

# Minutes

## Regular Board Meeting

Date: March 7, 2018  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: School District No. 36 (Surrey)  
District Education Centre  
Main Boardroom - Room #2020

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

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| Staff Present: | Dr. Jordan Tinney | Superintendent        |
|                | D. Greg Frank     | Secretary-Treasurer   |
|                | Rick Ryan         | Deputy Superintendent |
|                | Karen Botsford    | 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; Larry Harder, Director, Capital Project Office; Andrew Holland, Assistant Superintendent; Christy Northway, Assistant Superintendent; Lynda Reeve, Assistant Superintendent; Judy Swanson, Administrative Assistant and Sharon Woodburn, Executive Director, Human Resources.

a. "O Canada" – recording by Elementary Choral Festival Participants

Trustees, administration and the audience sang "O Canada" accompanied with a recording by Elementary Choral Festival participants from Peace Arch, AHP Matthew, Brookside, and White Rock Schools.

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b. Approval of Agenda of Regular Board Meeting

Moved By Gary Tymoschuk  
Seconded By Shawn Wilson

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

**CARRIED**

c. Presentation - Science Fair Students - Antonio Vendramin, District Principal; Bobby Samra, Principal Ocean Cliff Elementary School

Antonio Vendramin, District Principal provided highlights of the District's 51st Annual Science Fair. He thanked the parents and teachers for supporting the students and commented on the quality of the projects being presented to the Board.

Mr. Vendramin 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:

Kamalnoor Sharma and Angela Li Hyland Elementary Grade 6 - *Mind Uploading*

Aiden Stock Surrey Academy of Innovative Learning (SAIL) Grade 8 - *Automatic Plant Watering Machine*

Hayley Dokgo Morgan Elementary Grade 4 - *Sweet Magic*

Jasdeep Sangha and Arpan Gill Dr. F.D. Sinclair Elementary Grade 7 - *Stress*

Anthony Olding Crescent Park Elementary Grade 7 - *Finding the Super Massive Black Hole in our Galaxy*

Chairperson Laurie Larsen commented on the student's presentations, acknowledging their communication skills and their high level of competency in public speaking. She thanked parents, students, teachers Mr. Vendramin and Mr. Samra on behalf of the Board.

Moved By Laurae McNally  
Seconded By Garry Thind

*THAT the meeting be recessed for ten minutes for the audience and Board to look at the projects.*

**CARRIED**

Chairperson Laurie Larsen reconvened the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

## 2. Delegation

No items.

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### 3. Action Items

a. Adoption of Minutes of February 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Moved By Gary Tymoschuk  
Seconded By Shawn Wilson

*THAT the Minutes of the February 14, 2018 Regular Board meeting be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED**

b. Amendments to 2018-2019 School Calendar

Rick Ryan, Deputy Superintendent provided the Board with the amendments to the 2018-2019 school calendar. He indicated the changes are due to the government requirement for an additional non-instructional day for teachers, the Family Day holiday being moved to the third Monday in February and a non-instructional day conflict with the District Jazz Festival.

Moved By Gary Tymoschuk  
Seconded By Bob Holmes

*THAT the Board approve amendments to the 2018-2019 local school calendar as listed below:*

- *Family Day be adjusted from February 11, 2019 to February 18, 2019; and*
- *February 15, 2019 Non-Instructional Day be moved to February 22, 2019; and*
- *April 8, 2019 as the Ministry Designated Non-Instructional Day for developing evidence-based approaches to the development of the curriculum.*

**CARRIED**

c. Specialty Program and Academy Fees 2018-2019

Moved By Bob Holmes  
Seconded By Shawn Wilson

*THAT the 2018-2019 schedule of fees for Specialty Programs and Academies be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED**

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Moved By Terry Allen  
Seconded By Laurae McNally

*THAT the Board of Education ask the Superintendent to bring back a report to the Board on the range of courses offered in 2017/2018 at our secondary schools that are reliant on a single block of staffing.*

**CARRIED**

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

a. Trustee Reports

Trustee Shawn Wilson reported on Trustee activities since the last Board meeting. A copy of the report is available on the district website.

b. Public Forum Update

Dr. Jordan Tinney reported on the recent Public Forum hosted by the Board and thanked the Board for their engagement with the public over the budget and a variety of subjects. He commented that there have been over 5000 views of the online consultation for the 2018-2019 budget. Dr. Tinney thanked Rick Ryan, Deputy Superintendent who organized the event and called upon him to comment on the evening.

Rick Ryan reported that it was a rich evening of learning for parents and staff and there were a number of positive comments received.

He thanked the presenters: Vice Chairperson Terry Allen, Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer, Simon Ayres, Associate Director Fiscal Management Services, Kerry Magnus, Associate Director, Capital Project Office, Kelly Isford-Saxon, Manager, Demographics & Facilities Planning, Nader Dhillon and Michelle Schmidt, Directors of Instruction and Antonio Vendramin, District Principal.

c. Update on Provincial Budget

Vice Chairperson Terry Allen, Chair of the Budget Committee provided an update on the recently announced Provincial Budget. He pointed out that it appears that the only new funding announced is simply a re-announcement of the previous governments' commitment to fund the increased costs of the teachers MOU on class size composition, enrolment growth and unionized salary increases.

Trustee Allen expressed concern that there is no new funding to cover:

- inflation on supplies and services
  - inflation on employee benefit costs
  - increased salary and benefits for our non unionized staff
  - costs for our growing number of portables,
  - increased demand for Education Assistant services for special needs students
  - increased demand for school meal programs or other Community Link services for our most vulnerable students
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He indicated that the most surprising impact on the District was the new Employers Health Tax, commenting that this new cost appears to be yet another cost to be downloaded onto school districts. The new tax combined with the districts continuing MSP costs, will total \$8.6 million in 2018-2019 and will grow to \$11.8 million in the 2019-2020 year.

Trustee Allen pointed out that there appears to be no immediate increase in capital spending for the critical shortage of classroom spaces for the students in Surrey.

He referenced the letter sent from the Board Chairperson to the Minister of Education on March 1, 2018 requesting a meeting, commenting that the Board needs to meet with the Minister to discuss the Board's concerns.

Trustee Allen urged the Public to keep advocating for funding and space for the District.

d. Progress Report Active Capital Projects

Larry Harder, Director Capital Project Office provided Trustees with a progress report on active capital projects being planned or under construction in the District and responded to Trustee questions.

Moved By Shawn Wilson  
Seconded By Garry Thind

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

**CARRIED**

**5. Future Business**

a. Items for Future Discussion

No items.

b. Future Meetings

Trustees made note of future meetings outlined on the agenda.

**5. Adjournment**

Moved by Trustee Shawn Wilson  
Seconded by Trustee Terry Allen

*THAT the Regular meeting of the Board be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.*

**CARRIED**

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**6. Question Period**

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

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Laurie Larsen, Chairperson

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D. Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer

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