

SCHOOL DISTRICT 59 (PEACE RIVER SOUTH)
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY-TREASURER

11600 – 7th STREET
DAWSON CREEK, B.C.

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.59**

DATE & TIME: March 24, 2010 - 1:03 PM

PLACE: School Board Office – Dawson Creek

PRESENT: Trustees:
S. Berringer
S. Kampen
J. Clavier
W. Ezeard
M. Fofonoff
C. Kux-Kardos
R. Powell
G. Slykhuis, Secretary-Treasurer
K. Sawchuk, Superintendent -absent
R. Dennis, Assistant Superintendent
R. Schwartz, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Judy Richardson, PRSTA

Media: Mathew Bains – Northeast News
Andrew Berglund – Daily News

Called to order – 1:08 pm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: R9.3 – Full-time Kindergarten – J. Clavier
R9.7 – Trustee Recognition – R. Powell

Deletions: R9.3 – 25 Year Recognition Award

(5)
MOVED/SECONDED – Kampen/Berringer
THAT, the Regular Meeting agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OPENING PRAYER

The Secretary-Treasurer led an opening prayer.

1.0 ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

R1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2010

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MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Zierner

THAT, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2010 be adopted as printed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R1.2 Excerpts from Special Closed Meeting – February 24, 2010

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MOVED/SECONDED – Kampen/Clavier

THAT, the Excerpts from the February 24, 2010 Closed Meeting be adopted as printed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

4.0 REPORTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

4.1 Monthly Report

The Monthly Report for February 2010 was presented and reviewed.

There were 37 suspensions reported in February. The main suspensions were categorized as:

- 6 for non-compliance to the direction of a staff member
- 16 for possession, distributing, or being under the influence of a controlled substance
- 6 for fighting

The Board has adopted new boundaries for school catchment areas in Dawson Creek and surrounding areas. The catchment areas take effect immediately to assist in determining classes for September 2010.

With the new catchment areas being established by Board resolution, there are also new rules for prioritizing which students will be accepted into an elementary school. The new enrolment priorities will be used during the registration of all students into elementary schools in Dawson Creek.

The bus routes for rural catchment areas have been reviewed and some minor adjustments will be made. The Board also approved the development of a fee structure for riders who are not “eligible” to ride the buses. Eligible students are enrolled in SD59 and live beyond the prescribed walk limits as defined in policy.

R4.2 Pouce Coupe Catchment

A request has been made to the Board to adjust the Pouce Coupe catchment area. Simmons road attend pouce coup

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MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Kampen

THAT, the Board approve to adjust the catchment area for Pouce Coupe School to include the Simmons and Ardnt Road; whereas the students currently attending Tate Creek Elementary School that live on the Ardnt Road may continue to attend until the students are no longer attending the school.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R4.3 Gideon Bible Request

The annual request from Gideons International in Canada was received to offer distribution of New Testaments to students in Grade 5. Distribution is done through a parental consent form.

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MOVED/SECONDED – Clavier/Ezeard

THAT, the Board allow the distribution of Gideon Bibles as an option to grade 5 students under the conditions stated in the letter as read to the board.

CARRIED (1 OPPOSED – M.Fofonoff)

Recommendation was made for the policy committee to look at the policy and regulation that discusses the process of distributing materials from outside agencies to students.

R4.4 Field Trips

The Assistant Superintendent has given approval in principle for three schools to participate in a field trip to Barkerville from May 25-28th, 2010. Final approval will be given assuming all risk management concerns and field trip documentation are in order.

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MOVED/SECONDED – Berringer/Ziemer

THAT, the Superintendent reports on Monthly Report and Field Trip Update are received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.0 REPORTS FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

R5.1 Financial Reports

The Secretary Treasurer reviewed the financial reports for February.

R5.2 2010-11 Preliminary Funding

The Secretary Treasurer has received the preliminary funding announcement from the Ministry. The main funding changes are:

Labour settlement funding is now included (not in a separate envelope)
Full day kindergarten funding included

Still have funding protection
Facilities funding
Status quo funding

We were expecting cuts but things have stayed status quo. June budget.

R5.3 Official Election Results

The Secretary-Treasurer reported the official by-election results. Tamara Ziemer was the successful candidate receiving 30 ballots of the total 74.

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MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Kampen

THAT, the Secretary-Treasurer reports on Financial Reports, 2010-11 Preliminary Funding, and Official Election Results are received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 POLICY COMMITTEE

- Policy 6070 – School Bus Transportation
The Board brought back the Transportation Policy for approval.

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MOVED/SECONDED – Clavier/Berringer

THAT the Board approve Policy #6070-School Bus Transportation as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The District has notified the schools that may have non-eligible bus students and a meeting has been established to give them more information. It will be recommended that rates are set at \$200 per student/year or \$500 per family/year.

7.0 DIARY

8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

9.0 TRUSTEE ITEMS

9.1 BCSTA Update – S. Berringer

Trustee Berringer reported on the latest news and events from BCSTA. Trustees' Berringer, Fofonoff, Kampen and Superintendent Kathy Sawchuk will be attending the BCSTA AGM in Victoria from April 22nd-25th, 2010.

Trustee Berringer reviewed the motions that will be brought forward to the AGM from the Northern Interior Branch, as well as, from the Provincial Council Meeting.

9.2 Minister of Finance Meeting – R.Powell

The Board Chair reported on the meeting they had with the Minister of Finance while he was in Dawson Creek. The main issues raised were:

Hearing news before implementation – no surprise approach

Larger isn't better, smaller districts may have their own niche...re centralization
Streamline services, resources, transportation
Stability, responsible for own area

Heard back...follow up with a letter summarizing the issues discussed. Minister of Finance,
Minister of Education, and MLA.

9.3 Full Day Kindergarten – J. Clavier

Trustee Clavier clarified what is meant by Full-Day Kindergarten and what is expected.

The district has full day kindergarten....parents did not understand that kindergarten students
are coming full-time. Lack of clarification – misleading. Parents are aware.

9.4 Focus on Learning Magazine – R.Powell

With new information being received since the last board meeting, the Board considered the
previous motion which approved the magazine to be in a 8 X 8 ¾ format.

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MOVED/SECONDED – Ziemer/Kampen

THAT, the motion adopted at the February 24th, 2010 regular board meeting to offer the
Focus on Learning Publication in the 8 X 8 ¾ magazine format is rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board made a recommendation for the Assistant Superintendent to follow through with
the

9.5 Student Sport Representation – R.Powell

The School District is looking for a person to represent the District on the Kid Sport
Committee.

9.6 SPSS/CMS Amalgamation – R.Powell

Mr. Powell presented an overview of the amalgamation review and proposed the
recommendations to the Board.

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MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Berringer

THAT, the Board adopts the plan for the amalgamation of educational services
between South Peace Secondary School, Central Middle School, and South Peace
Distributed Learning.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 Trustee Recognition – R.Powell

The Board Chair recognized Trustee Ezeard for his years of service as a School Board
Trustee. He will be formally recognized at the BCSTA AGM in April.

10.0 QUESTION PERIOD

A 10-minute question period followed.

11.0 FUTURE BUSINESS

11.1 – Regular Board Meeting – April 21, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

(5)
MOVED/SECONDED – Ezeard/Clavier
THAT, the Regular Meeting be adjourned. (2:46 PM)
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(Richard Powell) Chair

(G. Slykhuis) Secretary-Treasurer