

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY) HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009 AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the Meeting to Order at 7:02 p.m.

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| Present: | Mrs. T. Rezansoff | Chairperson |
| | Ms. S. Garcelon | Trustee |
| | Ms. V. Gee | Trustee |
| | Mr. K. Harshenin | Trustee (via phone conference at 7:35 p.m.) |
| | Mr. J. Malloff | Trustee |
| | Ms. C. Riddle | Trustee |
| | Ms. K. Sabourin | Trustee |
| | Mr. M. Strukoff | Superintendent |
| | Mrs. J. Hanlon | Secretary-Treasurer |
| | Ms. M. Ruzicka | Director of Instruction |

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

1. Kat Grootjes presented a request for funding for the West Kootenay Drama Festival which will be held in Grand Forks in 2009.
2. Carol McQuarrie presented information in regards to FSA testing from the teacher's perspective.

(Ken Harshenin joined the meeting via conference call at 7:35 p.m.)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED Garcelon
2ND Malloff

"That the Board approve the agenda with the addition of the following items:

- 3.1 Funding for West Kootenay Drama Festival
- 3.2 BCPSEA motions & Director candidates

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED Sabourin
2ND Riddle

"That the Minutes of the following Board Meeting be adopted as amended:

REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2008"

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. STRENGTHENING THE CONNECTION

The 2008 School Community Connections program has approved our application, in principle, for \$24,000. Final approval will be granted once confirmation of the balance of funding sources are in place and the project is able to proceed.

2. BOUNDARY AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE

Boundary Air Quality Committee is requesting representation. Trustee Garcelon and Trustee Malloff have agreed to be our representatives on this committee.

1. ACTION ITEMS

1.1 BOARD COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

The list of Board Committees and Representatives was circulated.

(Election for the next four positions were conducted by secret ballot)

1.2 ELECTION – BCSTA PROVINCIAL COUNCILOR AND ALTERNATE

The BCSTA Bylaws require that a Provincial Councilor and Alternate be elected between December 1st and the following January 15th.

MOVED Garcelon
2ND Riddle

MOTION: "That the Board elect Sally Garcelon as the Trustee Representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council and John Malloff as the Alternate for 2009."
CARRIED

1.3 ELECTION – BCPSEA REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE

MOVED Riddle
2ND Garcelon

MOTION: "That the Board elect Ken Harshenin as the Trustee Representative to the BCPSEA and Teresa Rezansoff as the Alternate for 2009."
CARRIED

1.4 KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BRANCH BCSTA EXECUTIVE

MOVED Garcelon
2ND Gee

MOTION: "That the Board appoint Kris Sabourin as the Trustee Representative to the Kootenay Boundary Branch BCSTA and Cathy Riddle as the Alternate for 2009."
CARRIED

1.5 OKANAGAN LABOUR RELATIONS COUNCIL (OLRC)

MOVED Riddle
2ND Garcelon

MOTION: "That the Board appoint Ken Harshenin as the Trustee Representative to the Okanagan Labour Relations Council (OLRC) and Jeanette Hanlon as the Alternate for 2009."
CARRIED

1.6 PHOENIX FOUNDATION

Maxine Ruzicka provided the Board with information on the *Vital Signs* program. The Board will consider the request for a \$1000 grant and make a decision at a later date.

1.7 BCSTA DEADLINES FOR PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

The Board had no Emergent Motions for the Provincial Council.

1.8 POLICY COMMITTEE

MOVED Garcelon
2ND Sabourin

"That the Board approve the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy No. 1300 - Corporate, Advertising, Canvassing
- Policy No. 1170 - Conflict of Interest, Pecuniary Interest, Employment of Immediate Family
- Policy No. 3020 - Copyright
- Policy No. 4010 - Request for Administration of Medication
- Policy No. - School Closure
- Policy No. 3040 - Equivalency Credit."

“That the Board hold the following policies with housekeeping updates until Trustee Riddle has discussed handling procedures with the Policy Committee:

Policy No. 1060 -- Availability of Board Agendas
Policy No. 1330 -- Temporary School Closure
Policy No. 3050 -- Home Education
Policy No. 1090 -- Direction.

CARRIED

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1 ENROLMENT – DECEMBER 2008

The student enrolment figures as at December 31, 2008 were circulated.
Total: 1400.9585 FTE

2.2 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Report on monthly changes to class configurations for December 2008 – In compliance with Bill 33.
- Superintendent’s Report for December 2008.

2.3 DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION’S REPORT

Report for January 2009.

2.4 SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REPORT

- Operations Transportation Report for December 2008.
- Expenditure Report as at December 31, 2008.
- Final Funding Announcement for 2008/2009
- Public Sector Energy Conservation Agreement. The District has been approved for funding with the PSECA for equipment for heating and lighting.

2.5 AROUND THE BOUNDARY

Powerpoint presentation on events and activities in December 2008.

2.6 DIRECTION 2008-2009

The Superintendent reported on the status of the 2008-2009 Action Plan Update.

2.7 PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Superintendent will draft a process for developing a three year Direction Plan for the District to coincide with the three year Trustee term. The Board also agreed to have BCSTA facilitate a session on Board Self Evaluation.

2.8 CLIMATE ACTION CHARTER

There was discussion in regards to the draft of the Climate Action Charter that is currently being developed by the government. Staff will seek clarification on clauses in the agreement.

(9:35 p.m. – Ken Harshenin left the meeting.)

2.9 KOOTENAY BOUNDARY CONSTITUTION

Kris Sabourin will be the Board representative.

3.0 KOOTENAY BOUNDARY BRANCH

The Conference will take place February 7, 2009 at the School Board Office with the Board attending via elluminate.

3.1 FUNDING FOR WEST KOOTENEY DRAMA FESTIVAL

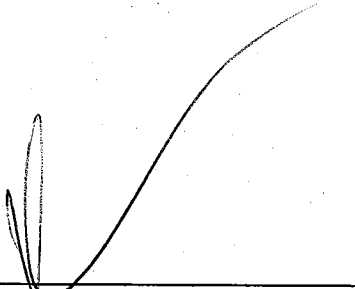
MOVED Garcelon
2ND Sabourin

MOTION: "That the Board approve a \$1000 donation to the West Kootenay Drama Festival."


CARRIED

3.2 BCPSEA MOTIONS AND DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Trustee Gee will be School District No. 51 representative at the BCPSEA 15th AGM. The Board has discussed the motion submitted by School District No. 23 as well as the Director candidates. Trustee Gee will vote "No" on the motion as per Board discussion and she will vote at her discretion for the Director candidates.



CHAIRPERSON



SECRETARY-TREASURER