

**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, February 24, 2026.

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

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**A. Call to Order**

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

Moved by L. Munro

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 K. Mann

Carried

**A.1. Acknowledgments**

Board Chair Wilson acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Coast Salish People, specifically those of the Sk̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliilwətaʔt (Tseil-Waututh) Nation.

**A.2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

**A.3. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by L. Tumaneng

that the minutes of the public board meeting of January 20, 2026, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

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

There was one public question/comment received by the Board. However, as the topic was not related to the evening's agenda, Board Chair Wilson informed the other members of the Board that the public question will be responded to by School District staff via email.

**A.5. Educational Presentation – North Vancouver Online Learning**

Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan welcomed Lucas King, Principal of North Vancouver Online Learning and Mountainside Secondary. Lucas King presented an overview of the program cycle and model to the Board on the North Vancouver Online Learning program. The presenter responded to Trustee's questions.

**B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget and Internal Restriction of Operating Surplus for Fiscal Year 2025/26**

Board Chair Wilson introduced Secretary Treasurer Emily Huner, who provided an overview of the evening's presentation. The Secretary Treasurer introduced Director of Finance Eileen Chin who highlighted the major changes in revenues and expenses since the 2025/26 Preliminary Annual Budget was adopted on May 20, 2025. In the spring of 2025, a budget of \$257.5 million was projected and it has been revised to \$262.6 million. Ms. Chin also went over the internal restriction of the operating surplus for the fiscal year 2025/26.

The 2025/26 Amended Annual Budget was reviewed by the Audit Committee on February 12, 2026 and motions recommending that the Board approve the amended budget were approved.

Staff responded to Trustees' questions.

**Recommended Motion 1**

Moved by A. Wilson

that the Board of Education approve the restriction from the Accumulated Operating Surplus of \$280,631 to balance the 2025/26 Amended Annual Budget.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

**Recommended Motion 2**

Moved by L. Munro

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26 be read a first time;

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

Moved by D. Anderson

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26 be read a second time;

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

**B.2. Fromme Lease Extension Bylaw, 2026**

Board Chair Wilson called upon Secretary Treasurer Emily Huner to make opening comments. Trustee Tsiakos clarified that the Board is not approving disposal of the land but instead approving a long-term lease. Secretary Treasurer Emily Huner clarified that there is a discrepancy in the narrative and that the bylaw is for kindergarten to grade 12, as approved at the January 27, 2026 in camera Board meeting.

Moved by A. Wilson

That The Board of Education of School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Fromme Elementary School Lease Extension Bylaw, 2026 be read a first time;

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

Moved by K. Mann

That The Board of Education of School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Fromme Elementary School Lease Extension Bylaw, 2026 be read a second time;

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

Moved by D. Anderson

That The Board of Education of School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Fromme Elementary School Lease Extension Bylaw, 2026 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

### **B.3. Proposed Revised Policy 501: Recruitment and Selection of Personnel**

Superintendent Dr. Ryan made opening comments and introduced Scott Stanley Executive Director of Human Resources. Scott Stanley summarized the review process, which was discussed at the December 16, 2025 public Board meeting. The policy review included policies 501, 502, 503 and 504, and does not include Policy 505 and Policy 506. The review process also included feedback from the partner groups. Mr. Stanley noted that while the review process was underway, the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) was offering guidance to the school districts on policy development. This was also discussed with the Board at the December 16 public meeting of the Board, as well as Dr. Ryan's work with BCSTA on this policy. BCSTA's recommendation was to consolidate the four policies into one overarching hiring policy. Lastly, the policy came to the Board at the January 13, 2026 Trustee Seminar where several wording changes were recommended and have subsequently been incorporated.

Trustee Gerlach asked for two further, friendly amendments: 1. Where the policy says, "*The North Vancouver Board of Education recognizes...*", add "*the Board*" in parentheses before the word "*recognizes*". 2. Add the words "*School District*" in place of "*the District*" throughout the policy.

Trustee Munro asked that the policy follow the template. Mr. Stanley clarified that two sections, 'scope' and 'definitions' that were discussed with the Superintendent's Office and the Communications Department were not deemed relevant parts of the template.

Moved by A. Wilson

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Revised Policy 501: Recruitment and Selection of Personnel as attached to the Administrative Memorandum of February 24, 2026.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

Moved by A. Wilson

that the Board of Education approve the friendly amendment to the motion whereas "the Board" immediately follows "The North Vancouver Board of Education...", in the first sentence of the policy statement, and secondly the words "School District" replace "the District" throughout the policy.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

### **B.4. Proposed 2026/27 School Calendar for Board Approval**

Superintendent Dr. Ryan introduced Assistant Superintendent Adam Baumann, who provided an overview of the proposed 2026/27 School Calendar, and the comments received. He thanked the education partners including representatives of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association, CUPE Local 389, North Vancouver Administrators' Association, North Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council, District Student Leadership Council, and Trustees Anderson and Tumaneng for their contributions. The presenter responded to Trustee's questions.

Moved by K. Mann

That the Board of Education approve the Proposed 2026/27 School Calendar as attached to the Administrative Memorandum of February 24, 2026.

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

### **C.1. Educational Update: Framework for Enhancing Student Learning**

Superintendent Dr. Ryan made opening comments and introduced Assistant Superintendent Arlene Martin. Arlene Martin summarized the purpose and key details of the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL). She invited District Principals Janis Mann, Jeenice Chand,

and Sarah Best who provided the highlights of FESL. The update is included in the Board package. The presenters took questions from the Board of Education.

**C.2. Proposed Revised Policy 211: Special Education Services and Programs**

Dr. Ryan made opening comments and introduced District Principal Janis Mann. Ms. Mann provided the highlights of the revision process and the revisions themselves. The presenter took questions from the Board of Education.

**C.3 Tuesday, February 3, 2026 Standing Committee Report**

Trustee Anderson reported on the highlights of the February 3, 2026 Standing Committee on budget development.

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

Written updates on the Audit Committee, Inclusion 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 January 21, 2026 to February 24, 2026, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

Meetings attended by Trustees included:

- Public Board Meeting
- In Camera Meeting
- Standing Committee Meeting
- Trustee Seminars
- BCSTA Metro Branch Meeting, Provincial Council, Voter Learning Session, and Legislative Committee
- BC Public School Employers’ Association (BCPSEA) AGM and Sector Bargaining for Trustee Representatives
- District Student Leadership Council Meeting
- North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council General Meeting
- Audit Committee
- French Advisory Committee
- Inclusion Committee
- Policy Review Committee

Events attended by Trustees included:

- Healthy Futures Presentation by District Administrator Tine Parker
- An Evening with Valerie Jerome – Meet Me At The Gallery

- North Vancouver School District Band & Strings Festival
- Parent Advisory Committee Meeting at Handsworth Secondary
- Emergency Preparedness Information Webinar
- Various school visits or events: Argyle Secondary, Boundary Elementary, Carson Graham Secondary, Cleveland Elementary, Cove Cliff Elementary, Dorothy Lynas Elementary, Eastview Elementary, Handsworth Secondary, Montroyal Elementary, Seycove Secondary, Sherwood Park Elementary

**D. Future Meetings**

The next Standing Committee and Public Board Meetings were included in the Board Package. Board Chair Antje Wilson noted that the March 10<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting is tentative.

**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 8:34 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by Emily Huner  
Emily Huner  
Secretary Treasurer

April 14, 2026  
Date

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

April 14, 2026  
Date