

School District No. 51 (Boundary)

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 51
(Boundary) held Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the School Board Office.

The Chairperson called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present.	Mrs. T. Rezanoff	Chairperson
	Ms. S. Garcelon	Trustee
	Ms. V. Gee	Trustee
	Mr. K. Harshenin	Trustee
	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

Nil

Adoption of Agenda

MOVED Malloff
2ND Garcelon

"That the Board approve the agenda as circulated."

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOVED Harshenin
2ND Sabourin

"That the Minutes of the following Board Meeting be adopted as
circulated: Regular Meeting – February 10, 2009."

CARRIED

Correspondence

1. **Penny Tees** – Penny will be available for consulting regarding Board Issues.
2. **Kootenay Boundary Branch Letter of Appreciation** - Mel Joy, Kootenay-Boundary Branch President, wrote a letter voicing appreciation to Rob Goodall.
3. **Provincial Council Meeting Update** - The following motions were passed: New School Construction; Masking FSA Results; Amendment of Branch Bylaws; Provincial Operation Grants to Cover Increase in Costs.
4. **BC Early Learning Framework**
5. **Germany Trip Package** – Update from the German Exchange Trip.
6. **Revised Climate Charter** – Charter needs to be signed and returned by March 31, 2009.

Business Items

- 1 **Board of Education Meeting Processes & Procedures**

MOVED Gee
2ND Riddle

"That the Board try a 10 minute comment period at the beginning of the regular meeting restricted to items on the current agenda."

CARRIED

MOVED Sabourin
2ND Garcelon

"That the Regular Agenda and attachments be made available to the public on the District website prior to the regular Board Meeting."

CARRIED

- For all future Board Meetings, the Agenda order will be modified for efficiency and clarification.

2. Superintendent's Report

- The Superintendent reported on events in the school district for February 2009.
- Fibre Optics – We have received the proposal from PLNet for the upgrade of fibre optics at Big White and Greenwood. WBES will be upgraded from wireless to Telus by September 2009.

MOVED Harshenin
2ND Garcelon

“That the staff move forward with upgrading the internet connectivity at Big White at a cost of up to \$20,000.

CARRIED

- There was discussion regarding program changes at Big White Community School and the Boundary Learning Centre for the 2009-2010 school year. More supporting documentation was requested with further discussion to take place at the next meeting. The Board will also consult with the community, PAC and staff on the future configuration of BWCS after spring break.

3. Monthly Class Configurations

- Report on monthly changes to class configurations for February 2009. In compliance with Bill 33.

4 Literacy Outreach

MOVED Garcelon
2ND Riddle

“That the Board approve the stewardship of the \$30,000 grant for the Local Level Literacy Outreach Coordinator for the Boundary to the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy.”

CARRIED

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

- Operations Transportation Report for February 2009.
- Expenditure Report as at February 28, 2009
- The student enrolment figures as at February 13, 2009 were circulated.

6. Grant Thornton

MOVED Harshenin
2ND Malloff

“That the Board approve the hiring of Grant Thornton for the next three year audit reports.”

CARRIED

7. Director Of Instruction's Report

Report for March 2009.

8. Around the Boundary

Powerpoint presentation on events and activities in February 2009.

9 Committee Updates

- Operations/Facility – Trustee Harshenin gave an update from the meeting held February 24, 2009.
- District Development Team – Trustee Gee gave an update from the meeting held March 4, 2009.
- Policy – Trustee Sabourin addressed the previous issue around Policy Housekeeping and gave an update from the meeting held February 24, 2009.

MOVED Garcelon
2ND Harshenin

“That the Board approve the adoption of the following policies:

NO 1060 Availability of Board Agendas
NO. 1330 Temporary School Closure
NO 3050 Home Education”

CARRIED

MOVED Sabourin
2ND Garcelon

“That the Board approve the deletion of the following policy:
No. 1090 Direction.”

CARRIED

MOVED Harshenin
2ND Riddle

“That the Board approve the first reading of the following policy:
Use of Facilities and Equipment By Staff”

CARRIED

10. Ministry Directives Re: 3% Administration Reduction

Secretary-Treasurer Hanlon explained that the cost-reduction requirements by the Ministry of Education are unknown at this time and she hopes to provide more clarification once the funding is received.

11. Emergency Contingency Plan


Trustee Riddle said that she wanted to know the district 's role in each of our communities in an emergency or disaster situation and their action plan. Staff will contact the city to be included in the discussion, and will also continue to work on the Threat Assessment Protocol.

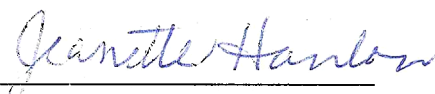
Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events

- Board Retreat – March 11 & 12, 2009
- Planning for the Future -- April 14, 2009 (Board to Convene from 1 – 5 p.m.)
- BCSTA AGM in Kelowna – April 23rd to 26th, 2009

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2009
West Boundary Elementary School
5:00 P.M. Special Closed Meeting
7:00 P.M. Regular Open Meeting

The Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY-TREASURER