

## **BOARD MEETING**

Monday, 2011 September 19 at 1905 hours

The Board of Trustees of Vancouver Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in the Boardroom, VSB Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway Vancouver, BC on Monday, 2011 September 19 at 1905 hours.

Trustees Present: P. Bacchus, in the Chair, A. Blakey, J. Bouey, K. Clement, K. Denike, C. Gibson, S. Gregson, M. Lombardi, A. Wong

Also Present: S. Cardwell, Superintendent of Schools  
R. Krowchuk, Secretary Treasurer  
M. Ciarniello, Associate Superintendent  
V. Overgaard, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services  
J. Tinney, Deputy 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 2011 July 04**

Moved by M. Lombardi, seconded by K. Denike, that the minutes of the 2011 July 4 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **II. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

The Superintendent reported on the following items:

- o Job Action update
- o School opening at Cook Elementary
- o Teacher inquiry at Livingstone Elementary
- o Green Thumb Theatre at Carleton Elementary
- o Completion of Jules Quesnel Elementary seismic upgrade
- o Completion of Secord Elementary seismic upgrade
- o Breakfast club at Seymour Elementary

### **III. COMMITTEE I: MANAGEMENT COORDINATING: None**

#### IV. COMMITTEE II: PLANNING & FACILITIES

##### A. Reports

##### 1. Meeting of 2011 September 13

The Chairperson of the Committee, A. Wong, presented the report of the 2011 September 13 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following item from the report:

##### a) Approval for Expenditure Annual Facilities Grant (AFG Capital Bylaw)

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by A. Blakey, that the 2011/12 AFG Budget Expenditure Plan in the amount of \$6.7 million be approved; and

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 126295 be given all three readings at the Board meeting on 2011 September 19.

That Capital Project Bylaw No. 126295 be:  
Read a first time the 19th day of September, 2011;  
Read a second time the 19th day of September, 2011;  
Read a third time, passed and adopted the 19th day of September, 2011.

and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and register Capital Project Bylaw No. 126295

and that the signed and sealed Capital Project Bylaw No. 126295 be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, Funding Department for registration and certification as required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board considered the following information items:

- Standing Committee Orientation
- Delegation: South Hill (Fraser Street) Business Association – South Hill Adult Learning Centre Streetscape
- Main Street Adult Education
- L'Ecole Bilingue Seismic Project Update
- Capital Projects Construction Update – PowerPoint
- Maintenance Summer Work – PowerPoint
- BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Meeting – Submission of Proposed Motions

**IV. COMMITTEE II: PLANNING & FACILITIES**

**A. Reports**

**1. Meeting of 2011 September 13 (continued)**

Moved by A. Wong, seconded by C. Gibson, that the report of the 2011 September 13 meeting be received.

**B. Matters Arising from the 2011 September 13 report**

**1. South Hill Adult Learning Centre Streetscape**

A Trustee raised a point of clarification that the parking lots referred to in the report are not VSB parking lots.

**2. Capital Projects Construction Update – PowerPoint**

In response to a Trustee inquiry, staff was requested to provide information on maintenance costs for Magee Secondary and Mount Pleasant Elementary.

**3. Maintenance Summer Work**

In response to a Trustee inquiry, staff was requested to provide information on the status of roll shutters for Henderson Annex.

A vote was taken on the motion to receive the 2011 September 13 report and it was declared

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**V. COMMITTEE III: EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES**

**A. Reports**

**1. Meeting of 2011 September 14**

The Chairperson of the Committee, J. Bouey, presented the report of the 2011 September 14 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following item from the report:

**a) International Baccalaureate in Vancouver**

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by M. Lombardi, that the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program in the King George Family of Schools, and the Primary IB Program at Southlands, be designated District Programs.

## **V. COMMITTEE III: EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES**

### **A. Reports**

#### **1. Meeting of 2011 September 14 (continued)**

Some Trustees noted that:

- as expressed by some Committee members at the meeting, the Aboriginal content is not only possible with the IB program at Southlands but it is also possible with other programs within the district; and
- in moving forward with the visioning process, it would be appropriate to consider the costs and other potential difficulties in expanding the program beyond what is proposed in the motion.

A vote was taken on the motion and it was declared

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board considered the following information items:

- Community Action Initiatives – DTES / Strathcona
- Delegation – International Baccalaureate (IB)
- International Baccalaureate (IB) in Vancouver
- Standing Committee Orientation
- BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Motions
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Implementation and Monitoring Committee - Update

Moved by J. Bouey, seconded by S. Gregson, that the report of the 2011 September 14 meeting be received.

### **B. Matters Arising from the 2011 September 14 meeting**

#### **1. Community Action Initiatives – DTES / Strathcona**

In response to a Trustee request, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Inner City Response Initiative group to express the Board's recognition of the downtown eastside Strathcona catchment area as a high-need community and their need for additional resources over and above a comprehensive early care and early learning plan.

**V. COMMITTEE III: EDUCATION & STUDENT SERVICES**

**B. Matters Arising from the 2011 September 14 meeting (continued)**

**2. Aboriginal Education Enhancement Implementation and Monitoring Committee – Update**

The Chairperson of the Committee requested that the following clarification to the Committee report be reflected on the minutes:

“The Chairperson of the Board noted that S. Agabob requested partner groups and individual organizations to provide a written brief on their focus in supporting the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement and commitment and to specify which goals they are supporting.”

A vote was taken on the motion to receive the 2011 September 14 report and it was declared

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VI. COMMITTEE IV: PERSONNEL & STUDENT SERVICES: None**

**VII. COMMITTEE V: FINANCE & LEGAL**

**A. Reports**

**1. Meeting of 2011 September 12**

The Chairperson of the Committee, S. Gregson, presented the report of the 2011 September 12 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The Board considered the following items from the report::

**a) 2010/2011 Audited Financial Statements**

Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by C. Gibson, that the 2010/2011 financial statements for the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VII. COMMITTEE V: FINANCE & LEGAL**

**A. Reports**

**1. Meeting of 2011 September 12 (continued)**

**b) Impact of Changes to the Harmonized Sales Tax**

Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by J. Bouey, that the Board send a letter to the Province of British Columbia requesting a rebate on Provincial Sales Tax (PST) in order that the reinstatement of the PST is cost neutral.

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Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by M. Lombardi, submit a proposed motion to the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council meeting of 2011 October 22 requesting that the Province ensure that school districts are not negatively impacted as a result of the dismantling of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) and reinstatement of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Provincial Sales Tax (PST) system of taxation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board considered the following information items:

- Standing Committee Orientation
- BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Request for Board Input to Funding Formula for Allocating Operating Grants
- Submission of Proposed Motions: BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council Meeting of 2011 October 22
- Province-Wide Budget Consultation

Moved by S. Gregson, seconded by J. Bouey, that the report of the 2011 September 12 meeting be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**VIII. REPORT OF PRIVATE SESSION ITEMS**

The Chairperson reported that on 2011 July 4, the Board approved:

- a motion regarding a property lease;
- renewal of employment contracts for Principals / Vice-Principals;
- extension of employment contracts for Principals / Vice-Principals;
- an extension of a Vice-Principal's employment contract;
- a renewal of employment contracts for Elementary Vice-Principals; and
- an assignment for a Secondary School Vice-Principal.

**IX. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS / ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Trustee Denike reported on the bloom gala event held at Van Dusen Gardens.

The Chairperson reported on:

- Green Thumb Theatre at Carleton Elementary School; and
- the official opening of Jules Quesnel Elementary.

Trustee Wong reported on the City of Vancouver's Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting held on 2011 September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**X. NEW BUSINESS / ENQUIRIES: None**

**XI. QUESTION PERIOD: None**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 1950 hours.

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Patti Bacchus, Chairperson

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Rick Krowchuk, Secretary Treasurer.