

# **Minutes**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

Date: February 16, 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
Absent:	Gary Tymoschuk	Trustee
Staff Present:	Dr. Jordan Tinney	Superintendent
	Greg Frank	Secretary Treasurer
	Karen Botsford	Executive Assistant

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Wilson called the meeting to order.

#### Presenters & Staff:

In addition to the Table of Officers named above, the following staff were in attendance for the meeting:

a. "O Canada" – recording by Surrey Music and Band Teachers

Trustees, administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied by a recording by Surrey Music and Band Teachers.

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**

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## 2. Action Items

a. Adoption of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held 2017-01-19

Moved by Trustee Bob Holmes

Seconded by Laurie Larsen, Vice Chairperson

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held 2017-01-19 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

b. 2016/2017 Amended Annual Budget

Terry Allen, Budget Committee Chairperson provided an overview including highlights of the 2016/2017 Amended Annual Budget. Trustee Allen emphasized that the Budget Committee is a standing committee of the Board and meets regularly on an ongoing basis to review the budget details. He thanked Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer and his staff for their hard work putting the budget information together and supporting the Board's ongoing process.

Moved by Trustee Terry Allen

Seconded by Trustee Laurae McNally

*THAT the attached School District Amended Annual Budget for 2016/2017 totaling \$737,417,827 including \$645,919,920 in operating expenditures, be approved and supplied to the Ministry of Education.*

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Terry Allen

Seconded by Laurie Larsen, Vice Chairperson

*THAT the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/2017 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.*

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Terry Allen

Seconded by Laurie Larsen, Vice Chairperson

*THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/2017 be approved as read a first time.*

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Garry Thind

Seconded by Trustee Bob Holmes

*THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/2017 be approved as read a second time.*

**CARRIED**

Moved by Trustee Terry Allen  
Seconded by Trustee Garry Thind

*THAT the School District No. 36 (Surrey) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2016/2017 be approved as read a third time and finally adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### **3. Information & Proposals**

a. Response to Delegations – verbal

Shawn Wilson, Chairperson reported that the Board has responded in writing to the two delegations who presented at the January 19th Regular Board meeting. The delegations were from the Surrey Schools Coalition and the Green Timbers Elementary PAC Vice President.

b. Inclement Weather, Snow Days - verbal

Dr. Jordan Tinney, Superintendent reported that the school closures the previous week were unprecedented. He extended his thanks and appreciation to the employees, mostly CUPE who continued to work through the closures to clear snow and ice. He also commented that these are difficult decisions, acknowledging that the decision affected not only students and staff but families in Surrey.

Trustees commented on emails they had received supporting the decision and added their thanks to CUPE and staff, noting that Dr. Tinney was out in the field checking out conditions with the safety of students, staff and families at the centre of the decision to close schools.

Chairperson Wilson commented on the extraordinary events that took place and read an email from DPAC who had received many comments from parents in support of the closures.

c. Trustee Reports

Chairperson reported on Trustee activities since the last Board meeting. A copy of the report is on the website. Demonstration of his concern for safety.

d. Capital Announcement - verbal

Shawn Wilson, Chairperson reported that Mike Bernier, Minister of Education, MLAs and City Councillors were in attendance on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the District Education Centre for a Capital announcement. Minister Bernier announced that the government, in partnership with Surrey School District, would open a Capital Project Office dedicated to building new student spaces faster. In addition, the government announced \$217 million in funding to support the projects.

Chairperson Wilson commented that the Board is very pleased with the announcement. With this funding and the 100 million announced in the spring there will be significant progress in providing student seats. He indicated that the first meeting for the Project Office will be held in a week's time.

e. Board Meeting Dates 2017 - 2018 School Year

Moved by Trustee Laurae McNally  
Seconded by Trustee Terry Allen

*THAT the Board of Education receive for information the draft schedule of Board Meeting Dates 2017-2018 as presented; and*

*THAT the dates be brought back to the March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Regular Board meeting for final Board approval.*

**CARRIED**

f. Supreme Court Case - Interim Measures Update - verbal

Dr. Jordan Tinney, Superintendent gave an update on the collaborative efforts to hire 132 teachers as we implement the interim measures as a result of the Supreme Court Ruling.

Trustees thanked the staff for all the work that has been done in partnership with the Surrey Teachers' Association in order to get additional teachers in schools.

g. Progress Report Active Capital Projects

Trustees received a progress report regarding active capital projects.

**4. Future Business**

a. Items for Future Discussion

No items.

b. Future Meetings

Trustees made note of future meetings outlined on the agenda.

**5. Question Period**

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

**6. Adjournment**

Moved by Trustee Garry Thind  
Seconded by Trustee Bob Holmes

*THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.*

**CARRIED**

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Shawn Wilson  
Chairperson

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D. Greg Frank  
Secretary-Treasurer