

FORT NELSON SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Open Meeting
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Oct. 6, 2009

Call to order Chair Dolen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

Alan Bone, Auditor – Sander Rose Trobak LLP, Chartered Accountants
Yvette Taylor, President FNDTA
Sherry Payne, FNDTA Social Justice
Sarah Nay, FNDTA Professional Rep.

Sherry Payne, FNDTA Social Justice, left the meeting at 7:00 pm

R09-229 Acceptance of the Agenda Bumstead/Maginel
That the Agenda be accepted as amended.
CARRIED

Move the Finance Action Item 9a. Adopt Financial Audit to 4.
Presentation.

R09-230 Acceptance of the Minutes – Bumstead/Maginel
That the minutes of the previous Closed Meeting of June 23, 2009, be
accepted as amended.
CARRIED

*"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"*

R09-231 That the Board of Education School District #81 adopt the 2009/2010 Bumstead/Maginel
Audited Financial Statement.
CARRIED

Presentation of Audit
Auditor Alan Bone left the meeting at 7:05 pm:

Report of Closed Items:

- Audit Presentation (6:30 p.m.)
- Bussing for Prophet River
- Bank Charges for PAC
- Installation of Equipment at GWC
- Value of Activity Bus
- Contract for Alternate Bussing Arrangement
- Wireless Update
- Toad Plug In – Nov. 21
- Speech Language Pathologist Contract
- Support Staff Evaluation
- Request for bussing support for Prophet River Suspension Report for September
- District Discipline Review Committee Report for September
- Report on Toad River

Business Arising

Appreciation of Service Awards - Staff Appreciation – staff members were invited but not available to attend Board meeting.

2010 Budget Consultation Process

That the Board of Education advise the administration how they would like to participate in the Government 2010 budget Consultation Process.

Secretary-Treasurer Hall described the information presented. She encouraged all trustees to visit the site and provide their input. Chair Dolen indicated that she would draft a letter to share with PAC presidents and newspaper.

R09-232	<p>Class Size and Composition</p> <p>That the Board of Education of School District #81 receive and file the report as provided.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	Maginel/Bumstead
R09-233	<p>Sexual Orientation Policy</p> <p>Table until the next meeting.</p> <p>Motion to table the item until the next meeting was defeated.</p>	Maginel/Gilbert
R09-234	<p>Sexual Orientation Policy</p> <p>That the Board of Education adopt Policy 4055 Sexual Orientation.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Gilbert was opposed.</p> <p>A discussion proceeded around the procedures and processes for adopting policies. Policy was presented, drafted and distributed for comment or further discussion. One person commented on the policy – it was then taken to a newly developed policy committee meeting for</p>	Tofte/Bumstead

further wording changes. The changes were made and then brought forward to the Open Board meeting.

R09-235	<p>Amendments to the Staff List That the Board of Education receive and file the amendments to the staff list. CARRIED</p>	Bumstead/Tofte
R09-236	<p>Community Services – Use of Facilities Waiver of fees That the Board of Education review the attached letter and approve the waiver as security and cleaning arrangements are identified as reasonable. CARRIED</p> <p>Trustee Tofte excused himself from the table citing a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Trustee Tofte did not vote on this item.</p>	Bumstead/Gilbert
R09-237	<p>Education: Information That the Board of Education of School District #81 receive and file the following Education -Information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EDI Community Summary• Full-Day Kindergarten• Enrolment Update• Provincial Exam results <p>CARRIED</p>	Bumstead/Maginei
R09-238	<p>Financial Information That the Board of Education receive and file the information presented by Secretary-Treasurer Hall. CARRIED</p> <p>Secretary-Treasurer Hall gave an overview of the Financial Report and enrolment.</p> <p>Trustee Reports/inquiries/Inquires from Open Agenda</p> <p>Chair Dolen talked about the submission of her attendance at a conference in Smithers, she left a book in the Board room if anyone would like to borrow it. She also attended the policy meeting and the Oil and Gas Expo.</p> <p>Trustee Bumstead –was unable to attend the RL Angus PAC meeting. She emailed the president of the PAC with regards to the bank charges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Will be at next RL Angus PAC meeting , and Walk for Breakfast in the morning– Went to the Oil and Gas Expo with Linda, very educational– Attended the Board/Association meeting, also Calendar meeting– Away Oct 16 – 31 attending the BCPSEA Symposium and BCSTA Provincial Council Conference in Vancouver	Bumstead/Maginei

Trustee Gilbert

- Attended FNSS PAC meeting
- attended Oil and Gas Expo, and Board Association meeting

Trustee Maginel

- Attended Oil and Gas Expo, G W Carlson PAC meeting and the Policy Committee meeting

Trustee Tofte

- Attended the JSC PAC meeting
- Swing set shut down for safety reasons
- Wondering what ever happened to guidelines – draft guidelines?
- JSC were aggressively looking for grants
- Attended the Corporate fund raising meeting
- Policy meeting
- Board/Association meeting
- Thank you to Patti Burt, District Vice-Principal Technology for uploading the policy manual to the SD 81 website
- Congratulations to the Secretary-Treasurer and administration on your audit – well done

- Director of Instruction Irwin – nothing to report
- Superintendent Samchuck - nothing to report

Secretary-Treasurer Hall

- Spent time on Carbon Webinar
- Working on implementing the PAC Site on FirstClass system

R09-239

Internally Restricted Surplus

Tofte/Bumstead

That the Board of Education authorize the following items from the internally restricted surplus:

Can West Global Foundation	1000
Early Learning	99,626
Employee Housing	44,351
Equipment Rental	10,170
Industry Training	15,000
Literacy	42,307
NRRM Contribution	8,000
Strong Starts	<u>18,969</u>
Total Internally Restricted	239,423
CARRIED	

Superintendent Samchuck

- 3rd Pandemic Committee Meeting tomorrow –pre-pandemic planning done, continue on education plan. Wrote a letter to staff, did a communication tree of district office –checking on janitorial training – everybody that was delegated has done their work, committee is

working well.

Trustee Gilbert asked if our plan is linked to community plan?

Superintendent Samchuck indicated that there has been no contact with the Regional District with regards to any plans.

- Finance Committee Meeting – Nov. 2
- Education Meeting - Nov
- Policy Meeting - Nov. 19

FNDTA President Taylor

- attended bargaining conference
- Still working on prod registration will be on line, books will be out to people. If you need a book let Yvette know. Invited the Board of Education to attend the Pro-D Sessions.

Sarah Nay – nothing to report

R09-240

Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED

Bumstead/Maginel

Linda Dolen
Chairperson

Margaret-Anne Hall
Secretary-Treasurer