
Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date: March 11, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: School District No. 36 (Surrey)
District Education Centre
Main Boardroom - Room #2020

Present: Terry Allen Vice Chairperson (acting Chair)
Bob Holmes Trustee
Laurae McNally Trustee
Garry Thind Trustee
Gary Tymoschuk Trustee
Shawn Wilson Trustee

Absent: Laurie Larsen Chairperson

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

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Terry Allen took the chair and called the meeting to order.

The following additional staff were in attendance for the meeting:

Simon Ayres, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Dave Riley, Director, Capital Project Office; Ritinder Matthew, Manager, Communication Services; Melissa Cherrey, Administrative 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. Territorial Acknowledgment

Chairperson Allen acknowledged the shared, unceded, traditional territory.

c. Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

Moved By Trustee Laurae McNally
Seconded By Trustee Shawn Wilson

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

CARRIED

2. Presentation

a. BC Top Employers Award

Chairperson Allen was pleased to announce that the Surrey School District was recognized as a BC Top Employer and recently received an award which he presented to the Board. It was noted that the Surrey School District is the only school district in the list of winners, and Chairperson Allen thanked the staff, and in particular Human Resources, for their efforts in making the district one of the top places to work in BC.

b. Science Fair Presentations

The Science and Innovation Fair has been running for 53 years, and 150 students participated in this year's fair. Superintendent Tinney welcomed Jackie Howard, District Principal, and Bobby Samra, Principal, to introduce some of the students who had brought their projects to share with the trustees. He also thanked the teachers who encouraged and facilitated the students' projects, the volunteers, the judges and the organizing team.

The projects and students were:

"Epic Bottle Rockets" by Peyton and Melanie.

"How to Prevent Eye Problems" by Kevin and Jigishu.

"Decomposition of starch-based plastic" by Shelby.

"Mask it Away" by Tavid and Hafsa.

Chairperson Allen thanked the staff, students and parents for making the fair such a success, and adjourned the meeting for a ten minute recess to allow trustees to interact with the students.

The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

c. Safe Schools - Next 100 Years Mentorship Program

Sarah McKay and Mandish Saran from Safe Schools provided an overview of the "Next 100 Years Mentorship Program". Ekim Gill, a participant and mentor in the program shared her experience.

Chairperson Allen and Trustees thanked the presenters, Safe Schools and RCMP staff involved with the program and wished them well in the next 100 years project.

3. Delegation

None.

4. Action Items

a. Approval of the February 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Moved By Trustee Laurae McNally
Seconded By Trustee Garry Thind

THAT the Minutes of the February 12, 2020 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

b. Specialty Program and Academy Fees

Moved By Trustee Laurae McNally
Seconded By Trustee Garry Thind

THAT the 2020-2021 schedule of fees for Specialty Programs and Academies be approved as presented.

CARRIED

c. District Capacity and Programs of Choice

Superintendent Tinney presented a report on district capacity and programs of choice. The report highlighted the analysis undertaken at the request of the Board for all programs of choice. The detailed report highlighted the challenge of trying to expand programs of choice. Trustees received the report and commented on the growth pressures being faced by the district, their concern around wait lists, boundaries, students unable to attend their catchment schools, and the continued number of portables in the district and the costs related to those portables from the operating budget.

Moved By Trustee Shawn Wilson
Seconded By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

THAT the Board of Education place a moratorium on the expansion of programs of choice until there are fewer than 200 portables being used as classrooms in the Surrey School District.

CARRIED

d. Naming of School Sites 180 and 206

Trustee Holmes reported on the naming of two new schools.

Moved By Trustee Shawn Wilson

Seconded By Trustee Bob Holmes

THAT the school located on Site 180 at 17325 2nd Avenue, Surrey, B.C. be named Douglas Elementary School; and

THAT the school located on Site 206 at 16666 23rd Avenue, Surrey, B.C. be named Edgewood Elementary School.

CARRIED

e. Policy Committee Report

Trustee Tymoschuk, Chair of the Policy Committee, presented the Policy Committee report.

Moved By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

Seconded By Trustee Shawn Wilson

THAT the Board of Education approve Policy 2915, Regulation 2915.1 and Policy 10313 as presented.

CARRIED

5. Information & Proposals

a. Board Report

Trustee Tymoschuk presented the report on Trustee activities since the last Board meeting.

b. Annual Report on ELL Welcome Centre

Raj Puri, District Principal, presented on the operations of the Welcome Centre.

Trustees thanked Mr. Puri for the report and commented on the advocacy they are continually undertaking for support and funding of the Welcome Centre.

c. COVID-19

Superintendent Tinney provided a verbal report on the evolving situation relating to COVID-19 and the district's schools, sites and community. He highlighted the impact on international field trips, and commented on three schools that have been directly affected in the past week. Superintendent Tinney thanked each of the educational partners who are all cooperating and collaborating to address the district's needs relating to the pandemic.

d. Progress Report Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects being planned or under construction in the district. Additional approvals were received after publication of the report, and Dave Riley, Director, Capital Project Office, updated the Board on the 5 new addition projects on top of the 26 already on the list.

Moved By Trustee Bob Holmes
Seconded By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

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

CARRIED

6. Future Business

a. Items for Future Discussion

No items.

b. Future Meetings

Trustees made note of future meetings outlined on the agenda.

7. Adjournment

Moved By Trustee Shawn Wilson
Seconded By Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

CARRIED

Laurie Larsen, Chairperson

D. Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer