the agenda. Mr. George Serra, Maple Ridge Teachers' Association representative, said that he would like to speak to the "Optimal Size Schools Report".

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1) March 26, 2008

P377-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
Seconder: Trustee Ward

"That the Minutes of the March 26, 2008 Public meeting be approved as circulated."

E - CHAIR REPORT

P380-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
Second: Trustee Butler

WHEREAS South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority (Translink)

Motion **P382-07/08** as amended by **P383-07/08** was
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Decision Items

b) Assistant Superintendents

- Board Authority/Authorized Courses

P386-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “Applications for Learning 10” proposed by Laurie Meston, Director of Student Support Services, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P387-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve “Applications for Learning 11” proposed by Laurie Meston, Director of Student Support Services, as a BAA course”..

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P388-07/08 Mover: Trustee Marshall
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board approve “Applications for Learning 12” proposed by Laurie Meston, Director of Student Support Services, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P389-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “Contemporary Music 11” proposed by Denise O’Brien, Thomas Haney Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P390-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “Aviation 11” proposed by Brad Dingler, Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P391-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve “Equine Studies 10 (Academy)” proposed by Shelley Evans, Thomas Haney Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P392-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board approve “Equine Studies 11 (Academy)” proposed by Shelley Evans, Thomas Haney Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P393-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board approve “Equine Studies 12 (Academy)” proposed by Shelley Evans, Thomas Haney Secondary School, as a BAA course”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Day Care Space Report

P394-07/08 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board receive the report on Before School, During School, After School DayCares and PreSchools (attached).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P395-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board of Education approve the following costs for before, during or after school daycare or preschools, for the 2008/09 school year.

A yearly rate of \$10,080.00.
 A daily rate of \$51.00.

GST would have to be charged on these rates”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P396-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
Seconded: Trustee Marshall

c) Secretary Treasurer

2. Information Items

- b) Assistant Superintendents
 - Grade 7 to 8 Registration Report

P402-07/08

Trustee Marshall said that she was not in agreement with the formation of a committee and that the current process is working well.

Trustee Rempel said that 5.0 of the bylaw should be amended to allow the Secretary Treasurer to bring forward reports on Trustee stipends without the need for a committee.

Chair Ashlie said that she likes the idea of a committee of 3 people from Maple Ridge and 2 from Pitt Meadows. She said she would like 4.0 of the bylaw removed. She agreed that there should be some sort of weighting process for trustees who represent the Board on a number of committees.

P405-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
Seconded: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board approve the proposed Trustee Remuneration bylaw, as circulated.”

P406-07/08 Mover: Trustee Vdovine
Seconded: Trustee Ward

“That the Board amend the bylaw by removing 4.0.”

Trustee Marshall Negative

CARRIED

The question was called on Motion **P405-07/08** which received the following vote:

Trustee Ashlie Affirmative
Trustee Ward Affirmative
Trustee Butler Affirmative
Trustee Rempel Affirmative
Trustee Vdovine Affirmative

Trustee Marshall Negative

The bylaw will be amended and receive all three readings at the April 30th Board meeting.

- Access to SD42 Programs

P409-07/08 Mover: Trustee Rempel
 Second: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive the report on registration of students in SD42 programs, for information.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- PMSS Artificial Turf Field

P410-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Second: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the report on the funding of the Pitt Meadows Secondary School turf field.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committee-of-the-Whole

2. Committees & Advisory Committee Reports

a) Education Committee

- Optimal School Size Report

P411-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That the Board will determine an optimal school size based on the optimal learning environment for each school, on a school by school basis rather than on a fixed number.”

Considerable discussion ensued.

P412-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board refer the Optimal School Size Report to the Education Committee for further work by the stakeholder groups.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) Human Resources Committee
- c) Finance Committee

P413-07/08 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Rempel

“That staff prepare a letter to the Minister of Education expressing concern over the apparent divergence from past practice as it relates to the re-allocation of the per pupil block funding of additional funds resulting from declining enrolment. Further, the letter should outline the Board’s concern that proposed changes to the funding allocation system will have an impact on the stability of funding for the future. Specifically, salary differential funding, claw-back of funds for changes in general enrolment and special needs enrolment at the autumn recalculation, February counts, and May final distribution of funds.”

recalculation, February counts enrolment at the autumn

J - QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Questions
2. Public Questions
3. DPAC Questions

Ms. Froelich, DPAC Chair asked how the committee members will be selected for the review of the Trustee Remuneration.

The Secretary Treasurer said that he would advertise for interested parties to participate.

4. Employee Group Questions

K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports

Trustee Rempel reported that 22 students will receive bursaries, and he reminded Trustees and staff about the Tzu Chi June 5th Bursary celebration event at Yennadon. He also gave a brief report on his attendance at the Maple Ridge Arts Council Scholarship Policy review, and advised that he would bring forward a report to the Board at a future date. Also, as a member of the local Rotary, he reported on the Rotary Esteem Team project in the School District.

Trustee Ward highlighted some of the activities and initiatives which will be taking place involving DPAC, and the presentation from Ridge Meadows College at the DPAC meeting on Monday. The next DPAC meeting will be held on May 5th at MRSS.

2. Board Liaison Representative Reports
3. Other Trustee Reports

L - OTHER BUSINESS**M - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

