

**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, November 18, 2025.

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

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**A. Call to Order**

Board Chair Linda Munro called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 A. Wilson

Carried

**A.3. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by D. Anderson

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

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

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

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

**A.5. Educational Presentation: Literacy Plan**

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Jeeniece Chand, District Principal Curriculum and Assessment, who provided the highlights from the North Vancouver School District's Literacy Plan. The presenter responded to Trustees' questions.

**B.1. Election of a Board Chair**

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart advised that the Board is required by [section 67.4 of the School Act](#) and [Policy 101: Board of Education – Role and Function](#) to elect one of its members annually to be Board Chair. Secretary Treasurer Stewart called for nominations for the position of Chair, at which time, Trustee Munro nominated Trustee Wilson and Trustee Mann nominated Trustee Anderson. Both Trustee Wilson and Trustee Anderson accepted the nominations. As there were two nominations, Secretary Treasurer Stewart appointed Assistant Superintendents Arlene Martin and Adam Baumann as scrutineers. An election by ballot was conducted, after which, Trustee Wilson was declared Board Chair for the term of December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2026 or until a successor has been elected.

## **B.2. Election of a Board Vice Chair**

Board Chair Munro called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair at which time, Trustee Mann nominated Trustee Anderson. There being no other nominations, Trustee Anderson was declared Board Vice Chair for the term of December 1, 2025 and ending November 30, 2026 or until a successor has been elected.

## **B.3. Election to Provincial Associations**

Board Chair Munro shared that the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) requires the Board to elect annually, two Trustees to the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council. One Trustee is to serve as the Board's representative, and one Trustee is required to serve as an alternate.

Board Chair Munro called for nominations for the position of Trustee Representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council for 2026. Trustee Tsiakos nominated Trustee Tumaneng. There being no other nominations, Trustee Tumaneng was declared the Board's representative to BCSTA.

Board Chair Munro called for nominations for the alternate representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council for 2026. Board Chair Munro nominated Trustee Tsiakos. There being no other nominations, Trustee Tsiakos was declared the Board's alternate representative to the BCSTA.

Board Chair Munro called for nominations for the position of the Board's representative to the British Columbia Public Sector Employers' Association (BCPSEA) for 2026. Trustee Tsiakos nominated Trustee Mann. There being no other nominations, Trustee Mann was declared the Board's representative to BCPSEA.

Board Chair Munro called for nominations for the alternate representative to the BCPSEA for 2026. Trustee Tsiakos nominated Trustee Gerlach. There being no other nominations, Trustee Gerlach was declared the Board's alternate representative to the BCPSEA.

## **B.4. 2026/27 Budget Development Consultation Process**

Secretary Treasurer Stewart introduced this item noting that the budget consultation framework is developed in preparation of the Annual Budget. As required by the *School Act*, the Annual Budget Bylaw must be developed and adopted on, or before, June 30 of the current fiscal year. The proposed process involves the Board inviting education partners and the local community to attend budget information and discussion sessions that will provide opportunities for their input as well as opportunities for written input. Consultation with the local First Nations will also occur through the Indigenous Education Council.

Trustee Anderson, Chair of the Audit Committee confirmed that timelines and the plan were affirmed by the Committee at their last meeting.

Secretary Treasurer Stewart responded to Trustees' questions.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education approve the proposed consultation process and timelines identified within Schedule B.4. for development of the 2026/27 annual budget.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

## **C.1. North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council Annual Report 2024/25**

Board Chair Munro introduced George Dusenberry, representing the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council to present the Annual Report for 2024/25. The presenter responded to Trustees' questions.

**C.2. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses**

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Vice Principal, Jennifer MacDonald and Assistant Superintendent Bauman, to provide an update on the Board/Authority Authorized Courses. The presenters took questions from the Trustees.

**C.3 Tuesday, November 4, 2025 Standing Committee Meeting**

Trustee Mann reported on highlights of the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Standing Committee Meeting of Tuesday, November 4, 2024. A written update on the Standing Committee Meeting was included in the Board package for information. No questions were asked.

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

Written updates on the Audit Committee and 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; no questions were asked.

**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 Anderson provided an update regarding the BC School Trustees Association and Trustee Mann provided an update on British Columbia Public School Employers' Association.

**C.8. Trustees' Reports/Highlights**

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from October 22, 2025 to November 18, 2025, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

Meetings attended by Trustees included:

- Public Board Meeting
- Trustee In Camera Board Meeting
- Standing Committee Meeting
- Audit Committee
- Inclusion Committee Meeting
- School Calendar Meeting
- North Shore Table Matters Network
- BCSTA Provincial Council, Board Chairs' Meeting, Legislative Committee Meeting
- BCPSEA Symposium
- District Student Leadership Council Meeting
- Screening and Selection of Principals Committee
- Vancouver Coastal Health North Shore Local Governance Liaison Meeting
- Student Leadership Council Meetings at Handsworth Secondary and Seycove Secondary

Events attended by Trustees included:

- Squamish Nation Oath Signing Ceremony
- Elementary Cross Country Meet at Loutet Park
- Parent Advisory Committee Meetings at Cove Cliff Elementary and Handsworth Secondary

- Various school visits or events including Remembrance Day ceremonies: Argyle Secondary, Boundary Elementary, Braemar Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Carson Graham Secondary, Cleveland Elementary, Cove Cliff Elementary, Dorothy Lynas Elementary, Eslha7an Learning Centre, Handsworth Secondary, Lynn Valley, Montroyal Elementary, Mountainside Secondary, Norgate Elementary, Queensbury Elementary, Ross Road Elementary, Seycove Secondary, Sherwood Park Elementary, Sutherland Secondary, Upper Lynn Elementary, Westview Elementary, Windsor Secondary

**D. Future Meetings**

The next Standing Committee and Public Board Meetings were included in the Board Package.

**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.

No questions or comments were brought forward.

**F. Adjournment**

Board Chair Munro thanked her fellow trustees for their support over the last two years and for electing her as Board Chair. She stated that it has been a great honour to serve the Board, the school district, and the community. She extended her very best wishes to Trustee Wilson and Trustee Anderson as they on the leadership role for the next term.

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Munro adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm

Certified Correct:

*Original Signed by J. Stewart*

Jacqui Stewart  
Secretary Treasurer

*December 16, 2025*

Date

*Original Signed by L. Munro*

Linda Munro  
Chair, Board of Education

*December 16, 2025*

Date