

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, February 25, 2025.

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

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Linda Munro called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgments

Board Chair Munro acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

A.3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the minutes of the public board meeting of January 21, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

A.4. Public Question/Comment Period

There were no public questions or comments received by the Board.

A.5. Educational Presentation: North Vancouver Online Learning

Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan welcomed John McGowan, Principal North Vancouver Online Learning and noted that it is also one of the provincial sites for French Immersion. John McGowan presented an overview of the second year of the program cycle and model to the Board on the North Vancouver Online Learning program.

The presenter responded to Trustee's questions.

B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget and Internal Restriction of Operating Surplus for Fiscal Year 2024/25

Secretary Treasurer, Jacqui Stewart introduced Helena Drury, Director of Finance to present the Amended Annual Budget. Helena Drury highlighted the major changes in revenues and expenses since the 2024/25 Preliminary Annual Budget was adopted on May 21, 2024. In the spring of 2024, a budget of \$251.5 million was projected and it has been revised to \$264.5 million. Ms. Drury also went over the internal restriction of operating surplus for the fiscal year 2024/25.

The 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget was reviewed by the Audit Committee on February 13, 2025 and motions recommending that the Board approve the amended budget were approved.

Staff responded to Trustees' questions.

Recommended Motion 1

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education rescind the restriction to use \$2,072,966 from the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the 2024/25 Preliminary Budget, as approved on May 21, 2024, and

that the Board of Education approve the restriction from the Accumulated Operating Surplus of \$2,072,467 to balance the 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget.

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

Recommended Motion 2

Moved by A. Wilson

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25 be read a first time;

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25 be read a second time;

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

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

Moved by D. Anderson

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2024/25 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

B.2. Proposed Revised Policy 212 – Animals in Schools

Superintendent Ryan welcomed Sarah Best, District Principal, Safe and Healthy Schools, and provided the context for the proposed revisions to Policy 212. Sarah Best went through the changes to the revised policy.

The presenter responded to Trustee's questions.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Revised Policy 212: Animals in Schools as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of February 25, 2025.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Trustee Tsiakos proposed a change to the wording of the first sentence of the second paragraph of the revised Policy 212 Animals in Schools. It will now read, "The Board recognizes that certified or accredited assistance dogs play a role on School District sites in fostering an environment that ensures equitable access to services, programs, and activities within the School District." The Board tabled a motion to approve the change proposed by Trustee Tsiakos.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Revised Policy 212: Animals in Schools as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of February 25, 2025.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

Moved by K.Mann

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Revised Policy 212: Animals in Schools as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of February 25, 2025, as amended.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

A short break was observed.

B.3. Proposed 2025/26 School Calendar

Assistant Superintendent, Adam Baumann provided an overview of the proposed 2025/26 School Calendar, and the comments received. He thanked the education partners including representatives of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association CUPE Local 389, North Vancouver Administrators' Association North Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council, District Student Leadership Council and Trustees Mann and Tsiakos for their contributions.

The presenter responded to Trustee's questions.

Moved by A. Wilson

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed 2025/26 School Calendar as attached to the Administrative Memorandum of February 25, 2025.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

C.1. Educational Update: Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan introduced the item. Assistant Superintendent Arlene Martin and her team provided an update on the board approved 2024/25 Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (September 2024), which sets the direction for North Vancouver School District on how resources are allocated and on efforts to improve student outcomes.

The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

Action: Trustee Gerlach would like to have a more in-depth look at the Ministry provided data regarding completion rates.

C.2 Administrative Procedures: Travel and Business Expenses

Board Chair, Linda Munro noted that the Administrative Procedures: Travel and Business Expenses fall under the purview of the Superintendent and at the Board's request are taken as read and approved.

A request was made to discuss the Administrative Procedures at a Trustee Seminar and be brought back to the Board at a later date.

C.3. Tuesday, February 4, 2025 Standing Committee Report

Trustee Anderson reported on highlights of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting of February 4, 2025.

C.4. Committee Reports – Written Update

Written updates for the Audit Committee, Inclusion Committee, and the Policy Review Committee were included in the Board Package and were taken as read and approved. No questions were asked.

C.5. Land Management – Written Update

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Package. No questions were asked.

C.6. Superintendent's Report

Board Chair Munro introduced Superintendent Ryan, who 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 and BC Public School Employers' Association

Trustee Anderson provided an update on the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council.

Trustee Mann provided an update on British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA).

C.8. Trustees' Reports/Highlights

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from January 21, 2025, to February 25, 2025, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

Meetings attended by Trustees included:

- Public Board Meeting
- Trustee In Camera Meeting
- Trustee Seminars
- Standing Committee
- Audit Committee
- District Student Leadership Council Board Dinner Meeting
- NVTa Bargaining Sessions
- BCSTA meetings including Metro meeting, Annual General Meeting, Legislative Committee and Provincial Council
- BCPSEA Annual General Meeting
- North Shore Table Matters Committee
- North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Use
- City of North Vancouver Advisory Committee
- Safe & Healthy Committee
- Sustainability Committee

Events attended by Trustees included:

- Higher Grounds (Chilhinup) Café Opening
- Various school visits or events: Argyle Secondary, Blueridge Elementary, Boundary Elementary, Braemar Elementary, Carisbrooke Elementary, Carson Graham Secondary, Dorothy Lynas Elementary, Eastview Elementary, Handsworth Secondary, Lynnmour Elementary, Seycove Secondary, Seymour Heights Elementary and Sherwood Park Elementary
- Parent Advisory Council meeting at Braemar Elementary and presentation at Sutherland Secondary
- North Vancouver Teachers' Association Pro D Conference at Carson Secondary School

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting: Budget Development	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm :	Placeholder (if needed) Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:30 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver
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The March 11, 2025, Public Board Meeting will be cancelled as it is not needed.

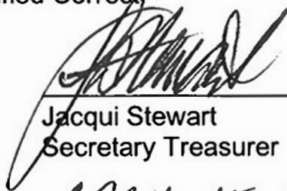
E. Public Question/Comment Period

Board Chair Munro 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.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Munro adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm and thanked those who attended.


Certified Correct:



Jacquie Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

APRIL 15-25

Date



Linda Munro
Chair, Board of Education

April 15, 2025

Date