

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, September 23, 2025.

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

REGRETS: L. Munro, Chair

A. Call to Order

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

A.1. Acknowledgments

Board Vice Chair Wilson acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔ (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 G. Tsiakos

Carried

A.3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public board meeting of June 17, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

A.4. Public Question/Comments

Board Vice Chair Wilson read two public comments regarding the Administrative Procedures for Policy 416: Anti-Ableism; the comments were shared with Trustees in advance of the meeting.

A.5. Educational Presentation: Summer Learning

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Jeeniece Chand, District Principal Curriculum & Assessment and Greg Hockley, former District Principal of Curriculum, Assessment Secondary and Career Education, to provide an update on the various programs included in the 2025 Summer Learning Program. The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

B.1. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Secretary Treasurer Stewart gave opening remarks and introduced Eileen Chin, Director, Financial Services and Lenora Lee, Audit Partner with KPMG. Ms. Chin provided highlights of the financial statements including total operating revenues from all sources of \$258.2 million and total expenses of \$260.9 million, resulting in a deficit of \$2.7 million. Operating fund revenues were \$208.5 million and operating fund expenses were \$206.7 million, resulting in an operating surplus of \$1.7 million.

before transfers to other funds for the purchase of capital assets. After recognition of all transfers, the accumulated operating surplus is \$5.6 million.

Lenora Lee, Partner, KMPG presented highlights from the Auditor's Report. Ms. Lee noted that the auditor's work is complete and resulted in a clean and unqualified audit opinion on the draft statements.

The draft audited financial statements were reviewed by the Audit Committee on September 11, 2025 and a motion recommending that the Board approved the statements was approved.

The presenters responded to questions from the Board.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2025, as attached to this administrative memorandum of September 23, 2025.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

Abstained: C. Gerlach

B.2. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Dr. Ryan, Superintendent, provided opening remarks and introduced Arlene Martin, Assistant Superintendent who provided a summary of the 2025 report on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. Ms. Martin provided context for the report and explained that it is part of the continuous improvement cycle of the school district, aimed at meeting the aspirational goals of the 10-year strategic plan. The presentation builds upon the discussions and feedback from the Standing Committee meeting on September 16, 2025.

Ms. Martin responded to Trustees' questions.

Moved by L. Tumaneng

that the Board of Education approve the North Vancouver School District Enhancing Student Learning Report as attached to this administrative memorandum of September 23, 2025.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.3. Notice of Motion - Policy 104: Board of Education - Meetings - Administrative Procedures - Submitted by Trustee Anderson

Board Vice Chair Wilson reminded the Board that the Notice of Motion first appeared on the Board agenda on June 17, 2025 and is before the Board for decision. Trustee Anderson provided a brief overview of the recommended changes.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education requests that the Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer amend Policy 104: Board of Education – Meetings – Administrative Procedures as attached to this administrative memorandum of September 23, 2025.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

Opposed: C. Gerlach

A short break was observed

C.1. Ministerial Update AEDs and Naloxone

Superintendent Ryan introduced Nelson Dow, Manager, Occupational Health & Safety and Scott Stanley, Executive Director, Human Resources. Staff presented an overview of the Ministerial requirements and responded to questions.

C.2. Proposed Revised Policy 201: Learning Resources for Classroom Use

Superintendent Ryan introduced Suzette Dohm and Chanin Smyth, Directors of Instruction, who presented the proposed revised policy and responded to questions. The proposed revised policy will return for approval at a future meeting.

C.3 Policy 807: Naming of Facilities or Part of Facilities (Cloverley Elementary School)

Superintendent Ryan introduced Assistant Superintendent, Adam Baumann who provided highlights from policy concerning the naming of facilities relevant to the construction of a new Cloverley Elementary School. There were no questions.

C.4. Policy 205: Outdoor Learning – Administrative Procedures – Posted

Board Vice Chair Wilson noted that Policy 205: Outdoor Learning was included in the package for information only; no questions were asked.

C.5. Policy 416: Anti-Ableism – Administrative Procedures – Posted

Board Vice Chair Wilson reminded Trustees that the Administrative Procedures were presented June 17, 2025 by the subcommittee. Superintendent Ryan advised that staff will follow up with committee members regarding the public comments received.

C.6. Indigenous Education Council – Written Update

A written update on the Indigenous Education Council was included in the Board Package and was taken as read; no questions were asked.

C.7. Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Standing Committee Meeting

A written update on the Standing Committee Meeting was included in the Board Package for information; no questions were asked.

C.8. Committee Reports – Written Update

Written updates on the Audit Committee and Information Communication Technology (ICT) Committee were included in the Board Package; no questions were asked.

C.9. Land Management – Written Update

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

C.10. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Ryan provided an update to Trustees regarding return to school and start-up activities in September.

C.11. 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.12. Trustees' Reports/Highlights

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from June 18, 2025 to September 23, 2025, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

Meetings attended by Trustees included:

- Public Board Meeting
- Standing Committee Meeting
- Audit Committee Orientation and Meeting
- Trustee Seminar
- North Vancouver School District Year End Gratitude
- District Student Leadership Council Meeting
- Safe & Healthy Schools Committee
- BCPSEA Meetings and Webinar
- BCSTA Metro Branch Meeting and Finance & Audit Committee
- Canadian School Board Congress and National Gathering
- Dinner Meeting with the three North Shore MLAs
- North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Use Meeting and “Purple Chair Campaign”

Events attended by Trustees included:

- Swangard Track and Field Meet
- Artist for Kids Summer Camps Celebration and “From the Ground” Exhibit Opening
- City of North Vancouver Fire Department Ceremony for Gifting of two AEDs for Carson Graham and Sutherland Secondary Schools
- Tsleil Waututh Nation Unveiling Ceremony for “Every Child Matters” Crosswalk
- Parent Advisory Committee Meetings at Handsworth Secondary and Windsor Secondary
- Various school visits or events: Argyle Secondary, Blueridge Elementary, Braemar Elementary, Canyon Heights Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Carisbrooke Elementary, Carson Graham Secondary, Cleveland Elementary, Cove Cliff Elementary, Dorothy Lynas Elementary, Eastview Elementary, Esliha7an Learning Centre, Handsworth Secondary, Highlands Elementary, Larson Elementary, Lynnmour Elementary, Lynn Valley Elementary, Montroyal Elementary, Mountainside Secondary, Norgate Elementary, Ridgeway Elementary, Seycove Secondary, Seymour Heights Elementary, Sherwood Park Elementary, Squamish Nation Graduation Ceremony, Westview Elementary and 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 Vice 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 Vice Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

October 21, 2025

Date

Original Signed by A. Wilson

Antje Wilson
Vice Chair, Board of Education

October 21, 2025

Date