

**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, May 19, 2026.

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

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**A. Call to Order**

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

**A.1. Acknowledgments**

Board Chair Wilson acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Coast Salish People, specifically those of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔ (Tseilil-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 April 14, 2026, be approved as amended.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

The Board of Education received one note from the North Vancouver Teachers Association to correct section E of the April 14, 2026 Public Board Meeting minutes. The question in section E will be revised to read as follows: “Why, during the Board’s budget discussions, was the teachers’ pay increase considered an unfunded liability?” The change will be made to the minutes and the corrected version of the minutes posted on our website.

**A.4. Public Questions/Comments**

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

**B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2026/27**

Board Chair Antje Wilson invited Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan to introduce the discussion. He provided an overview of the current context for development of the annual budget. The work is most mindful of our mandate and the aspirational goals of the Board. From a foundational perspective, the goal is to enhance financial stability. Secretary Treasurer, Emily Huner went over the key budget themes for the 2026-2027 preliminary budget, the guiding beliefs behind the budget development that supports the mandate and recapped the annual planning cycle. Dr. Ryan welcomed Assistant Superintendents Arlene Martin and Adam Baumann, Executive Director of Human Resources Scott Stanley, and Director of Financial Services, Eileen Chin to present the annual budget. The budget is grounded in our enhanced student learning framework and aligned

with our district strategic plan that reflects six aspirational goals. The team presented and took questions from the Board.

Trustee Daniel Anderson, Chair of the Audit Committee provided comments concerning the deliberations at the recent Audit Committee meeting.

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

Moved by K. Mann

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2026/27 be read a first time;

Seconded by C. Gerlach Carried

Moved by D. Anderson

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2026/27 be read a second time;

Seconded by L. Tumaneng Carried

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

Moved by L. Munro

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2026/27 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos Carried

## **B.2. 2026-27 Trustee Stipends**

Board Chair Wilson highlighted the requirements from Policy 107: Board of Education - Trustee Stipend, Resources, and Expenses and reviewed the information provided in the Administrative Memorandum.

Moved by A. Wilson

that the Board adopt Trustee Stipends for the Chair at \$35,099; the Vice Chair at \$33,327; and Trustee at \$32,381 effective July 1, 2026.

Seconded by K. Mann Carried

## **C.1. 2026 Election Bylaw**

Board Chair Wilson introduced the item and invited Secretary Treasurer Emily Huner to give a brief description of the item which will come forward for the Board's approval at the June meeting.

## **C.2. Policy – 100 Series**

Board Chair Wilson provided background regarding the Ministry's request for BCSTA to provide a leadership role in assisting school districts to refine their policy framework.

The first round of review and deliberations of two 100-series policies, Policy 104 combined with Administrative Procedures and Policy 110, was presented for information. These policies will return to the Board for approval in June.

## **C.3 Policy on Digital Device Use in Schools**

Board Chair Wilson introduced the item and provided background and rationale for the development of this policy. Trustee Anderson added examples that speak to the reasoning for the implementation of this policy. Board Chair Wilson and Trustee Anderson took questions from the other Trustees. Dr. Ryan made some comments for the trustees to consider as they further discuss and develop the landscape of this policy.

**C.4. Committee Reports – Written Update**

Written updates on the Audit Committee and the Policy Review 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 April 15, 2026 to May 19, 2026, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

Meetings attended by Trustees included:

- Public Board Meeting
- Trustee Seminars
- Audit Committee Meeting
- NVTA and Trustees Meeting
- City of North Vancouver Dinner Meeting
- French Advisory Committee Meeting
- Screening and Selection of Vice Principals meetings
- BCSTA Metro Branch Meeting
- BC Public School Employers’ Association (BCPSEA) Sector Call

Events attended by Trustees included:

- New Cloverley Elementary site tour
- North Vancouver First Annual Ethics Exchange
- North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Use
- AFK Private Curator’s Tour of “One Hundred Artists Deep”
- NVTA District Wide Professional Development Day with Author David A. Robertson
- Various school visits or events: Argyle Secondary, Carson Graham Secondary, Cleveland Elementary, Dorothy Lynas Elementary, Eastview Elementary, Handsworth Secondary, Lynnmour Elementary, Mountainside Secondary, Seycove Secondary, Sherwood Park Elementary, Windsor Secondary

**D. Future Meetings**

Information on the next Public Board Meeting was 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.

There were two comments.

Sherry-Ann Walters, Sutherland Secondary Education Assistant, commented on Trustee Anderson’s observation about technology. She shared her perspective as an educator who participated in the pilot project at Sutherland Secondary School, to remove cell phones. It improved engagement immensely and at the same time, engagement of complex learners come from the individual education plans (IEPs). She thanked the Board for bringing this to the table.

Raheela Khan, Eastview Elementary Parent Advisory Committee commented that while there is a cultural shift to digital literacy, and we can’t take that away, there is also a big push on social and emotional learning. With regards to this she had three questions. How can we merge the two and still make it part of learning? How can we make it social and emotional learning with digital literacy? What programs can we bring to the school system?

She also had a question regarding information from the presentation on staff absenteeism, counseling, and coaching. What are the impacts that have happened with that and where do we stand with it?

The Executive and the Board will respond to Raheela Khan’s questions after the Board meeting. Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan commented that fundamentally, we’ve got great people, and we need to start from that place of working and caring for our people. Teaching is a tough occupation. An Educational Assistant can have good and bad days. So, there is lots of work to be done. But we need to start from that place. People do good work, and we start from there.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by Emily Huner  
Emily Huner  
Secretary Treasurer

June 16, 2026  
Date

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

June 16, 2026  
Date