

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: March 8, 2016 7:30 p.m.  
District Administration Building

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

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  
T. Nelson-Trick, Executive Assistant  
D. Sheppard, Assistant Superintendent  
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services  
J. Strain, Secretary-Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

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

CARRIED

Trustee Bennett 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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Trustees Milat/Kanakos  
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Windsor/Reid

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 23, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Bennett asked everyone to take a moment today to appreciate and celebrate International Women's Day.

Trustee Windsor reported on the following events she recently attended:

- District Science Fair at Scottsdale Mall.
- Flash mob at North Delta Secondary School in support of anti-bullying day.
- Productions of Alice@Wonderland at North Delta Secondary School, and Rent at Sands Secondary School.
- BC Curling Championships at the Delta Thistle Curling Club, hosted by Seaquam Secondary School and organized by Marion McNeill, a former employee with the district. Sixteen teams attended the Championships.
- Google Expeditions at North Delta Secondary School, also attended by Chairperson Dixon.

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following event and committee meeting he recently attended:

- The Delta Leadership Prayer Breakfast was a great event at Tsawwassen Springs, and was attended by most of the Trustees.
- District Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting – Mr. Michel Latendresse of the Delta Fire and Emergency Services Department, and Constable Mike Atkinson of the Delta Police, attended the meeting to go over lockdown and shelter in place procedures. There seems to be some confusion between jurisdictions, and therefore is an area that needs some clarification.

Trustee Reid attended the Junior Golf Classic today. There were some great golfers there, including some from the Golf Academy. It was a great orientation.

Chairperson Dixon attended a meeting with representatives from seven Ministries, in Victoria on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The focus of the meeting was youth mental health and substance abuse.

Chairperson Dixon also reminded everyone of some important dates to remember for the upcoming budget process:

- This evening's meeting includes an opportunity for the public to provide input regarding their priorities to development of the draft budget.
- At the April 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, there will be an opportunity for the public to provide their input on the draft 2016/2017 budget before Trustees make a final decision.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> the Ministry will announce the funding for student allocations.

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Chairperson Dixon introduced the following guests in the audience:

- Elder Rose Guerin and Elder Roberta Price.
- Ms. Laura Cassidy and Ms. Louise Ahlm, Executive Councillors, and Mr. Tom McCarthy, Chief Administrative Officer, from Tsawwassen First Nation.
- Ms. Bernadette Kudzin, Constituency Assistant for MLA Vicki Huntington.
- Mr. Aaron Akune and Mr. Ashif Jiwa, Representatives from the Association of Delta School Administrators.
- Mr. Paul Steer, Ms. Arabella Devlin and Ms. Susan Yao from the Delta Teachers' Association.
- Ms. Patti Price and Ms. Alexis MacPherson from CUPE Local 1091.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION REVIEW

Mr. Brad Bauman, Director of Learning Services, provided some background information on the comprehensive review of Aboriginal Education that was initiated in the Spring of 2015. The review will provide guidance, and open the door for supporting and celebrating the success for all Aboriginal students. Mr. Bauman introduced Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald (Q'um Q'um Xiiem) of the Indigenous Education Institute of Canada, and Dr. Colleen Hawkey of EduData Canada, at UBC. Dr. Archibald acknowledged the traditional lands of Musqueam and Tsawwassen First Nation, then provided an overview of the report highlighting the following areas:

- Emerging Context
- Research Questions
- Methodology (September to December 2015)
- Findings
- Recommendations.

Trustees thanked Dr. Archibald and Dr. Hawkey for the comprehensive report.

Ms. Louise Ahlm, Executive Councillor with Tsawwassen First Nation, thanked the Board for undertaking the study, and was pleased to see there was a recommendation for the pull out program to be examined. Ms. Ahlm feels that all students, Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal, should receive Aboriginal Education together. Going through the public education system wasn't a good experience for her. She is very happy to see that everyone is being educated, but feels that it needs to be done together. There has been a lack of education and communication, but if we all work on it together, it will hopefully pull us all together as well.

Elder Roberta Price honoured the Board of Education and Superintendent Turner for embarking on this important work, and acknowledged Administrators, parents and students in the district for their participation in the review. Elder Price also honoured Dr. Archibald and her team on their work, and noted that as we go forward together there will be healing for everyone.

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Elder Rose Guerin expressed how proud she is to be a part of Musqueam, and is pleased that Trustee Bennett is a representative on the Delta Board of Education. Elder Guerin works closely with the Tsawwassen First Nation, and is honoured to represent their family. She has felt blessings from the district, teachers and resource workers, who have not hesitated to support their family. Respect has come a long way, and she is glad to see that bullying is being addressed more, however, as we move forward there is still work to do. Elder Guerin thanked Trustees and staff for the invitation to this evening's meeting, and for allowing their feedback.

EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

M/S Trustees Saip/Milat

THAT the Delta Board of Education extend the appointment of PriceWaterhouseCoopers as its auditor for an additional one-year term of 2015/2016.

CARRIED

PUBLIC INPUT TO THE 2016/2017 BUDGET

The following provided input for the 2015/2016 Budget:

- Ms. Patti Price, President of CUPE Local 1091.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

April 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Delta School Board Office  
4585 Harvest Drive  
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Windsor/Kanakos

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of March 8, 2016 be adjourned.

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ADJOURNMENT: 9:03 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer