

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, January 20, 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 G. Tsiakos

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 D. Anderson

Carried

A.1. Acknowledgments

Board Chair Wilson acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔt (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 L. Tumaneng

Carried

A.3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public board meeting of December 16, 2026, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Board Chair Wilson noted that Policy 104: Board of Education - Meetings - Administrative Procedure was not brought to this meeting as mentioned in the December meeting minutes. It will be brought to the February Board meeting.

A.4. Public Questions/Comments

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

A.5. Educational Presentation – District Student Leadership Council

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed the District Student Leadership Council (DSLCC) executives. The students presented on DSLCC Past, Present, and Future. The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

B.1. Notice of Motions for BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting (submitted by Trustee Gerlach)

Board Chair Wilson introduced Trustee Gerlach who spoke to the substantive Notice of Motion on the inclusion of Ableism in the BC Expect Respect & A Safe Education Program.

Moved by C. Gerlach

That the North Vancouver Board of Education approve the substantive motion relating to the inclusion of Ableism in the BC Expect Respect & A Safe Education Program (ERASE), as attached to this memorandum of January 20, 2026.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Board Chair Wilson asked Trustee Gerlach to speak to the second substantive Notice of Motion on inclusive Child Care for Children and Youth with Support Needs (Up to Age 18).

Moved by C. Gerlach

That the BC School Trustees Association request the Ministry of Education and Child Care to ensure that students who are eligible for Supported Child Development services are explicitly included in the provincial Child Care Strategy for school districts, so that their access needs are recognized and accommodated in the planning and delivery of childcare programs.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

Trustee Gerlach left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

C.1. Draft Policy 609 Information and Communications Systems and Resources

Superintendent Dr. Ryan introduced Teodora Dotzeva, Director of Information Communication and Technology. She summarized the changes to the updated policy and showcased the devices that are used by the students. Teodora took questions from the Trustees and made note of feedback to consider in the final version of the policy.

C.2. Artists for Kids Annual Report 2024/25

Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan made opening comments and introduced Allison Kerr, Director of Artists for Kids & Gordon Smith Gallery. Allison presented the Artists for Kids Annual Report 2024/25 and heard comments from the Board. Antje Wilson. Board Chair thanked Allison for taking the time to present the 2024/25 Report to the Board.

C.3 North Vancouver Teachers' Association Professional Development Report – 2024/25

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent made introductory comments and introduced Angelee Bulsara, Professional Development Chair and her colleague Tammy Daley, First Vice President, who presented the North Vancouver Teachers' Association Professional Development Report - 2024/25. The presenters took questions from the Trustees.

C.4. Tuesday, January 13, 2026 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Tsiakos reported on highlights of the Standing Committee meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 2026, titled Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), Personal Digital Devices (PDD), and Critical Thinking in the K-12 Context. A written update on the Standing Committee Meeting was included in the Board package for information. No questions were asked.

C.5. Committee Reports – Written Update

Written updates on the Education Week Planning Committee and the Emergency Preparedness Committee were included in the Board Package; no questions were asked.

C.6. Land Management – Written Update

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Package. Trustee Munro and Trustee Mann each had a question about Cloverley Elementary. Construction is on target and the school district meets bi-monthly with the City of North Vancouver to make sure everything is on track. Trustee Mann asked if the Westview Elementary School modular classroom addition is on target to open as planned. Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan confirmed that the Westview addition will likely open the second week of February.

C.7. 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.8. 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.9. Trustees’ Reports/Highlights

Trustees shared recent highlights, for activities from December 17, 2025 to January 20, 2026, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

Meetings attended by Trustees included:

- Public Board Meeting
- Standing Committee Meeting
- Trustee Seminar
- District Student Leadership Council Meetings
- BCSTA Metro Branch Meeting, Finance and Audit Committee, and Board Chairs Meeting
- BCPSEA Regular Trustee Representatives Meeting
- BCPSEA Sector Bargaining Meeting for Trustee Representatives
- Education Week Planning Committee
- Emergency Preparedness Committee

Events attended by Trustees included:

- Enhanced Programs and Academies Open House at Carson Graham
- Parent Advisory Committee Meeting at Handsworth Secondary
- Various school visits or events: Blueridge Elementary, Braemar Elementary, Canyon Heights Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Carson Graham Secondary, Cleveland Elementary, Cove Cliff Elementary, Dorothy Lynas Elementary, Handsworth Secondary, Highlands Elementary, Lynnmour Elementary, Mountainside Secondary, Seymour Heights Elementary, Seycove Secondary, Sherwood Park Elementary, Westview Elementary, Windsor Secondary, and Christmas concerts

D. Future Meetings

The next Standing Committees and Public Board Meeting 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.

No questions or comments were brought forward.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by Emily Huner

Emily Huner
Secretary Treasurer

February 24, 2026

Date

Original signed by Antje Wilson

Antje Wilson
Chair, Board of Education

February 24, 2026

Date