

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (DELTA)

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: February 23, 2016 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

PRESENT: Trustees: V. Windsor, Chairperson
R. Bennett
N. Kanakos
F. Milat
B. Reid
D. Saip

D. Turner, Superintendent of Schools
R. Allnutt, Director, Human Resources
D. Annett, Director,
International Student Programs
B. Bauman, Director, Learning Services –
Special Programs
N. Christ, Director,
Finance & Management Services
F. Geyer, Director, Facilities & Planning
N. Gordon, Assistant Superintendent
T. Johnson, District Principal,
Learning Services
D. Michaud, Communications Manager
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant
D. Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent
J. Strain, Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT: Trustees: L. Dixon

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Windsor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Chairperson Windsor opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen and Musqueam First Nations, and all of the Coast Salish peoples who have been stewards of this land since time immemorial.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Milat/Reid

THAT the agenda be adopted with the following addition under New Business:

- 8a – Motion to BCSTA.

CARRIED

CAREER TRANSITIONS

Mr. Doug Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Mr. Brian Tivy, Career Transitions & Applied Skills Coordinator, who introduced and presented certificates along with Chairperson Windsor to those students who successfully completed an ACE IT program last year (both course work & ITA requirements). Mr. Tivy thanked Ms. Darlene Danielson and Ms. Patty Burr for all of their work, and introduced Mr. Jack Buchanan, ACE IT Carpentry Instructor.

Chairperson Windsor wished the students good luck with their future endeavours, and thanked them for attending this evening's meeting.

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Mr. Mohammad Aminul Islam, President of the Mother Language Lovers of the World Society, BC, provided a presentation on International Mother Language Day.

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Reid

THAT the Delta School District recognize February 21st of each year (or the closest day on which school is in session) as International Mother Language Day.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Milat/Kanakos

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 12, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following events he recently attended:

- BC Public School Employers' Association AGM – Cooperative Gains and what that may look like was discussed.
- Delta Youth Advisory Council (DYAC) meeting held at Delview Secondary. The topic of the meeting was bullying. Trustee Kanakos would like to see the district keep on top of this, and ensure that elementary schools are also well informed.

Trustee Bennett reported on the following event she recently attended:

- Opening of Delta Secondary's 30 Hour Famine where \$5,000 was raised for a couple of charities. Trustee Bennett conveyed her appreciation to the teachers and students for all of their hard work.

Chairperson Windsor noted for the record that during the In-Camera Board meeting of January 26, 2016, while discussing a matter regarding payment of Teachers Teaching on Call and part time teachers, and the relevant provisions of the collective agreement between the BC Teachers' Federation and the BC Public School Employers' Association, Trustees Saip, Milat and Reid declared a conflict of interest and excused themselves from the meeting while this topic was discussed. Chairperson Windsor also reported on the following events she recently attended, as well as upcoming events:

- The Delta Board of Education had a brief meeting with Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald of the Indigenous Education Institute of Canada at UBC, regarding the Delta School District's Aboriginal Education Review. The report will be presented at the March 8, 2016 Regular meeting.
- The BC School Trustees' Association AGM is being held next month, and the Provincial budget will be coming forward March 15th.
- Flash Mob at North Delta Secondary at 11:30 am tomorrow in support of Anti-Bullying Day.

Chairperson Windsor thanked everyone involved in District Day on Friday. It was a wonderful day and a lot of hard work was put in by staff, the DTA and CUPE.

Chairperson Windsor introduced the following partner group representatives:

- Ms. Patti Price, President of CUPE Local 1091.
- Mr. Ashif Jiwa and Mr. Aaron Akune, Representatives from the Association of Delta School Administrators.

Chairperson Windsor took a moment to thank Ms. Michaud for all of her work. In times of crisis she has been a calming influence, and has always been an enthusiastic promoter of all of the great things happening in this district. Ms. Michaud is leaving at the end of the month to join the North Vancouver School District as their Communications Manager. Chairperson Windsor wished Ms. Michaud all of the best in her new job.

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2015/2016 AMENDED BUDGET

M/S Trustees Saip/Kanakos

THAT the Board of Education give approval for three readings at one meeting of the 2015/2016 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw.

THAT the 2015/2016 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$170,974,604 be given three readings and adopted.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Milat/Kanakos

THAT the 2015/2016 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$170,974,604 be given a FIRST Reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Reid/Bennett

THAT the 2015/2016 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$170,974,604 be given a SECOND Reading.

CARRIED

M/S Trustees Milat/Saip

THAT the 2015/2016 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$170,974,604 be given a THIRD Reading and Adopted.

CARRIED

THREE-YEAR COMMUNICATION PLAN

M/S Trustees Saip/Milat

THAT the Three-Year Communication Plan be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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FIELD TRIPS

In accordance with Administrative Procedure 260, the Board was advised of the following multiple-day field trips:

- Burnsvew Secondary – Field trip to Italy from March 11-22, 2016.
- Delta Secondary – Field trip to Managua, Nicaragua from March 10-28, 2016.
- Devon Gardens Elementary – Field trip to Montreal and Quebec City, Quebec from February 28 to March 5, 2016.
- Delview Secondary – Field trip to Italy and Greece from March 16-28, 2016.
- North Delta Secondary – Field trip to Italy and Germany from March 15-23, 2016.
- Seaquam Secondary – Field trip to Seattle, Washington from March 4-5, 2016.
- Seaquam Secondary – Field trip to Peru from March 14-26, 2016.
- Seaquam Secondary – Field trip to Costa Rica/Nicaragua from March 21-29, 2016.
- South Delta Secondary – Field trip to Italy from March 25 to April 2, 2016.

MOTION TO BCSTA

M/S Kanakos/Milat

THAT BCSTA request the Ministry of Education recognize and support ELL students by creating a dedicated ELL staff member (specifically trained in the teaching of ELL) within the Ministry whose focus is to improve the capacity of school districts to support curriculum implementation and instruction leading to improved outcomes for all ELL students in BC.

CARRIED

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

March 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Delta School Board Office
4585 Harvest Drive
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Kanakos/Milat

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of February 23, 2016 be adjourned.

CARRIED

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer