

Present:

Bill Christie, Chairperson
Lois Boone, Vice-Chairperson
Lyn Hall, Trustee
Naomi Manning, Trustee
Michelle Marrelli, Trustee
Roxanne Ricard, Trustee
Sharel Warrington, Trustee

Brian Pepper, Superintendent of Schools
Bryan Mix, Secretary-Treasurer
Wendy De Marsh, Executive Assistant
(Recorder)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as published.

3. **PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no speakers.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

4.1 Public Meeting

The minutes of the regular public meeting held September 26, 2006 were adopted as circulated.

4.2 Record of In Camera Meeting Minutes

The report on the items discussed and decisions made at the in camera meeting of September 26, 2006 was approved.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Research Findings: Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes

Ms. Warrington explained that in October 2004 the Board had approved a research request by Dr. Hanh Huynh on the topic of the link between childhood obesity and Type 2 diabetes.

Dr. Huynh gave a presentation on the findings from the first phase of his research, which involved measuring the height, weight, waist and hip circumference, blood pressure and heart rates of 283 students from four elementary schools in the district. He expressed his hope that the project would expand to include additional schools and that this research would assist in the development of programs to encourage healthy weight maintenance and the prevention of diabetes and thanked the Board for its continued support of the research project.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Trustee Remuneration

Mr. Hall presented the Management and Finance Committee's recommendation, noting that trustees' remuneration had remained unchanged since 1989 and that it no longer fairly recognized the responsibilities or the expectations of the role of trustees.

MOVED:

That the remuneration paid to trustees be increased to the following:

- Chairperson \$17,000
- Vice-Chairperson \$15,500
- Trustees \$14,000

CARRIED.

6.2 Proposed Amendments to Bylaw No. 1

Ms. Manning presented the recommendation from the Policy and Governance Committee, which had been developed at the request of the Management and Finance Committee.

MOVED:

That amendments to Bylaw No. 1, as proposed by the Policy and Governance Committee, be approved.

There were no concerns expressed about the proposed revisions.

However, there was a request that the bylaw be further revised to reflect the Board's practice of electing a BCSTA provincial councillor and a representative to the B.C. Public School Employers' Association. The matter was REFERRED back to the Policy and Governance Committee to make the additional changes for consideration at the November 28, 2006 public meeting.

7. EDUCATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

7.1 Southridge Elementary School – Adventure Playground Proposal

Ms. Boone presented the committee's recommendation.

MOVED:

That the proposal for the installation of an adventure playground at Southridge Elementary School, as proposed by the school and its parent advisory council, be approved.

CARRIED.

7.2 2007/08 Five-Year Capital Plan

Ms. Boone presented the plan, which included one project, the addition of a multipurpose room at D.P. Todd Secondary.

MOVED:

That the 20078/08 Capital Plan Summary, totalling \$3,281,957.00, be approved.

CARRIED.

Mr. Mix was asked why other projects in the district were not included in the capital plan. He explained that under the Ministry of Education's rules, only major capital projects are included; all other capital projects are funded through the annual facility grant. He noted that the Education Services Committee was provided with an annual report on the projects being considered under the annual facility grant. Mr. Mix was asked to provide trustees with a copy of the latest report.

8. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

8.1 "1701" Enrolment Report

Mr. Pepper provided as a handout a preliminary enrolment report, based on data as of September 29, 2006, collected as part of the Ministry of Education's "Form 1701" student count on that date.

8.2 Bill 33 Report to Board

Mr. Pepper presented his report, which had been included in the agenda package, noting that the district had no classes containing more than 30 students in Grades 4 to 7 and only 16 classes with more than 30 students in Grades 8-12. He reviewed the rationale for the oversize secondary classes, noting that most were in place at the request of the teacher and the rest because there was no other reasonable option available. He reviewed the consultation requirements under the *School Act* with regards to oversize classes and commented on the work done by staff to keep the number of these classes to a minimum.

9. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

9.1 BC School Trustees' Association

Ms. Ricard gave an overview of the discussion topics and presentations at the joint meeting of the Northern Interior and Northwest Branches held in Prince George on September 29 and 30. The next NIB meeting will be held in late January.

9.2 District Parent Advisory Council

Ms. Warrington, who attended the last meeting on behalf of Mr. Hall, reported on the agenda items, which included presentations on the Askable Parent Program and Habitat for Humanity and discussion about the level of parent participation in DPAC.

9.3 District Student Advisory Council

Ms. Manning reported that at its first meeting of the year, the council had elected its executive and representatives to the various Board committees, and brainstormed topics for discussion during the year.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.