

## BOARD MEETING

Monday, 2009 October 19  
1900 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, 2009 October 19 at 19:00 hours.

TRUSTEES  
PRESENT:

P. Bacchus, in the Chair

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

ALSO  
PRESENT:

L. Anderson, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer  
J. Crowe, Interim 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  
P. Wlodarczak, Associate Superintendent-Human Resources  
C. Remedios, Director of Instruction  
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**

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Moved by K. Denike, seconded by M. Lombardi, that the minutes of the 2009 October 05 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **II. COMMITTEE I: MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING:**

#### **A. Matters Arising from the 2009 September 28 Meeting**

##### **1. Class Size & Composition**

Moved by M. Lombardi, seconded by K. Clement, that the Vancouver Board of Education accept the Superintendent of Schools report on the organization of classes in the school district.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Moved by M. Lombardi, seconded by J. Bouey, that the Vancouver Board of Education inform the Ministry of Education that while it accepts the reporting of the Superintendent of Schools report on the organization of classes according to Section 76 of the School Act, the Board believes that the current level of funding from the provincial government does not allow for optimal learning conditions for students.

CARRIED

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

### III. COMMITTEE II: PLANNING & FACILITIES

#### A. Reports

##### 1. Meeting of 2009 October 06

The Chairperson of this Committee, A. Wong, presented the report of the 2009 October 06 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following information items from the report:

- Public Consultation for Proposed New Artificial Turf Field
- Maintenance Summer Work – PowerPoint
- Capital Projects Construction Update – PowerPoint
- Project Status Sheet-Update
- AFG Impact Analysis
- Energy and Climate Action – Program Objectives
- All Day Kindergarten

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by A. Blakey, that the report of the 2009 October 06 meeting of this Committee be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

##### 2. New Business / Enquiries

###### a) SMARTTool

M. Dale, Assistant Secretary Treasurer-Facilities and R. Krowchuk, Assistant Secretary Treasurer-Finance summarized a report dated 2009 October 19, *SMARTTool and Legislated Carbon Reporting Requirements*. They noted:

- the legislative requirement (Bill 44) for carbon neutrality and reporting of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and offsets by public sector organizations;
- the government-developed software program (SMARTTool) for reporting of GHG emissions and offsets;
- the financial and resource implications of the carbon tax and GHG emissions and offsets within the district; and
- the SMARTTool deployment schedule for the district.

It was noted that staff will require additional information regarding the overall cost to implement SMARTTool, as well as its impact on district workload and resources, prior to providing a recommendation to the Board.

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A Trustee commented that:

- the Board should consider sending a letter to the provincial government to express the district's concern that its efforts in support of climate action initiatives are being curtailed by underfunding from the provincial government; and
- this item is to be referred to the Planning & Facilities Committee for further discussion.

This item was received for information.

#### IV. COMMITTEE III: EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES:

##### A. Reports

##### 1. Meeting of 2009 October 14

The Chairperson of this Committee, J. Bouey, presented the report of the 2009 October 14 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following item from the report:

##### a) Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School – Early Learning Centre Proposal

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by M. Lombardi, that proposal for an Early Learning Centre for the Carleton Outbuilding be approved and District Management be given direction to approach the Ministry of Education for funding for implementation September 2011, or earlier if possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board considered the following information items from the report:

- Garibaldi Annex Interim Report
- Aboriginal Education – Implementation of the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement
- Expert Friends
- Use of Time Out Rooms

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by K. Clement, that the report of the 2009 October 14 meeting of this Committee be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Chairperson noted a correction to the report that the next meeting of the Committee is on Thursday, 2009 November 12.



**V. COMMITTEE IV: PERSONNEL & STAFF SERVICES:**

**A. Reports**

**1. Meeting of 2009 October 09**

The Chairperson of this Committee, A. Blakey, presented the report of the 2009 October 09 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following item from the report:

**a) Superintendent's Report on Class Size and Class Composition**

Moved by A. Blakey, seconded by J. Bouey, that the Board appropriate \$500,000 from the Local Capital Reserve to address class size concerns and that the specific utilization of the funds be determined by Human Resources, in consultation with the Vancouver Teachers Federation. The Board requests a follow up report on progress with regard to Class Size and Composition report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by A. Blakey, seconded by K. Clement, that the report of the 2009 October 09 meeting of this Committee be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VI. PLENARY/COMMITTEE V: FINANCE & LEGAL**

**A. Reports**

**1. Meeting of 2009 October 08**

The Chairperson of this Committee, S. Gregson, presented the report of the 2009 October 18 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following items:

**a) School Fund Balances**

Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by A. Wong, that the penalty (10% reduction) against Carleton Elementary School's 2009/2010 Flex Budget be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board considered the following information items from the report:

- Proposed 2010/2011 Program/Services Review and Budget Process
- 2009/2010 Preliminary Operating Budget
- Fiscal Framework for 2010/2011 Budget Process
- Funding for Playgrounds and Other School Projects
- Grounds License-Cleaning
- BC School Sports

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Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by K. Clement, that the report of the 2009 October 08 meeting of this Committee be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**B. Matters Arising from the 2009 October 08**

**1. Proposed 2010/2011 Program/Services Review and Budget Process**

A Trustee noted that some of the points of view at the Committee meeting were to ensure that the educational interest of the students in the district are met regardless of provincial government cuts.

**VII. REPORTING OF PRIVATE SESSION ITEMS:**

The Chairperson noted the items outlined in *Reporting of Private Session Item – Private Board Meeting Summaries of 2009 October 05*. Release of these items was approved by motion at the Private Session of the Board held at 1745 hours.

**VIII. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Trustee Bouey reported on:

- a meeting held with BC Borstal Association in regards to the shooting incident involving a resident from a halfway house across from Edith Cavell School; and
- meetings held with the City of Vancouver, Women's Advisory Committee and LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

The Chairperson reported on the Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association anti-poverty forum held at Brock Elementary School.

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: None**

**X. NEW BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES**

**A. Climate Action**

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by A. Wong, that the Vancouver Board of Education officially recognizes the International Day for Climate Action (Saturday, 2009 October 24); and

THAT as environmental sustainability is one of the Board's priorities, we officially indicate our support for student, teacher, parent and staff initiated activities, regarding climate change; and

THAT as we have already received staff reports on the important work both already completed, or underway to decrease our Carbon Footprint on a district level, we request a brief report that indicates the initiatives at various elementary and secondary schools throughout the District.

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**XI. QUESTION PERIOD:**

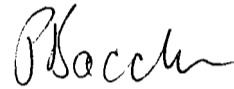
In response to a Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association representative inquiry regarding the Board's decision to provide additional funding to address class size and composition, the Chairperson indicated that this issue remains to be a priority for the Board.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

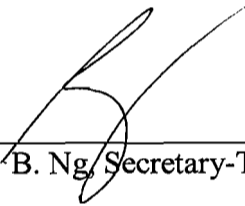
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Meeting adjourned at 2020 hours.



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P. Bacchus, Chairperson



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B. Ng, Secretary-Treasurer