School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)

MINUTES

REGULAR OPEN BOARD MEETING NO. 6 **February 20, 2006**
ROBSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL-BAND ROOM 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: **Trustees**: L. Manning (Chairperson)
D. Bilenki
T. Driutti
M. Gregory
M. Kinakin
K. Saldern
J. Schmidt

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

Press: Trail Daily Times, Castlegar News

Public: 2

ABSENT: B. Maloff
V. Morelli

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 p.m.

Moved by D. Bilenki
Seconded by M. Kinakin
That the Board move into Committee of the Whole.

69-2006 CARRIED

The Board discussed the school site improvement plan of Robson Community School with the School Planning Council.

Moved by M. Kinakin
Seconded by D. Bilenki
That the Board move out of Committee of the Whole.

70-2006 CARRIED

2. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by M. Kinakin
That the Board approve the agenda as presented with the following addition:

7.3 BCTF Conference "Every Student Counts"

71-2006 CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Letter from UBC dated Jan. 31/06 re: School Recognition Award-Glenmerry Elementary

Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by D. Bilenki
That the Board Chair write a letter of congratulations to Glenmerry Elementary School.

72-2006 CARRIED

b. Letter from S. Hegan dated Feb. 7/06 re: Bussing Safety

Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by M. Gregory
That the Board Chair reply to the letter stating transportation is under review locally and provincially and that a copy of the parent letter be forwarded to the provincial review team.

73-2006 CARRIED

Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by J. Schmidt
That the following correspondence be received for information:

a. Letter from SD23 (Central Okanagan) dated Feb. 1/06 re: Food & Beverage Sales Guidelines.
b. Letter from Village of Fruitvale dated Feb. 6/06 re: Liaison.
c. Letter from City of Trail dated Feb. 13/06 re: JL Crowe replacement.

74-2006 CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by D. Bilenki
Seconded by M. Gregory
That the Board approve the minutes of the following meetings:

a. Regular Open Board Meeting No.5 held on February 6, 2006.

75-2006 CARRIED

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Adoption of 2005/06 Amended Budget Bylaw

Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by D. Bilenki
That School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) Annual Budget Bylaw 2006-2007 be read a third time.

76-2006 CARRIED

Moved by T. Driutti
Seconded by D. Bilenki
That the Board adopt School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) Annual Budget Bylaw 2006-2007 in the amount of $36,182,194 and that the Chairperson and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to affix their signatures and the seal of School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) to the said bylaw.

77-2006 CARRIED

b. Beaver Valley Middle School-Disposition of Property Bylaw No. 06-01

Moved by D. Bilenki
Seconded by M. Gregory
That School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) Disposition of Property By-Law No. 06-01 be read a third time.

78-2006 CARRIED

Moved by M. Gregory
Seconded by K. Saldern
That the Board adopt School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) Disposition of Property Bylaw No. 06-01 and that the Chairperson and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to affix their signatures and the seal of School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) to the said bylaw.

79-2006 CARRIED

c. Adoption of School Board Procedural Operations Bylaw No. 5-2

Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by T. Driutti
That School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) School Board Procedural Operations By-Law No. 5.2 be read a first time.

80-2006 CARRIED

Moved by D. Bilenki
Seconded by J. Schmidt
That School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) School Board Procedural Operations By-Law No. 5.2 be read a second time.

81-2006

Amendment to Motion #81-2006
Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by D. Bilenki
That item 2.6 (c) be amended to read… "be permitted 15 minutes or longer (at the discretion of the Board Chair) to present…"

82-2006 CARRIED
Motion #81-2006 as amended CARRIED

Third reading and adoption to be placed on the March 6, 2006 agenda.

Staff were directed to report back to the Board on plans to facilitate and expedite Board meetings by telephone or other means of communication, i.e. special equipment at the Blueberry Creek Board Room.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Committee Reports

7.2 Notice of Motion – Revised: Avenues For Help and Resolution of Concerns
Policy 1.8
Regulation 1.8.1

7.3 BCTF Conference "Every Student Counts"

M. Kinakin reported on the BCTF Conference attended by twelve school districts, parents and teachers.

Moved by D. Bilenki
Seconded by M. Gregory
That M. Kinakin draft a BCSTA AGM motion for Board consideration regarding a change in legislation to change the title of "teaching assistants" to "education assistants".

83-2006 CARRIED

8. REPORTS:

8. 1 Superintendent of Schools

L. Gray reported on the following:

a. School Planning Council Session – Feb. 16
-DPAC was congratulated for organizing the event

b. Meeting with St. Michael's Catholic School Board
-common initiatives are being explored/followed-up

c. School Site Plan Session – Feb. 27
-four elementary schools will share site plans with the Board

d. Meeting with Community Representatives re: Population/Enrolment Statistics
-consensus/conclusion was school enrolment will continue to decline due mainly to low provincial birth rates

Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by D. Bilenki
That the Superintendent organize a meeting with representatives of local governments and of the C.R.O.W.E.-ACTIVE Group to review population/enrolment statistics.

84-2006 CARRIED

e. JL Crowe Feasibility Team Meeting – Feb. 15
-planning is continuing and the architect will present a preliminary site plan for Board approval at the March 6 Board meeting

8.2 Director of Instruction

G. Lenarduzzi presented a report by J. Jewitt, District Challenge Services Teacher. This report outlined a number of district initiatives:

-Science Fair-March 2, Twin Rivers
-Math Contest-April 7, RSS
-Creative Writing Blog Pilot Project

8.3 Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources

a. French Programs Review

Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by M. Gregory
That the Board approve the French Programs survey plan as proposed by Gold Island Consulting.

85-2006

Amendment to Motion #85-2006
Moved by M. Kinakin
Seconded by D. Bilenki
That an analysis be done on the effect an expanded French Program would have on existing programs and resources.

86-2006

VACATES CHAIR: L. Manning at 8:50 p.m.

RE-ASSUMES CHAIR: L. Manning at 8:52 p.m.

Motion #86-2006 CARRIED
Motion #85-2006 as Amended CARRIED

b. District Portables

Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by J. Schmidt
That the Board adopt the four year portable reduction plan as presented, subject to operational considerations.

87-2006 CARRIED

Moved by D. Bilenki
Seconded by M. Kinakin
That staff investigate the feasibility and costs of converting the old Glenmerry Elementary gym into classroom space and report back to the Board.

88-2006 CARRIED

c. Ministry Class Size Report

P. Moll spoke to the report that showed SD20 is under provincial class size averages in K, 1-3 and 8-12 and is slightly above in grades 4-7.

d. Enrolment Update

P. Moll reported enrolment declined by 18 students from September to December/05. The numbers at the end of January/06 show an increase of 5.5 fte students since September/05.

8.4 Director of Student Support Services

a. Alternate Programs Report

B. Minosky provided the Board with a comprehensive overview of alternate programs in the district and shared informational pamphlets for: Early Intervention (Behaviour), Transitions (Home Learner), Jr. Alternate, Sr. Alternate and Adult Education.

8.5 Secretary-Treasurer

a. Financial Statement – January 31, 2006

Moved by K. Saldern
Seconded by T. Driutti
That the January 31, 2006 financial statement be received.

89-2006 CARRIED

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 February 6, 2006:

- update on CUPE Bargaining, Ready Process
- personnel issue
- property matters

9. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC PERTAINING TO THE AGENDA:

10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

a. Regular Board Meeting, March 6, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Blueberry Creek Community School.

11. ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 a.m.

12. UPCOMING ISSUES:

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Chairperson Secretary-Treasurer

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