



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 67 (OKANAGAN SKAHA)



REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

AGENDA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3.0 PRESENTATIONS BY SCHOOLS AND/OR STUDENTS

3.1 Gifted Program

Teacher Shirlene Peters and three students from the gifted program will speak regarding their participation at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC. Shayna Lawrie (grade 7), Adra Greig (grade 7), and Kerrick Lannon (grade 6) were nominated by Ms. Peters to attend the conference designed to build and enhance leadership skills in groups of like-minded, top-rated students from across America and Canada. With the support of their parents, Adra and Shayna attended a one-week session in June and Kerrick attended another in July. They will present highlights of the conference.

3.2 Japan Trip

In late September, sixteen secondary school students from School District 67 traveled to Tokyo and Ikeda, Japan, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of their sister city relationship. The odyssey began with three exciting days in Tokyo and continued with seven more amazing days in Ikeda. The students were immersed in the Japanese culture during their homestays in Ikeda, and throughout the visit, the students were exemplary ambassadors for our community and our country. Students, accompanied by Music Teacher Jim Redding and Vice Principal Jeff Guy, will share some of the highlights from the adventure and thank the school trustees for their support.

4.0 RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS AND GUESTS

5.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Regular meeting held on October 2, 2006

6.0 REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING

The secretary-treasurer will report on the closed meeting held on October 2, 2006.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Letter from British Columbia Teachers' Federation

A letter from the BC Teachers' Federation enclosing a "Statement of Concern" from the teachers of British Columbia regarding the general direction of public schooling in the province. (Attachment)

7.2 Letter from Department of Finance

A letter from the federal government's department of finance acknowledging receipt of the Board's letter to the Minister of Finance requesting amendments to the *Excise Tax Act* in order to provide a 100% rebate of the GST payable by school boards. (Attachment)

7.3 Letter from Princess Margaret Secondary Leadership Class

A letter from the leadership class advising the annual 10,000 To-Night canned food drive, hosted by both Princess Margaret and Penticton Secondary leadership classes, will take place at Penticton Secondary School on Thursday, November 30, 2006. (Attachment)

7.4 Summary of Copies of Letters to the Board

Copies of the letters to the Board listed below are available in the trustee reading file:

- School District No. 38 (Richmond) to the federal government minister of finance requesting a 100% rebate of the GST for school boards/districts;
- School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to the federal minister of finance requesting a 100% rebate of the GST for school boards across Canada;
- British Columbia Teachers' Federation enclosing a copy of a brief on Education Funding sent to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services;
- British Columbia Teachers' Federation enclosing a copy of a brief on Adult Literacy forwarded to the Select Standing Committee on Education;
- School District No. 79 (Cowichan Valley) to the Union of BC Municipalities supporting the UBCM recommendation that the UBCM lobby the provincial government to review the current school

funding formula so that it better reflects the needs of students in remote and rural communities;

- School District No. 57 (Prince George) to the Prime Minister of Canada encouraging the federal government to honour its child care agreement with the provinces;
- School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) to the Minister of Transportation thanking the Minister for the back to school message displayed on highway digital signs and suggesting that a provincial strategy for this be implemented on an annual basis;
- School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) to the Minister of Education regarding the composition of district teams;
- School District No. 22 (Vernon) to the Minister of Education regarding the delay in the annual facilities grant for the 2006-07 program year;
- School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) to the Minister of Education regarding the 2006-07 annual facilities grant funding;
- School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) to the Minister of Education regarding the delay in the approval and release of the 2006-07 annual facility grant funding;
- School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) to the Minister of Education regarding the annual facility grant funds;
- School District No. 37 (Delta) to the Minister of Education regarding the annual facility grant funding;
- School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) to the Minister of Education regarding the annual facility grant;
- School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to the Minister of Education regarding the uncertainty of the annual facility grant funding for 2006-07;
- The Okanagan Branch of the BCSTA, representing seven school districts, to the Minister of Education to express concern on the delay of the remaining 2006-07 annual facility grant;
- School District No. 63 (Saanich) to the Minister of Education requesting that the government release the balance of the promised 2006-07 annual facility grant funding, and secondly, requesting that the provincial government provide replacement funding for those school fees previously collected under the Ministerial Order;
- School District No. 38 (Richmond) to the Minister of Education regarding the recent Supreme Court ruling on school fees;
- School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) to the Minister of Education regarding the Supreme Court school fees ruling;
- School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert) to the Minister of Finance advocating for increased funding for education, health, and social services; and that the Minister look for financial savings by increased collaboration between ministries.

8.0 REPORT OF COMMITTEES

8.1 Policy Committee

Trustee Van Alphen will report regarding the policy committee meeting held on October 17, 2006:

- a. Policy No. 330 – Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities/Field Trips
- b. Draft New Policies No. 460 – Course Challenge for Credit and Policy No. 462 – Course Equivalency
- c. Policy No. 203 – Student Fees

8.2 Education Committee

Trustee Manning will report on the education committee meetings held on October 31 and November 1, 2006:

October 31, 2006

- a. District Library Catalogue
- b. Elementary Report Card
- c. District Progress Report
- d. Submission on Adult/Community Literacy (BCSTA)

November 1, 2006

- a. Middle School Report by OSTU

8.3 Finance and Management Committee

Trustee Little will report on the finance and management committee meeting held on November 1, 2006:

- a. PAC Financial Reports
- b. School Fees
- c. School/Community Connection

8.4 Buildings, Grounds, Safety and Transportation Committee

Trustee Jamieson will report on the buildings, grounds, safety and transportation committee meeting held on November 1, 2006:

- a. Annual Facility Grant
- b. Destination Conservation
- c. Energy Reduction Initiatives

9.0 REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

9.1 Penticton Secondary School Reconstruction

The secretary-treasurer will report regarding the Penticton Secondary School reconstruction.

9.2 WCB Rates – 2007

Our school district has been advised the 2007 rate qualifies for a 30% premium saving. The secretary-treasurer will comment.

10.0 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**10.1 Student Achievement****a. District Workgroups (Literacy, Numeracy and Social Responsibility)****b. School Planning Councils Training**

The superintendent to provide information.

10.2 Communication and Access**a. Field Trips**

The superintendent of schools will review the attached listing of field trip requests. (Attachment)

b. Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools

The assistant superintendent will report regarding the Minister of Education's request for policies in the school district and schools that address safe school-related issues and codes of conduct.

10.3 Other Items**a. Enrolment**

The superintendent of schools will report on enrolment as of October 31, 2006. (Attachment)

b. Bill 33 Consultation

The superintendent to provide information.

11.0 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES**12.0 NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS****13.0 INFORMATION ITEMS****13.1 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting**

Trustee Little will report regarding the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting held on October 20 and 21, 2006.

13.2 BCSTA Okanagan Branch Meeting

Trustees are reminded to bring their reports of their attendance at the BCSTA Okanagan Branch meeting held October 13 and 14, 2006 in Kelowna for inclusion in the trustee reading file. (Attachment)

13.3 BCSTA Trustees Academy

The BCSTA Trustees Academy will be held on December 7 to 9, 2006 in Vancouver.

13.4 Date of Next Meeting

- December 11, 2006, 7:30, p.m., Inaugural and Regular Meeting, School Board Office

14.0 TRUSTEE COMMENTS**14.1 Recognition of Student Success**

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) extends congratulations to the students and groups for outstanding examples of success as shown on the attached listing. (Attachment)

14.2 Recognition of Student Artwork

Congratulations are extended to the following students from Trout Creek Elementary for their artwork currently on display at the school board office:

- Jennifer Butler – Grade 2
- Jessie Eckhart – Grade 3
- Jessica Hobbs – Grade 3
- Ella Wier – Grade 3
- Kylie Erb – Grade 5
- Jennifer Lukiv – Grade 5

14.3 Trustee Comments**15.0 ADJOURNMENT****16.0 QUESTION PERIOD**