School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)

MINUTES

REGULAR OPEN BOARD MEETING NO. 21 **November 7, 2005**
ROSSLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: **Trustees**: K. Saldern (Chairperson)
C. D'Arcy
B. George
M. Kinakin
B. Maloff
K. Mandoli
L. Manning
D. Makwana
G. Titsworth

Staff: L. Gray (Superintendent of Schools)
P. Moll (Director of Human Resources)
B. Babakaiff (Secretary-Treasurer)
B. Minosky (Director of Student Support Services)
G. Lenarduzzi (Director of Instruction)

Press: Castlegar News, Trail Times

Public: 0

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

2. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

a. Explorations Art Camp – Gareth Cryer
G. Cryer, Project Coordinator, spoke to a successful summer art camp held at Twin Rivers Elementary last summer. The camp involved two local artists, two high school student helpers and two programs of two weeks duration with approximately 25 students per session. The Chairperson thanked Mr. Cryer for his presentation.

Moved by B. Maloff
Seconded by B. George
That the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

205-2005 CARRIED

The Board discussed the school site improvement plan of Rossland Secondary School with the School Planning Council.

Moved by B. Maloff
Seconded by L. Manning
That the Board move out of Committee of the Whole.

206-2005 CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Moved by B. George
Seconded by D. Makwana
That the Board approve the agenda as presented.

207-2005 CARRIED

RETIREE: C. D'Arcy at 7:55 p.m.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by B. Maloff
Seconded by B. George
That the following correspondence be received for information:

a. Letter from the School Plant Officials of B.C. dated Sept. 30/05 re P. Zinio.
b. Letter from SD47 (Powell River) dated Oct. 25/05 re expanded role of School Boards.
c. Letter from SD47 (Powell River) dated Oct. 25/05 re Learning Round Table.
d. Letter from BCSTA dated Oct. 23/05 re expanded role of School Boards.
e. Letter from SD79 (Cowichan) dated Oct. 28/05 re overpayment of wages.

208-2005 CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Moved by K. Mandoli
Seconded by D. Makwana
That the Board approve the minutes of the following meeting:
a. Regular Open Board Meeting No.20 held on October 24, 2005.

209-2005 CARRIED

TEMPORARILY ADJOURN: 8:00 p.m.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m. in the RSS Library.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. School Board Procedural Operations Bylaw No. 5.2
Moved by L. Manning
Seconded by M. Kinakin
That the School Board Procedural Operations Bylaw No. 5.2 be referred back to Committee to consider the inclusion of electronic meeting arrangements.

210-2005 CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Committee Reports
Nil.

7.2 Newly Elected Trustees
Moved by B. Maloff
Seconded by L. Manning
That an invitation be extended to the new trustees elected on November 19, 2005 to attend the November 21, 2005 Board Meeting.

211-2005 CARRIED

7.3 Expanded Role of School Boards – response to BCSTA
Moved by M. Kinakin
Seconded by L. Manning
That the Board send a letter to BCSTA suggesting that a roundtable discussion needs to be held with all potential partners involved in the proposed enhanced role of Boards before an informed response can be made by School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia).

212-2005 CARRIED

JOINS MEETING: G. Titsworth at 8:20 p.m.

RETIREE: B. George declared a conflict of interest and retired from the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

8. REPORTS:

8. 1 Superintendent of Schools

a. Opening Doors Recommendations
Moved by L. Manning
Seconded by K. Mandoli
That the Board approve the proposed action plan as presented.

213-2005 CARRIED

b. Parent Webcast
L. Gray reported the Parent Webcast has been rescheduled to Nov. 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

c. SHSS Paralympic Proposal
L. Gray reported the SHSS Paralympic Proposal will be proceeding through and with the support of the City of Castlegar.

d. SHSS Late French Immersion Field Trip – July 2007
Moved by G. Titsworth
Seconded by D. Makwana
That the Board approve, in principle, the SHSS Grade 9 LFI Field Trip to France during July 2007, with no direct costs to the school district and that complete information be provided to the Board by September 2006.

214-2005 CARRIED

8.2 Director of Instruction

a. Curriculum - French Initiatives Update
Moved by M. Kinakin
Seconded by G. Titsworth
That the District undergo a complete study/review of our French programs including the feasibility of adding French Immersion and/or Early French Instruction either as an Immersion or Bilingual format and that an independent consultant be hired, if necessary, to conduct the study of the district needs.

215-2005

Moved by L. Manning
Seconded by G. Titsworth
That the issue of French programs expansion be referred back to staff to develop a framework and budget for a comprehensive review of the matter.

216-2005 CARRIED

b. Other Projects & Activities
G. Lenarduzzi provided reports on:

-Regional Numeracy Assessment Project
-Cultural programs in SD20
-Pro-d sessions planned for November and December/05

8.3 Director of Human Resources
No report.

8.4 Director of Student Support Services
No report.

8.5 Secretary-Treasurer

a. J.L. Crowe

B. Babakaiff reported on:

-Building and Grounds Committee Meeting held Nov. 3/05
-expanded Feasibility Team Meeting held Nov. 7/05

Recommendation from the Expanded Feasibility Team will be brought to the Nov. 21 Board Meeting.

b. Board Meeting Follow-Up Action Sheet

For information.

8.6 Board Chairperson

a. In-Camera Report

The following issues were discussed/actions taken at an In-Camera Meeting held October 24, 2005:

-Superintendent search process
-legal advice respecting the interest of the Board
-exempt staff organizational chart

b. Letter from the Board Chair dated November 1, 2005 to the Premier

K. Saldern presented the Board approved letter to the Premier sent Nov. 1, 2005 in which the Board indicates concerns re: provincial teacher bargaining process and funding for the recent settlement of the teacher labour dispute.

9. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA:

Nil.

10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

a. Regular Board Meeting, November 21, 2005, 7:00 p.m., MacLean Elementary School.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 9:25 p.m.

12. UPCOMING ISSUES:

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Chairperson Secretary-Treasurer

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