
Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date: September 11, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
School District #36 (Surrey)
District Education Centre
Main Boardroom - Room #2020

Present: Laurie Larsen Chairperson
Terry Allen Vice Chairperson
Bob Holmes Trustee
Garry Thind Trustee
Gary Tymoschuk Trustee
Shawn Wilson Trustee

Absent: Laurae McNally Trustee

Staff Present: Dr. Jordan Tinney Superintendent
D. Greg Frank Secretary-Treasurer
Gurdeep Diogan Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Laurie Larsen called the meeting to order.

The following additional staff were in attendance for the meeting:

Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Simon Ayres, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Sharon Woodburn, Executive Director, Human Resources; Dave Riley, Director, Capital Project Office; Navin Chand, Director of Finance, Linda Gertz, Senior Manager, Budget & Forecasting; Doug Strachan, Manager, Communication Services; Nancy Zinn, Executive Assistant.

a. "O Canada" – recording by Simon Cunningham Elementary

Trustees, administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied with a recording by Simon Cunningham Elementary.

b. Traditional Acknowledgment

Chairperson Larsen acknowledged the traditional land and territory.

c. Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

Moved By Vice Chairperson Terry Allen

Seconded By Trustee Shawn Wilson

THAT the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. Delegation

None

3. Presentation

a. District Programs on the Web

Chris Poon, Communications Officer, provided an overview and demonstration of a new program search tool for parents and the public available on the district's website. Trustees thanked Mr. Poon for implementing this useful feature, and noted the site would continue to be reviewed and refreshed as programs evolve over time.

4. Action Items

a. Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

Moved By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

Seconded By Trustee Bob Holmes

THAT the Minutes of the June 12, 2019 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

b. 2020/2021 Five Year Capital Plan Final

Secretary-Treasurer, Greg Frank, invited Kelly Isford-Saxon to present the final version of the 2020/2021 Five Year Capital Plan. Ms. Isford-Saxon highlighted the plan objectives and the processes in place to work in partnership with the City of Surrey to forecast enrolment and school needs.

Moved By Trustee Shawn Wilson

Seconded By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2020/2021 Five Year Capital Plan Final (for the period 2020/2021 to 2024/2025), for submission to the Ministry of Education, as presented.

CARRIED

c. Eligible School Sites Proposal - 2020/2021 Capital Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank presented the annual School Sites Proposal. Eleven school sites have been included in the 2020/21 plan, and Mr. Frank explained the process as per the Ministry requirements. In addition, he highlighted that the School Site Acquisition Charge (SSAC) is imposed on new eligible housing developments to assist in paying the capital cost of new school sites. The SSAC is currently set at the maximum permitted by legislation and the maximum rate has not been increased since its inception in 2000.

Moved By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk
Seconded By Trustee Bob Holmes

THAT based on consultation with City of Surrey and the City of White Rock on the Eligible School Sites Proposal (ESSP), the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) estimates that there will be 36,791 (44,227 including secondary suites) development units constructed in the school district over the next 10 years (Schedule 'A' – Table 2); and

THAT these 44,227 new development units will be home to an estimated 11,232 school age children (Schedule 'A' – Table 3); and

THAT the School Board expects 9 new school sites and 2 site expansions, over the ten-year period, will be required as the result of this growth in the school district and the site acquisitions will be located as presented in Schedule 'B'; and

THAT according to Ministry of Education site standards presented in Schedule 'B' these sites will require in total 33.7 hectares (approx. 83.27 acres). These sites should be purchased within ten years and the serviced land cost is estimated at \$206.5 Million; and

THAT the Eligible School Sites Proposal be forwarded to Local Governments for acceptance; and

THAT pending Local Government acceptance, the Eligible School Sites Proposal, be included in the 2020/21 Five Year Capital Plan submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

Moved By Vice Chairperson Terry Allen
Seconded By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

THAT the Board Chair write to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education to request that the School Site Acquisition Charge rates be reviewed and the rate be increased to recognize the full cost of land purchases and servicing.

CARRIED

d. Financial Statements for the Year Ended 2019-06-30

Trustee Allen, Chair of the Budget Committee, presented the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 2019-06-30, and highlighted that the district remains in a strong financial position. In addition, he indicated that the Board of Education continues to be concerned regarding any potential changes in the governments Operating Grant funding formulae that may have a negative impact on the district's funding in future years. It is anticipated the Board will be provided with details of potential funding model changes over the coming months. Chairperson Larsen thanked him and district staff for their work in this regard.

Moved By Vice Chairperson Terry Allen
Seconded By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

THAT the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended 2019-06-30 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Information & Proposals

a. Board Report

Chairperson Laurie Larsen reported on the work of the Board since the last meeting.

b. Preliminary Enrolment

Superintendent Jordan Tinney provided a verbal report on the preliminary enrolment numbers. The district continues to grow and total enrolment is approximately 350 students above estimates used for development of the district's 2019/20 Operating Budget. Additionally, Superintendent Tinney referenced the larger than usual number of students still being registered through the Welcome Centre. He thanked all staff for their hard work and efforts in ensuring a smooth start to the school year as possible.

c. Progress Report Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding the active capital projects being planned or under construction in the district.

Dave Riley, Director, Capital Projects Office, highlighted the recent awards and seismic funding approvals.

Moved By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk
Seconded By Trustee Shawn Wilson

THAT the Board of Education receive the Progress Report on Active Capital Projects as presented.

CARRIED

d. Ministry Direction

Superintendent Tinney presented an excerpt from the Ministry of Education "Report of the Funding Model Review Panel" that was shared at the BCSSA Summer Academy in August 2019. The report focused on three themes - equitable access of programs, accountability, and fiscal management. Superintendent Tinney specifically highlighted the recommendations relating to accountability. Trustees expressed their concern regarding the expansion of scope of the funding model review, and, additionally, that no large metro districts are being represented in the detailed reviews currently being undertaken by the Ministry in some districts throughout the province.

e. Special Olympics

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Patti Dundas, provided an interim report on the request from Special Olympics BC (SOBC) to host their 2021 Special Olympics Summer Games in Surrey, BC. The district is working with SOBC and the City of Surrey regarding space requirements and usage.

Moved By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk
Seconded By Trustee Garry Thind

THAT the Board of Education receive the report for information

CARRIED

f. Report on Business Development Financial Activity for period ending 2019-06-30

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Patti Dundas presented the Business Development Financial Activity Report for the twelve months ended 2019-06-30 highlighting the donations and funds generated to support programs and services for students.

Moved By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk
Seconded By Trustee Garry Thind

THAT the Board receive the Report on Business Development Financial Activity for the twelve months ended 2019-06-30, for information.

CARRIED

6. Other Business

a. Classroom Enhancement Fund

Following the update on the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 2019-06-30 as presented under agenda Item 4.d earlier in the meeting, Trustee Holmes noted a shortfall of \$994,000 in the allowance received by the district under the Classroom Enhancement Fund from the provincial government.

Moved By Trustee Bob Holmes
Seconded By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

THAT the Board Chair write to the Minister of Education and request the Ministry of Education ensure that the Surrey School District's Classroom Enhancement Funding allocation be increased for the 2018/2019 year to fully fund the district's actual costs of implementing the MOA on class size and composition, as previously committed by the Minister.

CARRIED

b. Acknowledgment

Trustees thanked Doug Strachan, Communications Manager, for his service to the district and wished him well in his upcoming retirement.

7. Future Business

a. Items for Future Discussion

No items.

b. Future Meetings

Trustees made note of future meetings outlined on the agenda.

8. Adjournment

Moved By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk
Seconded By Trustee Shawn Wilson

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Laurie Larsen, Chairperson

D. Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer