

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, 2010 June 23
1905 hours

The Board of Trustees of Vancouver Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in the Board Room (Room 114) at the Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. on Wednesday, 2010 June 23 at 1905 hours.

TRUSTEES

PRESENT: P. Bacchus, in the Chair

A. Blakey	C. Gibson
J. Bouey	S. Gregson
K. Clement	M. Lombardi
K. Denike	A. Wong

ALSO

PRESENT: S. Cardwell, Superintendent of Schools
B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer
L. Anderson, Associate Superintendent-Continuing & International Education
M. Dale, Assistant Secretary Treasurer-Facilities
J. Duprey, Legal Counsel
L. Green, Associate Superintendent-North Area
S. Hutson, Associate Superintendent-Centre Area
R. Krowchuk, Assistant Secretary Treasurer-Finance
S. Lamb, Chief Information Officer (CIO)
G. Little, Associate Superintendent-South Area
V. Overgaard, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services
C. Remedios, Director of Instruction
P. Wlodarczak, Associate Superintendent
C. Caparas, Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the meeting of the Board is being held in the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people.

I. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

a. Meeting of 2010 June 08

Moved by K. Clement, seconded by K. Denike, that the minutes of the 2010 June 08 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Meeting of 2010 June 14

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by M. Lombardi, that the minutes of the 2010 June 14 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Meeting of 2010 June 17 (Committee-of-the-Whole)

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by S. Gregson, that the minutes of the 2010 June 17 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. COMMITTEE I: MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING

A) New Business / Enquiries

1. Local School Calendar Amendments

The Associate Superintendent-South Area referred to a report dated 2010 June 18, *Local School Calendar: Amendment*. He reviewed the proposed changes to the Local School Calendar that was adopted by the Board on 2010 April 26.

Moved by A. Blakey, seconded by M. Lombardi, that the Board of Trustees approved the proposed changes as noted on the 2010 June 18 memorandum entitled *Local School Calendar: Amendments*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. COMMITTEE II: PLANNING & FACILITIES: None

V. COMMITTEE II/III: PLANNING & FACILITIES / EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

A) New Business/Enquiries

1. Pre-notification – School Closures

The Superintendent of Schools referred to a report dated 2010 June 23, *School Closure Notification List*. The following key points were noted:

- the Comptroller General's recommendations to the Board regarding district facilities (i.e. review of Garibaldi School community plan and consider school closures);
- information and factors to consider in the school closure process;
- possible reconfiguration of Britannia Secondary into a K-12 school with Aboriginal mini school;
- possible relocation and expansion of the Montessori program;
- the Board's school closure policies and the requirement for pre-notification of schools to be considered for closure;
- a list of proposed schools to be assessed for potential consideration of closure; and
- a recommendation that the Board approve the proposed notice regarding schools for potential consideration of closure outlined in the report.

a)

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by S. Gregson, that the Board of Trustees approve the *Notice – Schools for Potential Consideration of Closure* dated 2010 June 23rd, and direct the District Management Team to prepare a school closure administrative report, in accordance with School Closures Policy and Regulations (FL and FL-R).

CARRIED

For: P. Bacchus, A. Blakey, J. Bouey, K. Clement, C. Gibson, S. Gregson,
M. Lombardi, A. Wong

Against: K. Denike

The Chairperson reminded Trustees to follow the legal advice received by the Board in respect of the school closure process.

VI. COMMITTEE II/III: PLANNING & FACILITIES / EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

A) New Business/Enquiries

1. Pre-notification – School Closures (continued)

b)

Moved by K. Clement, seconded by J. Bouey, that the Board of Trustees direct staff to initiate a consultative process to consider the reconfiguration of Britannia Elementary and Secondary schools into a K-12 school and further, that a process be undertaken to consider the inclusion of a mini-school with an Aboriginal focus with an intended start of September 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. COMMITTEE III: EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

A) New Business/Enquiries

1. Mandarin Bilingual Program

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by A. Wong, that the Board approve implementation of a Mandarin Bilingual program for September 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. COMMITTEE III/V: EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

A) Reports

1. Meeting of 2010 June 14

a) 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget Update

Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by J. Bouey, that at their meeting on 2010 June 23, the Board of Trustees:

1. approve the 2010/2011 Revised Budget Proposals, with the exception of the proposed reduction for the Band and Strings Program;
2. approve a transfer of \$1.50 million from the Local Capital Reserve to the Operating Fund for 2010/2011;
3. approve a 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget Bylaw; and
4. request that District Management bring forward a budget proposal as part of the 2011/2012 budget process to replenish the balance in the Local Capital Reserve to a level between \$2.5 - \$5.0 million.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. COMMITTEE III/V: EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

A) Reports

1. Meeting of 2010 June 14 (continued)

The Board considered the following information items:

- Delegation: Parent Advisory Council (PAC), Lord Elementary School
- Implementation Status of 2010/2011 Revised Preliminary Budget Proposals
- Special Advisor's Report – VSB Projections
- Ministerial Directive Order Regarding the 2010/2011 Budget

The following correction was noted on the report: Trustee Bouey attended the meeting.

Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by J. Bouey that the report of the 2010 June 14 meeting of the Committee be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) New Business/Enquiries

The Chairperson reported on a letter received from the Minister of Education on 2010 June 23 regarding the Vancouver Board of Education's draft budget submission.

VIII. 2010 / 2011 ANNUAL BUDGET

1. Motion to Dissolve the Board Meeting into Committee of the Whole

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by S. Gregson, that the Board dissolve into Committee-of-the-Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Discussion regarding the Revised 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget Proposals

Trustees discussed the revised 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget Proposals. After further discussion it was agreed that the following recommendation be forwarded to the Board for consideration:

That the 2010 June 18 draft 2010/11 preliminary budget be amended as follows:

1. increase projected revenue by \$972,654 and the source of the projected release of holdback funding; and
2. restore the following items (totalling \$972,654) to the budget:
 - a. 1.0 FTE – Teacher Psychologist (\$98,410)
 - b. 4.0 FTE – Inner City School Support Workers (\$178,000)
 - c. 0.6 FTE – Home Instruction (\$40,626)
 - d. 0.92885 FTE - Mini schools – to establish 2 blocks for each secondary mini school (\$62,912)
 - e. 1.0 FTE City Schools (\$67,710)
 - f. 4.0 FTE – Multicultural Workers (\$224,560)
 - g. 4.0 FTE – Area Counsellors (\$270,840)
 - h. 0.4287 FTE – to restore 3 teaching blocks to Ideal Mini (\$29,036)

VIII. 2010 / 2011 ANNUAL BUDGET

2. Discussion regarding the Revised 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget Proposals (continued)

In response to a Trustee inquiry, staff clarified that the Board could assume that the Board may receive a release of the provincial holdback funds late in 2010/2011; however, Trustees are cautioned regarding the potential risk in relying upon the provincial holdback as a revenue source for the above-noted items.

3. Motion to Rise and Report from the Committee-of-the-Whole

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by K. Clement, that the Committee-of-the Whole rise and report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chairperson called a 15-minute recess.

4. Motion to Reconvene Board Meeting

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by S. Gregson, that the Board meeting be reconvened from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Motion to amend the 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget

a)

Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by K. Clement, that the 2010 June 18 draft 2010/11 preliminary budget be amended as follows:

1. increase projected revenue by \$972,654 based on a projected release of provincial holdback funds; and
2. restore the following items (totalling \$972,654) to the budget:
 - a. 1.0 FTE – Teacher Psychologist (\$98,410)
 - b. 4.0 FTE – Inner City School Support Workers (\$178,000)
 - c. 0.6 FTE – Home Instruction (\$40,626)
 - d. 0.92885 FTE - Mini schools – to establish 2 blocks for each secondary mini school (\$62,912)
 - e. 1.0 FTE City Schools (\$67,710)
 - f. 4.0 FTE – Multicultural Workers (\$224,560)
 - g. 4.0 FTE – Area Counsellors (\$270,840)
 - h. 0.4287 FTE – to restore 3 teaching blocks to Ideal Mini (\$29,036)

VIII. 2010 / 2011 ANNUAL BUDGET

5. Motion to amend the 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget (continued)

A Trustee proposed that the main motion be amended to read as follows:

Moved by C. Gibson, seconded by, K. Denike, that contingent on an increase of \$1 million in revenue, restore the following items (totalling \$972,654) to the budget:

- a. 1.0 FTE – Teacher Psychologist (\$98,410)
- b. 4.0 FTE – Inner City School Support Workers (\$178,000)
- c. 0.6 FTE – Home Instruction (\$40,626)
- d. 0.92885 FTE - Mini schools – to establish 2 blocks for each secondary mini school (\$62,912)
- e. 1.0 FTE City Schools (\$67,710)
- f. 4.0 FTE – Multicultural Workers (\$224,560)
- g. 4.0 FTE – Area Counsellors (\$270,840)
- h. 0.4287 FTE – to restore 3 teaching blocks to Ideal Mini – (\$29,036)

DEFEATED

For: K. Denike, C. Gibson

Against: P. Bacchus, A. Blakey, J. Bouey, K. Clement, S. Gregson, M. Lombardi, A. Wong

A Trustee suggested that the main motion be amended to read as follows:

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by K. Clement, the 2010 June 18 2010/11 preliminary budget be amended as follows:

1. increase projected revenue by \$972,654 based on a projected release of provincial holdback funds;
2. restore the following items (\$972,654) to the budget:
 - a. 1.0 FTE – Teacher Psychologist (\$98,410)
 - b. 4.0 FTE – Inner City School Support Workers (\$178,000)
 - c. 0.6 FTE – Home Instruction (\$40,626)
 - d. 0.92885 FTE - Mini schools – to establish 2 blocks for each secondary mini school (\$62,912)
 - e. 1.0 FTE City Schools (\$67,710)
 - f. 4.0 FTE – Multicultural Workers (\$224,560)
 - g. 4.0 FTE – Area Counsellors (\$270,840)
 - h. 0.4287 FTE – to restore 3 teaching blocks to Ideal Mini (\$29,036)
3. that the Board explore further revenue sources for the 2010/2011 Budget.

CARRIED

For: P. Bacchus, J. Bouey, A. Blakey, K. Clement, S. Gregson,
M. Lombardi, A. Wong

Against: K. Denike, C. Gibson

VIII. 2010 / 2011 ANNUAL BUDGET

5. Motion to amend the 2010/2011 Preliminary Budget (continued)

b)

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by K. Clement, that if the Board receives revenue in the future that restoration of special education positions be a priority.

CARRIED

For: P. Bacchus, J. Bouey, A. Blakey, K. Clement, S. Gregson, M. Lombardi,
A. Wong
Abstained: K. Denike, C. Gibson

6. Motion to Approve the 2010/2011 Budget Proposal

Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by J. Bouey, that the 2010/2011 Annual Budget be approved.

CARRIED

For: P. Bacchus, J. Bouey, A. Blakey, K. Clement, S. Gregson, M. Lombardi, A. Wong
Against: K. Denike, C. Gibson

7. Motion to adopt the 2010/2011 Annual Operating Budget Bylaw

Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by K. Clement, that the Board give the 2010/2011 Annual Budget all three readings at the 2010 June 23 Board meeting;

that the 2010/2011 Annual Budget Bylaw be:

Read a first time the 23rd day of June, 2010
Read a second time the 23rd day of June, 2010
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 23rd day of June, 2010.

CARRIED

For: P. Bacchus, J. Bouey, A. Blakey, K. Clement, S. Gregson, M. Lombardi, A. Wong
Against: K. Denike, C. Gibson

IX. COMMITTEE IV: PERSONNEL & STAFF SERVICES: None

X. COMMITTEE V: FINANCE & LEGAL: None

XI. REPORTING OF PRIVATE SESSION ITEMS

The Chairperson reported that on 2010 June 08, the Board approved:

- o Trustee representatives to the Associate Superintendent Selection Committee; and
- o as amended, the Preliminary Responses by the Vancouver Board of Education Trustees to the Special Advisor's Report Recommendations

XII. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: None

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE: None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES: None

XV. QUESTION PERIOD: None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by M. Lombardi, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Patti Bacchus, Chairperson

Brenda Ng, Secretary Treasurer