



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



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.  
AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE

## MINUTES

### IN ATTENDANCE

L. Little, Chair  
G. Manning, Vice Chair  
K. Andrews, Trustee  
C. Denesiuk, Trustee  
W. Huebert, Trustee  
D. E. Jamieson, Trustee  
L. Van Alphen, Trustee

G. Doi, Superintendent of Schools  
F. Regehr, Secretary-Treasurer  
B. Celli, Assistant Superintendent  
R. Shongrunden, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer  
J. Hickling, Director of Maintenance  
L. Hauptman, Director of Instruction  
D. Adey, Executive Secretary

P. Butters, Vice Principal, Skaha Lake Middle School

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Little welcomed district staff and representatives of the media.

### 2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Huebert/Jamieson that the agenda and addendum be approved.

CARRIED

### 3.0 PRESENTATIONS BY SCHOOLS AND/OR STUDENTS

#### 3.1 Celebrating a Century

Penticton will mark its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008. The Centennial Advisory Committee, appointed by Penticton City Council, is a volunteer group charged with the responsibility of encouraging the community to adopt the Centennial theme and to join in yearlong celebrations that will culminate on New Year's Eve 2008. Three students from the committee (Tyler Guy, Teresa Johnston, and Chelsea Terry), accompanied by Sharon Amos, Chair, Centennial Advisory Committee, highlighted plans for the celebrations including a number of ideas for youth and school activities they would like to see take place during 2008. These included an art mural and banners to be completed by art students from Penticton Secondary and Princess Margaret Secondary schools, a video production created by media students which could be used as a teaching tool, and a musical theatre production. Financial support, in the amount of \$10,000, was requested

for these projects as well as the purchase of five hundred books on the history of Penticton, currently being written, for use in school libraries and as class sets for each school. Additionally, the students requested letters of support for information being sent to the schools.

Following a number of questions from trustees, Chairman Little thanked the students for their presentation, advised the financial requests would be reviewed as part of the budget development process, and requested that communication to schools be directed to the superintendent's office. Trustee Andrews agreed to act as a trustee liaison to the Centennial Advisory Committee.

#### **4.0 RECEIVING OF DELEGATIONS AND GUESTS**

#### **5.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION: Huebert/Manning that the minutes of the inaugural and regular meetings held on December 11, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED

#### **6.0 REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING**

The secretary-treasurer reported on the closed meeting held on December 11, 2006:

1. Received correspondence;
2. Received reports from the education committee; finance and management committee; and the discipline committee;
3. Confirmed teaching, excluded, and CUPE staff changes;
4. Approved requests for teacher leaves of absence;
5. Received information on student suspensions;
6. Received information related to a meeting of the British Columbia Public School Employers Association.

#### **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **7.1 Letter from BCSTA**

A letter of congratulations from the British Columbia School Trustees Association regarding the district's "Wireless Tablet Project" displayed at the Learning in Action Showcase, held during BCSTA's December Innovation Academy.

##### **7.2 Letter from Okanagan Families Society**

An invitation from the Okanagan Families Society to participate in a "Community Building Luncheon" hosted by Invest in Kids and OK Families on January 19, 2007 at the Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort in Kelowna.

##### **7.3 Summary of Copies of Letters to the Board**

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

- Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen to the Minister of Education regarding the area of Apex Mountain Resort being included in School District No. 67;
- Rick Thorpe, MLA, Okanagan-Westside, congratulating Summerland Secondary for their participation at the recent Learning in Action Showcase;
- School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) to the Minister of Education requesting changes to the *School Act and Regulations* regarding school fees;

- School District No. 83 (North Okanagan) to the Minister of Education requesting the Ministry review the implications of Bill 33 and fund the new costs created by the legislation;
- School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) to the Minister of Education requesting the Ministry review the annual facility grant funding policy and look toward implementing a sliding three year window on these funds (mirroring the major capital planning process);
- School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) to the Minister of Education requesting proper consultation with respect to legislative and program policy changes; requesting changes to the *School Act* that will respond to the recent court ruling and permit school districts to charge fees for programs and other activities; expressing concern for the increase in workload for school district staffs in completing reports demanded by the Ministry; and inquiring about what plans the Ministry has with respect to providing alternate opportunities for teacher input into school planning councils.

MOTION: Denesiuk/Van Alphen that the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

## 8.0 REPORT OF COMMITTEES

### 8.1 Education Committee

Trustee Manning reported on the education committee meeting held on January 9, 2007:

#### a. BC Progress Board Report

The six recommendations for education contained in the BC Progress Board Report were reviewed by Superintendent Gary Doi. As these recommendations signal potential directions for the future, trustees will review the document and discuss it in more detail at a later date.

#### b. Early Development Instrument (EDI)

Directors of Instruction Garth Schafer and Lynn Hauptman reviewed the history of the district's involvement with the EDI and presented the results from the cycle 2 administration. Due to its involvement in the *Understanding Early Years Project*, the district will not be completing the EDI in the upcoming year.

#### c. Literacy in Action

Columbia and Uplands Elementary schools will be involved in a pilot of the *Literacy in Action* program (Pearson) at the grade 4 level. It was noted that this program was complementary in nature to other literacy initiatives underway in the district and will feature ongoing professional development support for teachers.

#### d. Social Responsibility Survey

Assistant Superintendent Brian Celli presented the *Safe Schools and Social Responsibility Survey* as a potential tool for gathering data to inform social responsibility planning at the secondary school level. This instrument will not be utilized at this time.

#### e. French Immersion Registration

Director of Instruction Garth Schafer reviewed registration procedures for the French Immersion Program (grade 6). It was agreed to continue this practice for the upcoming year.

#### f. Federal French Grant

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ron Shongrunden presented the Federal Government's French Language Program funding and expenditure details for the district.

MOTION: Manning/Huebert that the report of the education committee be received.  
CARRIED

## 9.0 REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

### 9.1 Penticton Secondary School Reconstruction

Director of Maintenance John Hickling reported that construction on the Penticton Secondary School project is progressing at a reasonable rate despite the cold weather. The electrical switchover was delayed until this coming Sunday and once converted excavation can be completed on the construction site.

### 9.2 SOCAN Agreement

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Shongrunden advised that the Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium (ERAC) has signed an agreement with the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN) on behalf of all school districts. This will provide schools with permission for most instances of school-based public performances of music that are not covered by the Canadian *Copyright Act's* educational/instructional exemption. Mr. Shongrunden reviewed some of the costs of using music in the schools and added that this agreement will help the district administratively as well as financially.

### 9.3 Funding Recalculation

The secretary-treasurer reviewed information on the funding recalculation provided by the Ministry of Education noting our district received a substantial increase compared to the preliminary funding of \$5.8 million, the majority of which was both one-time funding and ongoing funding for the cost of the school district's labour settlements. Mr. Regehr added other changes to the funding relate to an enrolment decrease of 139 students from the 2005-06 September 30 enrolment. The total funds received amounted to \$55,634,499. An amended budget will be presented at the February board meeting. It was noted that provincially the Ministry of Education has provided \$4.4 billion to education for the 2006-07 school year.

### 9.4 2007-08 Capital Plan

The secretary-treasurer reported the Ministry of Education has advised that the one proposal for a new school bus requested in the 2007-08 capital plan was not approved.

### 9.5 Policy No. 350 – Nutrition

Secretary-Treasurer Regehr advised the 30-day circulation period to partner groups was approved at the December 11, 2006 board meeting for Policy No. 350 – Nutrition. To date, only minor suggestions have been received to modify this policy and with these changes the policy is recommended for adoption.

MOTION: Jamieson/Van Alphen that Policy No. 350 – Nutrition be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

## 10.0 REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

### 10.1 Student Achievement

#### a. District Workgroups (Literacy, Numeracy and Social Responsibility)

Director of Instruction Hauptman reported that the SmartReading teacher demonstrations are booking up quickly, a workshop with Kathy Peterson will be held at West Bench Elementary, and Literacy in Action begins on Wednesday. Ms. Hauptman added that the numeracy teachers are continuing with grade meetings and numeracy helping teachers are conducting sessions for parents at parent

advisory councils. Assistant Superintendent Celli advised the only TRIBES training session for Canada will be held in Penticton just prior to the 2007 Summer Leadership Conference and the social responsibility group is trying to get well trained individuals at each site.

**b. Provincial Exam Results (2005-06)**

Assistant Superintendent Celli presented an overview of the district's results in grade 10 and 12 provincial exams. In grade 12, district average exam scores were at or above provincial levels in eight of 12 courses; SD67 participation rates were above provincial levels in all 12 courses; the SD67 examination pass rate met or exceeded the provincial rate in ten out of 12 courses; and the district's student rate of honours level achievement met or exceeded provincial levels on seven out of 12 exams. Mr. Celli added that 46 students from our district received provincial scholarships. Grade 11 provincial exams were slightly above the provincial rate and grade 10 exams results were very similar to last year. Overall, the exam results were very good, a tribute to the students, teachers, and supporting families.

**c. Dogwood Completion Rates**

The superintendent reviewed the Dogwood completion rates for SD67 for the past five years, which showed the district's 6-year Dogwood completion rate at 84% and the provincial rate at 79%. The graduation rate was at 97% for the district compared to 94% at the provincial level.

**10.2 Communication and Access**

**a. Field Trips**

The superintendent of schools reviewed a listing of field trip requests circulated with the agenda package, two of which had been approved by the superintendent pursuant to policy.

MOTION: Denesiuk/Van Alphen that the following field trip request be approved for funding pursuant to board policy:

- November 15 to 17, 2006, for 16 senior girls from Penticton Secondary to travel to Burnaby to compete in the provincial field hockey AAA championships.

CARRIED

MOTION: Van Alphen/Andrews that the following field trip request be approved for funding pursuant to board policy:

- November 29 to December 2, 2006, for 11 senior girls from Penticton Secondary School to travel to North Vancouver to compete in the provincial volleyball championships.

CARRIED

MOTION: Huebert/Denesiuk that the following field trip request be approved:

- March 19 to 30, 2007, for 43 students from Penticton Secondary, Princess Margaret Secondary, and Summerland Secondary schools to visit tourist sites in England and France.

CARRIED

MOTION: Denesiuk/Andrews that the following field trip request be approved:

- April 3 to 11, 2007, for 39 students from Penticton Secondary and Summerland Secondary schools to travel to England and France to take part in the Vimy Ridge 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary rededication ceremony.

CARRIED

MOTION: Manning/Van Alphen that the following field trip request be approved in principle:

- September 25 to 29, 2007, for 45 students from Penticton Secondary and Summerland Secondary schools to participate in the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon.

CARRIED

### 10.3 Other Items

#### a. Enrolment

The superintendent of schools noted that enrolment as of December 31, 2006 shows 7,132 students (6,832.908 FTE) in the district.

#### b. French Immersion Registration

The superintendent reviewed the timelines and process associated with the French Immersion registrations noting that information was distributed today to all students. All applications received prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007, will be considered on a random draw (lottery) basis for the available seats and a wait list reflecting the order of the names drawn for any seats should they become available.

#### c. Class Composition Report

The superintendent reviewed details on school class size and composition consultation meetings held between November 4 and January 12. It was noted that all principals have submitted a report to the superintendent confirming these classes are appropriate for student learning and school planning councils have been informed regarding the class sizes and composition. Information has also been provided to the district parent advisory council.

MOTION: Van Alphen/Jamieson that the report on school class size/ composition consultation meetings be received and accepted.

CARRIED

### 11.0 REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES

### 12.0 NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 12.1 Committee and Representative Appointments

Chairman Little presented committee and representative appointments to November 2007.

MOTION: Jamieson/Andrews that the committee and representative appointments to November 2007 be confirmed.

CARRIED

### 13.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

**13.1 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting**

The BCSTA Provincial Council meeting will be held on February 9 to 10, 2007 in Vancouver. Trustee Manning will attend.

**13.2 BCSTA Okanagan Branch Meeting**

The BCSTA Okanagan Branch meeting will be held on February 23 and 24, 2007 in Merritt.

**13.3 BCSTA Annual General Meeting**

The deadline for submission of motions for BCSTA's annual general meeting to be held April 19 to 22, 2007 in Victoria is as follows:

- Extraordinary motions – February 7, 2007
- Substantive motions – February 16, 2007

**13.4 Date of Next Meeting**

- February 12, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, School Board Office

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

School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) extended congratulations to the students and groups for outstanding examples of success as shown on the listing circulated with the agenda package.

**14.2 Recognition of Student Artwork**

Students from Summerland Middle School were recognized for their artwork currently on display at the school board office:

- Abigail Meeten – Grade 6
- Ana Holler – Grade 6
- Brandon Lawrence – Grade 8
- Brianna Miller – Grade 7
- Josy Von Krosigk – Grade 8

**14.3 Trustee Comments**

Trustees provided general comments related to district and school activities including Christmas presentations, the SAFE program at Queen's Park Elementary, and safety in school zones.

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Manning/Andrews that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

**16.0 QUESTION PERIOD**

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer