

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 42 (MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS)
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

Present:

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

Absent: Trustee Dr. D. Rempel

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

P100-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

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

Add

G – Notice of Motion.- Advocacy Committee
 K1 – BCSTA Provincial Council.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Chair asked whether anyone present had questions regarding items on the agenda. Ms. MacVeigh said she would like to speak to the agenda.

Ms. MacVeigh asked whether the lap tops had built in microphones. The Board Chair said they did not.

B - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1) June 25, 2008

P102-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Minutes of the June 25, 2008 Public meeting be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C – PRESENTATIONS

D - DELEGATIONS

E - CHAIR REPORT

a) Correspondence for Board Action

Correspondence from Nestle Waters Canada dated July 9, 2008.

Chair Ashlie said that the Board had received a letter from Nestle Waters Canada dated July 9, 2008 concerning reports that the District is considering banning bottled water from schools. She suggested that the letter go forward to the Nutrition Committee for further discussion.

Trustee Vdovine said that the Board has not discussed this issue.

Chair Ashlie stated that the issue of bottled water in schools was brought up when the Nutrition Committee was established.

Trustee Vdovine said that he would like the Board to send a letter thanking Nestle Waters Canada for its letter.

Trustee Ward asked whether the letter should also be directed to the Environmental Committee.

Chair Ashlie stated that the Nutrition Committee could direct this to the Enviromental Committee.

b) Board Announcements

Chair Ashlie stated that the Board would not be demonstrating the paperless board meeting system this evening as there were a few “glitches” which staff are working on.

c) Other Matters

Tabled Assessment Motions

P102-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Second: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board lift the tabled Motions on the Student Assessment in B.C.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P103-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Second: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board request that the Achievement Contract reflect within the Goals’ objectives, an objective that states, “increased use of formative assessment will be used to improve student achievement in this area.”

Chair Ashlie stated that there have been discussions with staff since this matter was first brought forward, and the issue of formative assessment will be included in future Achievement Contracts.

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Ashlie	Negative
Trustee Butler	Negative
Trustee Marshall	Negative
Trustee Vdovine	Negative
Trustee Ward	Affirmative

DEFEATED

P104-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Second: Trustee Butler

P105-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Marshall

“That the Board amend Motion **P104-08/09** as follows:

That the Board direct the policies on assessment to be reviewed by the Education Committee with the intent of updating the language to ensure the District supports assessment for learning practices in the classroom.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The question was called on Motion **P104-08/09** as amended by **P105-08/09** CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P106-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

- a) “That the Superintendent supplies a report to the Board containing the budget allocation to teacher professional development, and the additional ways that the District provides professional development support to the teachers of this District.
- b) That the Superintendent reports to the Board, for the 08/09 budget process, his recommendations in regards to potential supports in the area of supporting teachers to examine and enhance classroom assessment practices.”

The Superintendent advised that the District had provided \$60,000 to the Maple Ridge Teachers’ Association for professional development activities this year, and a further \$100,000 to schools to support Learning Communities.

Discussion continued.

Chair Ashlie stated that the \$60,000 is used by the teachers, and they identify how it is to be spent. She said that she would like to see an amount put aside for formative assessment.

The Superintendent said that an amount could be targeted for formative assessment. However, there are amounts in senior staff budgets which could be assigned to enhance classroom practices.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P113-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butlta
SeconAtt: Trustee Warda

“That the Board commence the process of renaming the Distri/SuEduc /BBoa Office.”

The Communic /BBos Officer was askTopto proceTopto seek suggestiBos from parents, students, staff and the community, for present /BBoxto thea Board at the end of October.

Trustee Ashliea	Affirm	/Bvea
Trustee Butlta	Affirm	/Bvea
Trustee Marshall	Affirm	/Bvea
Trustee Warda	Affirm	/Bvea
Trustee Vdovinea	Neg	/Bvea

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Party Bus

The Board Chair said she wis/Topto clarify that she had not intendTopto bring this issuexto the Board table as reportTopinthea local newspaper. Sheasaid she would bextaking itxto the pe stance Abuse/Misuse Committee.a

P114-08/09 Mover: Trustee Marshall
SeconAtt: Trustee Butlta

“That the Board forward a lettto the Solicitor General askiog himato explore the regul /BBos of alcohol on motor vehicles and theaexperiences of the community with the party bus issue”.a

Chair AshlieastatTopthat this community has experienced some issues with unAttage drinking Boxthe party buses and is therefore askiog the Solicitor Geoeral to review the m /ter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F - DEFERRED ITEMS

G - TRUSTEE MOTIONS

1. Notice of Motion – Trustee Vdovine

P115-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board receive Trustee Vdovine’s notice of motion.”

Trustee Vdovine said that his motion will be to ask the District to establish an Advocacy Committee comprised of representatives from all partner groups, and that the Advocacy Committee become part of the Board’s committee structure in the future.

A motion will be brought forward to the September 24, 2008 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

1. Decision Items
 - a) Superintendent of Schools
 - b) Assistant Superintendents
 - c) Secretary Treasurer

Procedural Bylaw Amendment

P116-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That pursuant to Board Procedural Bylaw E3.1(d), the Board approve advancing amendment to Bylaw B, Part A, through all three reading stages at the meeting of the Board on August 27, 2008”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P117-08/09 Mover: Trustee Butler
 Secunder: Trustee Ward

“That the Board approve first reading to amend Procedural Bylaw B, Part A, to accommodate change in format to Agenda to include the new paperless board meeting software”.

Trustee Marshall suggested several amendments, which the Secretary Treasurer will incorporate into the bylaw.

- b) Assistant Superintendents

Preliminary Enrolment Report

P121-08/09 Mover: Trustee Ward
 Secunder: Trustee Butler

“That the Board receive the Preliminary Enrolment Report, for information.”

Deputy Superintendent Unwin reported that as of September 5th, the District had a total enrolment of 13,948 full time equivalent. 146 more than the District had projected, and 246 more than the Ministry of Education had projected.

She said that secondary enrolments were in line with projections.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- c) Secretary Treasurer

I - COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Committee-of-the-Whole
2. Committees & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Education Committee
 - b) Human Resources Committee
 - c) Policy Advisory Committee
 - d) Aboriginal Education Committee
 - e) Anti-Vandalism Advisory Committee
 - f) District Student Advisory Committee
 - g) French Immersion Advisory Committee
 - h) Communications Advisory Committee

J - QUESTION PERIOD

1. Trustee Questions

Chari Ashlie asked whether the principals had sent a letter out to parents asking for their compliance with parking restrictions.

Deputy Superintendent Unwin confirmed that the principals had sent out the letters. The Board was advised that the Health & Safety Officer is working with principals to address parking and safety issues.

2. Public Questions

A parent referred to the Keeping Kids in School initiative and asked which community organizations were involved.

Deputy Superintendent Unwin said that a variety of community organizations are involved including Parks & Recreation, Gregg Moore Youth Centre, Alouette Addictions, and the RCMP, to name a few.

Reference was made to the recent parent letter to the Editor in the local paper concerning the school start up at elementary schools, and the lack of classroom assignments, the parent asked whether this was now the policy.

Ms. Unwin stated that it is not policy, it is a staff choice as to how they handle the new school year start up and classroom assignments.

3. DPAC Questions

Ms. Kathy Froelich, DPAC Chair referred to the letter to the Editor and suggested that for the future, a communication be prepared for parents, either on the District website or posted on school doors as to class assignments.

Ms. Unwin said that a communication could go out to parents at the end of the school year to let advise them on class assignments, as well as details on school opening procedures first thing in the new school year.

Chair Ashlie suggested that this issue be a part of a future DPAC agenda and that the Superintendent make a presentation to the parents on the issue.

The Superintendent stated that this matter will also be discussed at the next Principals meeting.

4. Employee Group Questions

Ms. MacVeigh referred to the issue of parents parking illegally at schools and asked what the Board would be cited for if this continued.

Chair Ashlie said that the District has to ensure appropriate access to schools for emergency vehicles, not to do so would result in fines.

Ms MacVeigh asked whether the Board could bring in a bylaw enforcement officer to ticket parents who park illegally.

Ms. MacVeigh was advised that the bylaw enforcement officer has no authority to ticket parents on District property but the RCMP could do so with the District's permission.

MacVeigh asked how many students had taken advantage of the common timetable.

Deputy Superintendent Unwin said that a report will be brought forward to a future meeting when the statistics are known.

K- TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. External Representative Reports

BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Ward advised that the next Provincial Council meeting is on October 25th. Should the Board have any emergent motions they must be discussed at the next meeting and submitted to BCSTA by September 26th.

The Board Chair said that the Board will be submitting as discussed, an emergent motion on the IQ Variable – Young Adults matter, which will be brought forward to the next meeting.

2. Board Liaison Representative Reports
3. Other Trustee Reports

L - OTHER BUSINESS

M - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary Treasurer

