

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

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: January 10, 2017 7:30 p.m.
District Administration Building

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

D. Sheppard, Superintendent of Schools
R. Allnutt, Director, Human Resources
J. Angelidis, Director, Learning Services –
Inclusive Learning
B. Bauman, Assistant Superintendent
N. Christ, Director,
Finance & Management Services
J. Hill, Communications & Marketing Manager
T. Johnson, District Principal,
Learning Services
R. Sonsalla, Executive Assistant
N. Stephenson, Director, Learning Services
J. Strain, Secretary-Treasurer

ABSENT: Trustees: F. Milat

CALL TO ORDER

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

CARRIED

Chairperson Dixon 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 Saip/Kanakos
THAT the agenda be adopted as distributed.

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ACADEMIES

Mr. Ted Johnson, District Principal of Continuing Education, introduced Ms. Paige Hansen, District Vice-Principal of Academy Programs, who provided an update on Delta's Academies. Ms. Hansen's presentation highlighted the following areas:

- Fine Arts Academies – Dance, Film Acting, Film Production and Opera & Performance
- Sports – Baseball, Golf, Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer and Softball
- Enrolment, including International Students and Out-of-District Students
- Financial Assistance
- Delta Academies Open House on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the School Board Office
- Check out #dowhatyoulove!

Trustee Windsor spoke about the Opera Academy's performance with the Vancouver Opera. Students started working with a teacher in Vancouver in September and wrote their own opera. They were invited to perform at the O'Brien Centre, and will be performing again at the Vancouver Opera Festival where the theme will be "Canada".

Trustee Kanakos thanked Ms. Hansen for the direction she has taken the Academies, moving forward and expanding beyond just sports.

Chairperson Dixon mentioned the district has kept the numbers status quo for a while, and would like to know if they need to revisit such things as bursary amounts. With the Opera Academy, we are learning as we go. It is fascinating to see the workings of it, and she is glad to see everything is running smoothly.

Mr. Johnson mentioned in closing that there are kids and parents who are very thankful for the Academies. There are some kids who would not be going to school if it wasn't for them.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S Trustees Windsor/Kanakos

THAT the Minutes of the Regular meeting of November 8, 2016 and the Inaugural of December 13, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Trustee Kanakos reported on the following events he recently attended:

- Opera Academy Performance
- IB Graduation at Seaquam Secondary.

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Chairperson Dixon reported that staff and Trustees were very appreciative for the various Christmas concerts that were held throughout district. Students, parents and staff all did a great job. Chairperson Dixon also thanked the Grounds crew and school Administrators for keeping the pathways to schools viable through the winter snow and ice, and asked parents to take caution and be mindful of the ice.

2017/2018 DISTRICT CALENDAR

M/S Trustees Windsor/Kanakos

THAT the Board of Education approve the proposed 2017/2018 district calendar.

CARRIED

FIELD TRIPS

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

- Delta Softball Academy – Field trip to Orlando, Florida from January 11-16, 2017.
- Cliff Drive Elementary – Field trip to Montreal, Quebec from January 21-28, 2017.
- Sunshine Hills Elementary – Field trip to Montreal, Quebec from January 28 – February 3, 2017.
- Chalmers Elementary – Field trip to Montreal and Quebec City, Quebec from January 28 – February 3, 2017.
- Sands Secondary – Field trip to Silver Star Mountain from February 2-4, 2017.
- Ladner Elementary – Field trip to Montreal, Quebec from February 19-25, 2017.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

February 28, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Delta School Board Office
4585 Harvest Drive
Delta, BC

ADJOURNMENT

M/S Trustees Reid/Bennett

THAT the Delta School Board meeting of January 10, 2017 be adjourned.

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer