

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
June 23, 2009

Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7: 37 p.m.

L. Dolen, Chair
M. Gilbert, Vice-Chair
C. Maginel, Trustee
L. Bumstead, Trustee
D. Tofte, , Trustee

R. Irwin, Director of Instruction
M. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer
K. Prouse, Recording Secretary

Absent: D. Samchuck, Superintendent

B. Dolan G. Mercer, FNSS, , L. MacNeil, K. Tofte, D. Stephenson, Y. Taylor, S. Payne, R. Ward, P. Burt (left at 7:43 p.m.)

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| R09-198 | Acceptance of the Agenda
That the Agenda be accepted as amended.
CARRIED | Gilbert/Maginel |
| R09-199 | Secretary-Treasurer Hall, had an addition to the agenda: Education: Action 6d –Wax tender/Janitorial
CARRIED | |
| R09-200 | Acceptance of the Minutes
That the minutes of the previous Open Meeting of June 2, 2009 be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

Report of Closed Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exempt Salary Adjustments• Superintendent & Secretary-Treasurer Salary adjustment• Speech Pathologist Salary Adjustment• BCPSEA – Call for Board of Director• Sexual Orientation Draft Policy• Transfers in/out May• Suspension Report for June• District Discipline Review Committee Report for June• Staff Evaluations• Exempt Staff LTD | Bumstead/Gilbert |
- Presentation: Board Room Technology Plan

District Vice-Principal Technology P. Burt proceeded with an explanation and discussion on the plan and provided an attachment. The School Board Office is waiting on PLN for fibre optics to be installed. The upgrades would be comparable to the high school and Northern Lights College.

District Vice-Principal Technology P. Burt left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Presentation: Timetable Reconfiguration - FNSS
Georgina Mercer started the presentation with an explanation of the Ministry required DPA/Tutorial and Collaboration time. The program will start in September – will need time to set up schedules and readjust schedules for transition time.

Trustee Bumstead indicated that it was nice to see the staff really excited and wishes them all the best of luck.

AT 8:30 p.m. K. Tofte, B. Dolan, D. Stephenson, L. MacNeil, G. Mercer, R. Ward left the meeting.

R09-201

Sexual Orientation Policy

Gilbert/Maginel

That the Board of Education forward the draft Policy to a policy committee for their consideration in the new school year.

CARRIED

Tentative Trustee PAC assignments for 2009/2010

- Trustee Bumstead – RLA
- Trustee Maginel – GWC
- Trustee Gilbert – FNSS
- Trustee Tofte – JSC
- Trustee Dolen – TOAD

These may be reassigned in September when PAC's and Trustees have determined their PAC meeting dates.

Board Meeting Dates

Gilbert/Maginel

That the Board of Education change the Board Meeting Proceedings Bylaw #3 to read that the Open Board Meeting to change the start time of 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bylaw 2.12 - A regular Closed meeting schedule shall be determined by the Trustees on an annual basis at their first meeting on the third Tuesday of September.

Times of Closed meeting shall be determined by the Trustees at this meeting.

The Trustees continued with a discussion around a 5:00 p.m. meeting start time with a formal start time of 5:30 for the closed meeting. Any changes to the bylaw would have to be in accordance with the current bylaw procedures to have 3 readings. A suggestion of starting the open meetings at 7:00 p.m. the bylaw would be looked at again at the first meeting in September, 2009.

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| R09-202 | <p>March 2, 2010 Board Meeting</p> <p>The Board of Education of School District #81 would like to leave the meeting on March 2, 2010 until the February, 2010 day off is determined. A tentative date for the February Board meeting would be February 23, 2010.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Further discussion took place with regards to adding another meeting in July to determine the budget and accountability contract.</p> | Maginel/Bumstead |
| R09-203 | <p>Floor Wax & Janitorial Tenders</p> <p>That the Board of Education endorse the acceptance of the Floor Wax to Wesclean, Grande Prairie, AB in the amount of \$5880.00.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> | Gilbert/Bumstead |
| R09-204 | <p>Janitorial Supplies/Autoscrubber Pads</p> <p>That the Board of Education authorize the administration to accept and approve the tender for Janitorial Supplies & AutoScrubber Pads to Wright's Food Service, Dawson Creek, BC in the amount of \$15,724.50.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Secretary-Treasurer Hall spoke to the Floor Wax and Janitorial Tenders. She indicated that WesClean would be in Fort Nelson on Monday, June 29 to do a presentation on the green cleaning products and to do a demonstration on stripping of the floors. The Floors hadn't been done for a long time and we are not happy with the look of them.</p> | Maginel/Tofte |
| R09-205 | <p>Amendments to the Staff list</p> <p>That the Board of Education receive and file the following amended staff list.</p> | Bumstead/Maginel |

	CARRIED	
R09-206	<p>Board Office Closure</p> <p>That the Board of Education authorize the Board Office Closure from July 27 – Aug. 17, 2009 (inclusive of those days)</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Bumstead/Maginel
R09-207	<p>Budget Bylaw</p> <p>That the Board of School Trustees unanimously approve all three readings of the Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009-2010.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Bumstead/Maginel
R09-208	<p>That the Board of School Trustees adopt the Final Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009-2010.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p><i>"Trustee Tofte and Gilbert stated that due to a potential perceived conflict of interest with respect to discussion and voting on the approval of the annual 2009-10 budget, a contact was made with a representative from BCSTA, Legal Counsel Judith Clark and that Trustees Tofte and Gilbert have considered the implications of this discussion and vote and feel that we are not in a conflict of interest as a our spouses, who are long term teachers in the district, have significant seniority and we don't feel that they would be impacted by this decision and vote tonight"</i></p> <p>Secretary-Treasurer Hall proceeded with a detailed explanation of the budget and the budget shortfalls. Due to the short timelines we were not able to host public meetings. Feb. 15 is the date that we send our projected enrolment figures to ministry over time we discovered some of the special ed students would possibly not be attending, we adjusted our revenue from the ministry, we don't know what September will bring and in the meantime we have prepared the budget with that much less revenue.</p> <p>The Administration asked the Board of Education to adopt the Budget Bylaw and authorize the administration to access \$90,000 from surplus. The district administration will provide a report in the fall with regards to district travel and reducing all district travel by 15%.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Bumstead/Tofte
R09-209		Gilbert/Tofte
R09-210	<p>Chair Dolen brought forward a motion to prolong the</p>	Gilbert/Maginel

meeting for an additional 20 minutes.
CARRIED

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| R09-211 | District Literacy Plan
That the Board of Education review and file the attached District Literacy Plan
CARRIED | Gilbert/Tofte |
| R09-212 | Draft Energy Report
That the Board of Education review and file the draft Energy Report.
CARRIED | Maginel/Gilbert |
| R09-213 | Information
That the Board of Education of School District #81 receive and file the following Education: Information items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal's Reports• Thank you to Mr. Wes Sutherland & Dave Soules.• Literacy Plan CARRIED | Bumstead/Maginel |

Trustee Reports/inquiries/Inquiries from Open Agenda

- Trustee Gilbert –June 2, 2009 Minutes
Amendment
Item R09 –I97 Trustee compensation: 2 motions not a single motion
#1 – that the Board Chair be increased in the amount of \$1500 to be drawn from the trustee travel.
#2 – A 5% increase for general trustee compensation be deferred for review for a year.
(Bumstead/Maginel)
- Trustee Maginel – stopped at Toad River and visited the school last week she was quite impressed.
- Trustee Bumstead – attended a Success by 6 meeting, she noted that there was a lot of money raised for Jump Rope for Heart. She attended the last PAC meeting at GWC and wanted to bring to the Board's attention that the PAC changed their banking from Nova Scotia to Credit Union due to service charges.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall indicated that they shouldn't have been charged and would look into.
- Trustee Tofte – Attended the Talent show at RLA and the 1st annual track meet at FNSS: the awards ceremony and PAC Meeting. The PAC has agreed to give \$2700 for travel and fund the year book.
Attended the RLA art gala, the year end assembly

at RLA, the BCSTA Board Facilitation Training – send a letter to Rob the facilitator thanking, also a letter congratulations to the teachers and all the staff under a lot of pressure to keep everyone happy.

- Chair Dolen – attend FNDDTA /Board Bar-B-Q and Aqua van wonderful, LMA adjustment meeting, will be going to Toad for yearend assembly, attended the scholarship committee meeting, will be attending FNSS grad on Friday. Also spoke to Moose FM Re: FNSS Incident.
- Secretary-Treasurer Hall attended many activities: non-academic awards, the scholarship committee meeting at FNSS. She thought that Mrs. Henry had the meeting very well organized and appreciated the stats that she has been collating over the years.
- Director of Instruction Irwin attended the Success by 6, the RLA Art Gala, the Local LEA signing at Chalo, and would like to have dialogue with Chalo for next year to have the annual signing in one of our buildings next year
- FNDDTA President Y. Taylor – nothing to report

R09-214

Bumstead/Gilbert

Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Linda Dolen
Chairperson

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer