

4. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Hansen submitted a written report on his activities since the last Board meeting.

Moved: Swan That the Board of Directors receive the
Seconded: Adrian Executive Director's report as presented.

CARRIED Res. #41/2009

5. Action Items

5.1 2009-2010 Strategic Priorities Update

The Board reviewed and revised the 2009-2010 Strategic Priorities report developed by staff in response to the Board Planning session in June 2009. A revised report will be sent to the Board prior to the September board meeting.

Moved: Hyndes That the 2009-2010 Strategic Priorities be
Seconded: Adrian adopted in principle with the recommended
changes.

CARRIED Res. #42/2009

5.2 Paperless Meeting Solutions Report

Executive Assistant, Maggie Li updated the Board on the staff's evaluation of several paperless solutions. The Board agreed that the Acrobat PDF solution is sufficient for the board's meeting needs. BCSTA will provide Adobe Acrobat Professional licenses to board members who cannot get this application from their school board office. Adobe Acrobat Professional will allow board members to annotate their pdf agenda packages.

Moved: Mumford That the Board will continue using Acrobat
Seconded: PDF as the board's paperless meeting
Hyndes solution.

CARRIED Res. #43/2009

5.3 Citizenship Award Investment Strategy

The Board reviewed the current investment strategy for the BCSTA Student Citizenship Award.

Moved: Mumford That BCSTA will allocate an additional amount
Seconded: from the 2004/2005 student citizenship
McEvoy award.

CARRIED Res. #44/2009

5.4 *Copyright Litigation and Council of Ministers of Education (CMEC)*

The Board considered a recent decision of the Copyright Board of Canada that will increase the fees paid for photocopying in BC schools.

Moved: McEvoy That the President write to the Minister of
Seconded: Education expressing appreciation and
Mumford requesting continual efforts of the Ministry
 through the Council of Ministers to defend the
 rights and interests of educational users of
 copyright materials.

CARRIED Res. #45/2009

5.5 *2011-2012 Post-election Academy*

The Board provided feedback to staff on BCSTA's organization of trustee academies after trustee elections in 2011.

5.6 *BCSTA and Boards Budgets*

President Denesiuk updated the Board on issues regarding ministry and board budgets including AFG grants, HST impact, gaming grants, etc. The Board discussed the impact on boards and proposed different ways how BCSTA should respond. The Board agreed that BCSTA will continue to advocate strongly and creatively against any budget cuts on education from the Ministry.

6. Information/Discussion Items

6.1 *BCSTA External Committee Participation Report*

The Board reviewed the list of external committees with BCSTA representatives. The Board requested staff to find any current BCSTA policy on participation in external committees and if necessary, develop a policy that sets parameters for BCSTA's involvement on external committees.

6.2 *In-District Facilitation Report*

The Board reviewed a report summarizing the in-district facilitations provided to boards from 2001-2009.

6.3 *Harmonized Sales Tax*

The Board reviewed an email sent by BCASBO regarding the implications of HST on boards of education.

6.4 *Potential School Fees Class Actions*

The Board reviewed information regarding potential class actions about school fees being considered by private law firms in Canada.

6.5 Office of the Comptroller General

The Board reviewed correspondence from the BC Office of the Comptroller General to boards of education on the internal audit review of K-12 funding and monthly reporting requirement.

6.6 UBCM meeting and School Lands

The Board considered BCSTA's position on land disposals in preparation of a meeting with UBCM, BCSTA and our respective Ministers at the UBCM Convention in September 2009.

6.7 President's Schedule and BCSTA Calendar on BCSTA Website

The Board reviewed the new format of the President's schedule and BCSTA calendar as displayed on the BCSTA website.

7. Standing Reports

7.1 Branch/School Board Contacts & Committee Update Report

Directors discussed recent and upcoming contacts with their assigned branches and committees.

7.2 Facilitation Report Update

The Board reviewed the updated facilitation report.

8. Tracking of the Board of Directors' Decisions

The Board reviewed the tracking update.

9. Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence received since the June 2009 meeting.

10. Future Items

- BCSTA Policy re: support of external committees
- Gaming grants for funding

11. Adjournment

Moved: Swan That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded:

Rezansoff

CARRIED

Res. #46/2009