

BOARD MEETING

Monday, 2010 January 18
1906 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 Monday, 2010 January 18 at 1906 hours.

TRUSTEES

PRESENT:

P. Bacchus, in the Chair

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

ALSO

PRESENT:

S. Cardwell, Superintendent of Schools
B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer
M. Dale, Assistant Secretary Treasurer-Facilities
J. Duprey, Legal Counsel
L. Green, Associate Superintendent-North Area
R. Krowchuk, Assistant Secretary Treasurer-Finance
V. Overgaard, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services
C. Remedios, Director of Instruction-Learning Services
P. Wlodarczak, Associate Superintendent-Human Resources
D. Weir, Communications Manager
M. Phillips, Administrative Office Assistant (Recorder)
T. De Santis, Administrative Office Assistant (Recorder-in-training)

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 2009 December 21

Moved by M. Lombardi, seconded by K. Denike, that the minutes of the 2009 December 21 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Mandarin Bilingual Program

Main Motion

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by M. Lombardi, that the Board approves implementation and start up of the Early Start Mandarin Bilingual Program for September 2010 and requests that staff begin meaningful consultations with the school community of any school recommended for location of the program and report back to Committee III the results of this consultation and any additional cost issues. In approving this motion the Board cautions that this program will be subject to the same review as all other VSB programs and services during the 2010-2011 budget process in March and April 2010.

I. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES (cont.)

In response to a Trustee inquiry the Secretary-Treasurer noted that if the Board proceeds with this motion, staff will report back to trustees with recommendations and a timeline for the Mandarin Bilingual Program, for inclusion in the budget process.

Friendly Amendment to the Main Motion

Moved by C. Gibson, seconded by K. Denike, that a friendly amendment be made to the main motion as follows:

that the Board approves implementation and start up of the Early Start Mandarin Bilingual Program for September 2010 and requests that staff begin meaningful consultations with the school community of any school recommended for location of the program and report back to Committee III the results of this consultation, and ~~any~~ additional cost issues, as well as alternate sources of funding, if any. In approving this motion the Board cautions that this program will be subject to the same review as all other VSB programs and services during the 2010-2011 budget process in March and April 2010.

A vote was taken on the friendly amendment to the main motion and it was declared

DEFEATED

For: K. Denike, C. Gibson, A. Wong

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

A vote was taken on the main motion and it was declared

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

II. COMMITTEE I: MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING: None

III. COMMITTEE II: PLANNING & FACILITIES: None

IV. COMMITTEE III: EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES

A) Reports

1. Meeting of 2010 January 13

The Chairperson of this Committee, J. Bouey, presented the report of the 2010 January 13 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following information items from the report:

- Inquiry into Future Directions, Support for Students with Social, Emotional, Behavioural and Mental Health Challenges (Secondary)
- Assessment – Three-Year Plan
- BCSTA AGM Motions
- Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) Implementation
- Program Review

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by K. Clement, that the report of the 2010 January 13 meeting of this committee be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. COMMITTEE IV: PERSONNEL & STAFF SERVICES: None

VI. COMMITTEE V: FINANCE & LEGAL

A) Reports

1. Meeting of 2010 January 11

The Vice-Chairperson of this Committee, J. Bouey, presented the report of the 2010 January 11 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following item from the report:

a) Reporting Out from In-Camera Board Sessions

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by A. Wong, that the document attached as Appendix “A” entitled Board’s By-Law No. 1, Section II “Meetings of the Board” be adopted and be given all three readings at the Board meeting held 2010 January 18;

That the Meetings of the Board By-Law be:

Read a first time the 18th day of January 2010;
Read a second time that 18th day of January, 2010; and
Read a third time, passed, and adopted on the 18th day of January 2010

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board considered the following information items from the report:

- Updated 2010/2011 Projected Operating Budget Funding Shortfall
- Advocacy Update (verbal report)
- Payroll and Human Resources Information System
- Child Care Joint Council
- 2010 BCSTA AGM Motions
- Report from District Student Council – 2010/2011 Budget Process

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by K. Denike, that the report of the 2010 January 11 meeting of this Committee be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. REPORTING OF PRIVATE SESSION ITEMS

The Chairperson presented and noted the items outlined in the Reporting of Private Session Items –Private Board Meeting Summaries of 2009 December 21, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B. Release of these items was approved at the Private Session of the Board held on 2010 January 18.

VIII. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Trustee Bacchus thanked the Vancouver Elementary School Principals and Vice Principals Association (VEPVPA) for hosting dinner with Trustees on 2010 January 14.

Trustee Lombardi reported on a British Columbia Secondary Teachers Association (BCSTA) Metro Branch meeting of 2010 January 12.

Trustee Bouey reported on a meeting of the City of Vancouver's LGBTQ Advisory Committee held the week of 2010 January 11.

Trustee Blakey reported on a meeting of City of Vancouver's Seniors Advisory Committee held on 2010 January 15.

Trustee Gibson provided a verbal report from the City of Vancouver's Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

Trustee Lombardi reported on the celebration of the opening of the Mount Pleasant Centre held on 16 January 2010.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent of Schools provided highlights of his first two weeks in his role as Superintendent of Schools in Vancouver. He thanked Trustees and staff for their support.

X. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES: None

XI. QUESTION PERIOD

In response to Trustee Gibson's report from the Disability Advisory Committee, an audience member commented that the playground at Maple Grove is now available for children with disabilities and their caregivers.

In response to an audience member's comment, the Chairperson suggested that the Secretary Treasurer contact Vancouver City staff to explain the process and challenges involved with opening a new school downtown, while reiterating that opening a school downtown remains a priority in the district's Capital Plan.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved K. Denike, seconded by M. Lombardi, that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned at 1959 hours.

P. Bacchus, Chairperson

B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer

Appendix A

Bylaw No. 1, Section II – Meetings of the Board

1. Meetings of the Board shall be held at least once during each month on a Monday at the hour of 19:00, or upon such other day or days during the month or at such other hour as the Board may order. (School Act, Section 67)
2. A quorum shall be a majority of trustees holding office at the time of the meeting. (School Act, Section 66)
 - (a) The Superintendent of Schools and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be present at all meetings of the Board. The Board may excuse either or both of these officials during discussion of any matter, but no Board action shall be taken unless both officials are present except (School Act, Section 69)
 - (i) if a portion of the meeting concerns the work performance or employment of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board may excuse the Superintendent of Schools from attending that portion of the meeting;
 - (ii) if a portion of the meeting concerns the work performance or employment of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Board may excuse the Secretary-Treasurer from attending that portion of the meeting; and, if so, shall designate the Superintendent of Schools, or another employee of the Board, to attend the meeting in place of the Secretary-Treasurer to perform the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer at the meeting.
3. If, thirty minutes after the time appointed for the meeting of the Board, there should not be a quorum present, then the meeting shall stand adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Chairperson, or, in default of the Chairperson's fixing the same, then until the next regular meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall record the names of the members present at the expiration of such thirty minutes.
4. The Board shall not remain in session for more than four hours.
5. A special meeting of the Board may be called by the Chairperson or, upon written request of a majority of the trustees, may be called by the Secretary Treasurer. No business other than that for which the meeting is called, shall be conducted at the meeting.
6. Forty-eight hours notice' in writing shall be given of any special meeting of the Board, which notice must be given to each trustee by delivery of the same at the place designated by him/her for notice, or failing any such designated place, then at his/her address as set out in his/her nomination paper.
7. Written notice of any special meeting of the Board may be waived provided that reasonable steps shall have been taken to notify all trustees of the meeting and that not less than the number of trustees required to make a quorum agree to the waiving of the written notice.
8. No act or proceeding shall be valid or binding on the Board unless such act or proceeding shall have been adopted at a meeting called and held as herein provided.
9. Subject to subsection 10 below, all Board meetings shall be open to the public (School Act, Section 69)
10. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the following matters shall be considered in private session: (School Act, Section 69)
 - (i) Matters pertaining to individual pupils, including but not limited to the conduct, performance, discipline, suspension or expulsion, attendance, enrolment or registration of individual pupils, or appeals of students or parents made pursuant to Section 11 of the School Act.

- (ii) Salary claims and adjustments, and the consideration of requests of employees and Board offers with respect to collective bargaining procedures.
 - (iii) The conduct, efficiency, discipline, suspension, termination or retirement of employees.
 - (iv) Medical examiner's reports, medical examination reports, and other medical reports.
 - (v) Staff changes, including appointments, transfers, resignations and promotions and demotions.
 - (vi) Matters pertaining to the safety, security or protection of Board property or to individual safety.
 - (vii) Accident claims, and other matters where Board liability may arise.
 - (viii) Legal opinions respecting the liability or interest of the Board.
 - (ix) Purchases of real property, including the designation of new sites, consideration of appraisal reports, consideration of amounts claimed by owners, determination of board offers, and expropriation procedures.
 - (x) Lease, sale or exchange of real property prior to finalization thereof.
 - (xi) Matters, the disclosure of which, would be harmful to Third Party Business Interests.
 - (xii) Such other matters as the Board may decide, in keeping with legislative requirements.
11. Trustees wishing to raise issues concerning the appropriateness of an in-camera meeting, or to seek the disclosure of information discussed in private session must, where possible, provide the Chair of the relevant meeting with reasonable advance notice of their intentions in this regard.
12. Where the Board meets in-camera pursuant to 10 above, the minutes for the next public Board meeting shall reflect: (School Act, Sections 67 and 72)
- (a) the fact that the Board met in private session, and the dates of any such meetings;
 - (b) a general statement as to the nature of the matters discussed and the general nature of the decisions reached at the in-camera meeting; and
 - (c) any other information pertaining to the meeting whose release has been authorized by Board motion.
- In circumstances where the inclusion of the above information in the minutes of the next public meeting is not practicable, it shall be included in the minutes of a subsequent Board meeting.
13. In the event that the Chairperson should vacate his/her office during his/her term or cease to be a trustee, the Board shall elect a Chairperson in the manner prescribed in Section 1, subsections 3 and 4. (School Act, Section 67)

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REPORTING OF PRIVATE SESSION ITEMS

**Private Board Meeting Summary of
Monday, 2009 December 21**

DATE OF PRIVATE SESSION	COMMITTEE	GENERAL NATURE OF MATTER	PRIVATE SESSION CATEGORY UNDER BOARD BYLAW No. 1, SECTION II	GENERAL NATURE OF DECISION REACHED
2009 December 21	Personnel & Staff Services	Administrative Assignments	(v) Staff changes, including appointments, transfers, resignations and promotions and demotions.	The Board approved an Elementary Vice Principal transfer.
2009 December 21	Finance & Legal	Payroll and Human Resources Information System	(xii) Such other matters as the Board may decide in keeping with legislative requirements.	The Board approved a course of action and related expenditure for the district's Payroll and Human Resources Information System.
2009 December 21	Finance & Legal	Report Out From In-Camera Board Session	(xii) Such other matters as the Board may decide in keeping with legislative requirements.	The Board approved a revised process of reporting out from in-camera Board sessions.