

**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 23, 2023.

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

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**A. Call to Order**

Board Chair Kulvir Mann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**A.1. Acknowledgments**

Board Chair Mann acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation.

**A.2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by D. Anderson

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

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

**A.3. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by L. Tumaneng

that the minutes of the public meeting of April 18, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

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

Two emails received in advance of the meeting were shared with Trustees. In accordance with Policy 104: Board of Education – Meetings, the comments will be addressed separately.

**B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2023/24**

In accordance with the School Act, boards of education must adopt its budget bylaw on or before June 30, 2023, for the 2023/24 fiscal year. Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan introduced this agenda item and welcomed Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Arlene Martin, Executive Director of Human Resources Scott Stanley, and Director of Financial Services Helena Drury.

The presenters provided an overview of the budget development process and the preliminary planning assumptions, highlighting student enrolment projections, revenues, staffing, salaries and benefits. The presentation included specific impacts to the Board's Strategic Plan Goals for 2021-2031.

Input received from consultation with the school district partner groups incorporated into the 2023/24 financial plan. Concluding the presentation, potential risk assumptions for the next year were summarized and the approval process was highlighted.

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

The Executive team provided clarification and responded to Trustees' questions.

First Motion

Moved by L. Munro

That the board of education restrict use of \$2,098,707 from the accumulated operating surplus for the 2023/24 preliminary budget

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Second Motion

Moved by C. Gerlach

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 be read a first time;

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

Moved by A. Wilson

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 be read a second time;

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

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

Moved by L. Tumaneng

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

A short break was observed.

**B.2. Trustee Stipend**

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart highlighted requirements from the School Act and Policy 107: Board of Education: Trustee Stipend, Resources and Expense related to Trustee Stipends. The Board of Education was asked to consider three options for Trustee Stipends effective July 1, 2023. The options took into consideration the last approved changed in September 2021 and the changes in the Vancouver CPI rate in 2021 and 2022.

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart provided clarification and responded to Trustees' questions.

Moved by Chair Mann

that the Board adopt Trustee Stipends for the Chair at \$32,125, the Vice Chair at \$30,503 and Trustee at \$29,637, effective July 1, 2023.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

**C.1. Elementary School Fees for 2023/24**

Assistant Superintendent Atkinson introduced this item and noted that, in accordance with Policy 706: School Fees, the elementary fees included in the Board Agenda Package for Trustees' information have been reviewed by school administrators consulting with appropriate staff, students and Parent Advisory Council.

Assistant Superintendent Atkinson provided clarification and responded to Trustees' questions.

**C.2. Land Management – Written Update**

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

**C.3. Standing Committee Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

Trustee Tumaneng reported on the meeting that highlighted Equity in Action.

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

Written updates on the Audit Committee, the Joint Job Evaluation Committee, and the Safe and Healthy Schools Committee were included in the Board Agenda Package, no questions were asked.

**C.5. Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Ryan, Superintendent provided an update on events, initiatives, and programming across the school district. The update focused on the theme of Connection, Community and Curiosity.

Dr. Ryan responded to Trustees’ questions.

**C.6. Report Out – British Columbia School Trustees Association and BC Public School Employers’ Association**

Trustee Tsiakos provided an update on information related to the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting.

Trustee Gerlach did not have any updates regarding the BC Public School Employers’ Association (BCPSEA).

**C.7. Trustees’ Reports/Highlights**

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from April 18 to May 23, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
  - Public Board Meeting
  - Trustee Orientation/Development Meetings
  - Standing Committee Meeting
  - Arts Education Committee Meeting
  - Audit Committee Meeting
  - BCTF Public Education Conference
  - BCSTA Annual General Meeting
  - BCSTA Metro Branch – General Meeting
  - BCSTA Virtual Trustee Orientation – Relations with First Nations
  - Climate Change and Curriculum Session for School Board Trustees
  - Mayor and Council, City of North Vancouver – Jane’s walk and dinner
  - French Immersion Advisory Committee meeting
  - Handsworth Secondary School Parent Advisory Council AGM Meeting
  - Inclusion Committee Meeting
  - Indigenous Education Council Meeting
  - Lynn Valley School Architectural Updates
  - North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council Meeting and Qmunity presentation
  - North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission
  - North Shore Safety Council

- Events attended by Trustees included:
  - Cheakamus Centre Open House Event
  - City of North Vancouver 2023 Youth Awards
  - Deep Cove Spring Market – Hosted by Seycove Secondary Family of Schools
  - District of North Vancouver 2023 Civic Youth Awards
  - Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House
  - School visits to Braemar Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Carisbrooke Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Cove Cliff Elementary, Highlands Elementary, Norgate Elementary, Sherwood Park Elementary, Argyle Secondary, Mountainside Secondary, Sutherland Secondary, Windsor Secondary
  - Safety Blitz’s at Carisbrooke Elementary School and Queensbury Elementary School

**D. Future Meetings**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North Vancouver

**E. Public Question and Comment Period**

Rodrigo Mol, a member of the public and Jennifer Branston, Chair of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council addressed the Board.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart  
Jacqui Stewart  
Secretary Treasurer

Original signed by K. Mann  
Kulvir Mann  
Chair, Board of Education

June 20, 2023  
Date

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