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 **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73**
(KAMLOOPS-THOMPSON)
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NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 25, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

- Early closure dates – Amendment 2
- Notice of Motion – Policy 542.1 Violence Threat Risk Assessment

Details of the consent agenda can be found on the public agenda.

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board heard about the success of the 2017 Special Olympics BC Summer Games, which were hosted in Kamloops in early July. Special Olympics President and CEO Dan Howe told trustees that 1,570 athletes and coaches competed in the 11 sports offered. Many of the District's facilities were used to stage events or host athletes. "All of this would not have been possible if we didn't have (the District's) tremendous support," said Howe.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CEA STAFFING REQUEST – To meet the needs of increased enrolment as well as an increase in the numbers of students with special education designation, the Board was asked to approve an additional 12.0 FTEs to the Certified Education Assistant budget. Trustees approved the request unanimously.

RURAL TEACHERS TEACHING ON CALL – The Board was told about an initiative that will see teachers teaching on call hired to specific full-time assignments in the communities of Barriere and Chase. The hiring of term-certain TTOC positions in these communities will address on-going and historic problems filling short-term and temporary vacancies. This will be a one-year "experiment" that could be implemented in other rural communities in the future.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Wade told trustees about the launch of the Maker Program in the district. Every elementary school this year will get a "maker kit" filled with tools and materials. The kits are designed to teach problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity.

The next public board meeting will take place October 2nd in Barriere at 7 p.m.