

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) held in the Mountain View Room of the Education Services Centre at 2121 Lonsdale Avenue in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

PRESENT: A. Wilson, Chair
D. Anderson, Vice Chair
C. Gerlach (joined virtually)
K. Mann
L. Munro
G. Tsiakos
L. Tumaneng

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Antje Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by A. Wilson

Whereas section 67 of the School Act permits trustees to participate in or attend a meeting of the Board by telephone or other means of communication if all trustees and other persons participating in or attending the meeting can communicate with each other.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

A.1. Acknowledgments

Board Chair Wilson acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Coast Salish People, specifically those of the Sk̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliilwətaʔt (Tseil-Waututh) Nation.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by L. Munro

that the agenda as recommended in the Administrative Memorandum, be adopted.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

A.3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Anderson

that the minutes of the public board meeting of February 24, 2026, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public board meeting of March 12, 2026, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

A.4. Public Questions/Comments

There were two public questions received by the Board. However, as the topics were not related to the evening's agenda, Board Chair Wilson informed the other members of the Board that the public questions will be responded to by School District staff via email.

A.5. Educational Presentation – Cheakamus Centre: Outdoor School

Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan welcomed Conor McMullan, Director of Educational Programming. Conor McMullan presented an overview of the program and updates to the Board. The presenter responded to Trustee's questions.

B.1. Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD44-01

Board Chair Wilson welcomed Director of Facilities & Planning Michael Chapman. He provided the Board with an overview of the Capital Plan Bylaw in the agenda package, including the minor capital program. He took questions from the Board.

Board Chair Wilson reminded Trustees of the approval process for Bylaws.

Moved by K. Mann

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD44-01 be read a first time;

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

Moved by D. Anderson

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD44-01 be read a second time;

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

The Board unanimously agreed to proceed to a third reading of the bylaw.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD44-01 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.2. 2026/27 Budget Consultation Update and Board Direction

Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan welcomed Assistant Superintendent Arlene Martin, Assistant Superintendent Adam Baumann, and Executive Director, Human Resources Scott Stanley, introduced the item, and gave background on the Budget Consultation process. Staff provided insights into the operational requirements and strategic plan budget directions for recommendation for 2026/27. Secretary Treasurer Emily Huner gave the highlights on the 2026/27 budget risks. The Executive Team took questions from the Board of Education.

Moved by A. Wilson

that the Board of Education direct staff to proceed with the development of the 2026/27 Annual Budget incorporating the budget priorities recommended by the Executive Committee, as outlined in Appendix A.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

B.3. Proposed Revised Policy 211: Special Education Services and Programs

Superintendent Dr. Ryan made opening comments and introduced Janis Mann, District Principal of Inclusive Education. Ms. Mann summarized the review process that was discussed at the February Public Board Meeting, which included the work of the Inclusion Committee and all school district partner groups.

Moved by A. Wilson

That the North Vancouver Board of Education approve the proposed revised Policy 211: Inclusive Education Services and Programs, as attached to this memorandum of April 14, 2026.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

Trustee Gerlach left at 8:13 pm.

C.1. Indigenous Education Council – Written Update

A written update on the Indigenous Education Council was included in the Board Package and was taken as read; no questions were asked.

C.2. Policy 609: Information and Communication Systems and Resources – Administrative Procedures – Appropriate Use of Technology

There were no questions or comments. It was taken as read and received.

C.3. Tuesday, March 3, 2026 Standing Committee Report

Board Chair Antje Wilson noted that the summary is included in the agenda package for information.

C.4. Committee Reports – Written Update

Written updates on the Joint Job Evaluation Committee and the Joint Education & Program Implementation Committee were included in the Board Package; no questions were asked.

C.5. Land Management – Written Update

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Package.

C.6. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan provided an update to Trustees on events, initiatives, and programming across the school district. No questions were asked.

C.7. Report Out – British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public School Employers’ Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Tumaneng provided an update regarding the BC School Trustees Association. Trustee Mann provided an update regarding BCPSEA.

C.8. Trustees’ Reports/Highlights

Trustees shared recent highlights, for activities from February 25, 2026 to April 14, 2026, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

Meetings attended by Trustees included:

- Public Board Meeting
- Special Public Board Meeting
- In Camera Meeting
- Standing Committee Meeting
- Trustee Seminars
- BCSTA AGM, Online Workshop, Finance & Audit Committee, Metro Branch Meeting, Voter Learning Session, and Legislative Committee Meetings
- BC Public School Employers’ Association (BCPSEA) Sector Call Q&A for Trustee Representatives
- District Student Leadership Council Meeting (Windsor)
- North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Use
- Inclusion Committee
- Safe and Healthy Schools Committee

Events attended by Trustees included:

- 25 Year Employee Recognition Event
- 2026 Trustees' Reception
- Gordon Smith Brilliance Gala
- Westview Elementary Addition Grand Opening
- NVSD Fine arts Open House
- NVSD Dragon's Den Events
- Ready Set Learn Event at Education Services Centre
- Career Pathways – Exploring Careers in the Arts
- North Shore Table Matters Event
- North Shore Restorative Justice Society Event at Capilano University
- Various school visits or events: Brooksbank Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Cove Cliff Elementary, Dorothy Lynas Elementary, Handsworth Secondary, Highlands Elementary, Montroyal Elementary, Mountainside Secondary, Norgate Elementary, Seycove Secondary, Seymour Heights Elementary, Sherwood Park Elementary, Windsor Secondary

D. Future Meetings

The next Public Board Meetings were included in the Board Package.

E. Public Question & Comment Period

Board Chair Wilson called for questions and/or comments from the public noting that in accordance with Board policy, questions relating to personnel, negotiations, or litigation must not be dealt with in a public session.

President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association, Vickie Vinaric had two questions.

Q: Where is the funding coming from for the Youth Engagement Workers?

A: The work of the Youth Engagement Workers, which is different from Education Assistants, is funded through a special purpose grant from the government, "Community Link" funding.

Q: Why, during the Board's budget discussions, was the teachers' pay increase considered an unfunded liability?

A: NVSD #44 anticipates that the 3% will be funded. Even though teachers will receive the negotiated 3% salary increase, the school district may not get the funding to fully cover the cost of the accompanying benefits that come with the increase. It is being closely monitored.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by Emily Huner
Emily Huner
Secretary Treasurer

May 19, 2026
Date

Original signed by Antje Wilson
Antje Wilson
Chair, Board of Education

May 19, 2026
Date