

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

Date: March 9, 2017  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: School District No. 36 (Surrey)  
District Education Centre  
Main Boardroom - Room #2020

Present:	Shawn Wilson	Chairperson
	Laurie Larsen	Vice Chairperson
	Terry Allen	Trustee
	Bob Holmes	Trustee
	Laurae McNally	Trustee
	Garry Thind	Trustee
	Gary Tymoschuk	Trustee
Staff Present:	Dr. Jordan Tinney	Superintendent
	D. Greg Frank	Secretary-Treasurer
	Rick Ryan	Deputy Superintendent
	Karen Botsford	Executive Assistant

### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order.

The following additional staff were in attendance for the meeting: David A'Bear, Principal, Crescent Park Elementary; Karen Alvarez, District Principal, Patti Dundas, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Andrew Holland, Assistant Superintendent; Kerry Magnus, Associate Director Business Management Services; Selena Millar, Helping Teacher; Lynda Reeve, Assistant Superintendent; Bobby Samra, Principal Ocean Park Elementary.

a. "O Canada" – recording by North Surrey Secondary

Trustees, administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied by a recording by North Surrey Secondary.

b. Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

Moved by Trustee Laurae McNally  
Seconded by Trustee Terry Allen

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

**CARRIED**

c. Recognition – Ecole Crescent Park Elementary Student Mat Makers - David A'Bear, Principal

The Board of Education recognized the efforts of a group of Grade 5 boys who collectively made mats for the homeless out of plastic bags. They crocheted the mats on "Mat Making Mondays" at Ecole Crescent Park Elementary. Setting aside hundreds of hours to make the mats, the boys not only helped the homeless by providing a dry comfortable mat to sleep on they were helping the environment. Volunteers from Camp Alexandra taught the boys how to crochet stitch. David A'Bear, Principal introduced Dylan Homenick, Oliver Botelho, Jacob Spence, Mason MacGregor, Spencer Brine, Julius Tome, Eli Chuback, Flynn Cavanagh, Trevor Lannacone, Ben Dobson and Evan Baker to the Board of Education. The students presented a PowerPoint with the story of how they developed the idea and made the mats.

Trustees commended the students for their exemplary social responsibility through exceptional effort, patience and time commitment. Chairperson Wilson commented on the leadership the boys exhibited, He called upon them to come forward and receive their pins from the Board of Education and a plaque was presented to the group.

d. Presentation - Science Fair Students - Karen Alvarez, District Principal; Bobby Samra, Principal Ocean Cliff Elementary

Karen Alvarez, District Principal provided highlights of the 50th District Science Fair. The Science Fair was well attended with 31 schools represented and 153 students presenting 110 projects. Ms. Alvarez noted that two students have been selected to present their projects to the City of Surrey's Environmental Sustainability Committee. In addition she thanked Ms. Selina Millar, Helping Teacher for years of dedication to the Science Fair.

Ms. Alveraz introduced Bobby Samra, Principal Ocean Cliff Elementary and a member of the Science Fair Committee who called upon the following students to present their projects to the Board of Education:

Hamed Kafi, Dr. FD Sinclair Elementary Grade 6 - Tesla Coil

Karman Gill, Cedar Hills Elementary Grade 7 - Microwaves and Organisms

Angelyca Purewal, Erma Stephenson Elementary Grade 7 - Impacts of Rising Acidity

Thomas and Jacob Mencl Sunnyside Grade 4 & 6 - Best Foot Angle for Kicking a Soccer Ball

Robin Yadav, Kwantlen Park Secondary Grade 8 - How to Make an Electromagnet Stronger

Chairperson Shawn Wilson commented that Ms. Millar, who is retiring, has provided exceptional service to the District over the course of her career and thanked her for her dedication.

At 7:44 p.m. Chairperson Wilson called for a motion to recess the meeting for 10 minutes in order to provide the Trustees and audience with an opportunity to view the projects more closely.

Moved by Laurie Larsen, Vice Chairperson  
Seconded by Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

*THAT the Meeting of the Board of Education be recessed for 10 minutes to allow for the audience to view the Science Fair Projects.*

**CARRIED**

At 7:55 pm Chairperson Wilson called for a motion to reconvene the meeting.

Moved by Laurie Larsen, Vice Chairperson  
Seconded by Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

*THAT the Board of Education reconvene the meeting.*

**CARRIED**

## **2. Delegation**

a. Douglas Students' Union, Douglas College - Aran Armutlu and Jenelle Davies

Aran Armutlu and Jenelle Davies, representatives of the Douglas Students' Union presented their "Don't Close the Doors' Campaign to the Board of Education. The purpose of the campaign is to advocate for the Ministry to restore funded Adult Basic Education programs.

The group requested that the Board of Education support the campaign and write to Minister Bernier requesting that the Ministry reinstate funding for Adult Basic Education programs and that tuition fees be abolished.

Chairperson Shawn Wilson thanked the delegation and commented that the Board would consider the request and will respond prior to the next Board meeting.

## **3. Action Items**

a. Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2017-02-16

Moved by Trustee Terry Allen  
Seconded by Laurie Larsen, Vice Chairperson

*THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2017-02-16 be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

b. Schedule of Board Meeting Dates 2017-2018 School Year

Moved by Trustee Laurae McNally  
Seconded by Trustee Gary Tymoschuk

*THAT the Board of Education approve the schedule of Board Meeting Dates 2017-2018 as presented.*

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Information & Proposals**

a. Trustee Reports

Chairperson reported on Trustee activities since the last Board meeting. A copy of the report is on the website.

b. Progress Report Active Capital Projects

Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer provided an update on the Capital Project Office. The first meeting was held last week in Victoria; meetings of the Steering Committee will be held monthly. There was agreement on scope of projects and the job description for the Director's position. The staffing process will take time; in the meantime temporary staffing will help move projects forward.

Trustee Laurae McNally inquired about two projects: Grandview Heights and Sullivan. Kerry Magnus, Associate Director Business Management Services commented that both projects are targeted to be tendered in the fall.

Moved by Trustee Laurae McNally  
Seconded by Trustee Garry Thind

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

**CARRIED**

c. Staffing Update - (to be distributed)

Dr. Jordan Tinney, Superintendent spoke about spring staffing processes; noting that Surrey is a growing District. Currently, there is a shortage of TOCs. The Board of Education has approved the recommendation that this year there be no spring layoffs at this time. Traditionally at this time of year teachers are laid off and many are hired back in the fall. Trustee Gary Tymoschuk commented that it is great news for staff who will know what their work situation is earlier in the year.

d. Community Event with the Board of Education and Budget Update - (verbal)

Dr. Jordan Tinney, Superintendent reported on the Community Event with the Board held last month. The event was well attended and the workshops offered were well received by parents.

Once again, the Board of Education sought input from the public for the budget process. In addition to the Community Event, the Board placed the request on the District Website and in the newspaper. This year the platform PlaceSpeak was used for online engagement. The request was sent out to 70,000 parents requesting input regarding needs and priorities. There were 3,400 views on the platform. The summary document of responses from the engagement process will be posted on the website and will be emailed to the 70,000 parents.

Trustees thanked staff for their efforts putting together the workshops and for the community and parents for their input into the budgeting process.

## **5. Future Business**

a. Items for Future Discussion

No items.

b. Future Meetings

Trustees made note of future meetings outlined on the agenda.

## **6. Adjournment**

Moved by Trustee Gary Tymoschuk  
Seconded by Trustee Bob Holmes

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

**CARRIED**

## **7. Question Period**

Trustees received questions from the audience following the conclusion of the meeting.

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Shawn Wilson  
Chairperson

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D. Greg Frank  
Secretary-Treasurer