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MARCH 9, 2016 - DECISIONS MEETING

Media Release

At a special meeting held last night the Board of Education of School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) made the following motions resulting in the reconfiguration of Summerland schools and the proceedings to close three schools.

The following motions were passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) approve Option I – The reconfiguration of Summerland Secondary to a grade 8-12 secondary school; and the reconfiguration of Summerland Middle school to a grade 4-7 intermediate school; and the reconfiguration of Giant’s Head Elementary school to a grade K-3 primary school; with Trout Creek Elementary school closing, effective June 30, 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) approve Option A – The closure of McNicoll Park Middle School effective June 30, 2016; with Columbia Elementary catchment area students feeding into Skaha Lake Middle school and with Naramata Elementary and Uplands Elementary catchment area students feeding into KVR Middle school; and all students currently attending McNicoll Park Middle School will be disbursed by their current addresses following the catchment areas and feeder schools described above.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha) approve Option B – The closure of West Bench Elementary School effective June 30, 2016; with the current West Bench Elementary catchment area being added to the Carmi Elementary catchment area; the current students moving to Carmi Elementary school with bussing routes and times established and announced before the end of June 2016.

Further, the Board did perform the first two readings of the By-Laws required to officially close Trout Creek Elementary, McNicoll Park Middle and West Bench Elementary schools. These closures will not be official until a third and final reading is performed. The final readings will be performed at a special meeting on March 30, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

“The Board would like to thank everyone who has participated in this process for their time and diligence.” said Chair Linda Van Alphen. *“And thank you to our trustees as these are not decisions that have been made lightly.”*

Further information will be distributed as it comes available if decisions are finalized on March 30, 2016.