

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 22, 2020.

PRESENT: C. Sacré, Chair
G. Tsiakos, Vice Chair
D. Bruce
C. Gerlach
M. Higgins (teleconference)
K. Mann
M. Tasi Baker

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Christie Sacré called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Chair Sacré thanked staff, parents and students for their continued effort and preparation leading up to the start of the school year.

Motion to Approve Trustees Participation by Teleconference

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Board approve the participation of Trustee Higgins at the September 22, 2020, Public Board Meeting by telephone.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

A.3. Public Comment Period

There was no one wishing to speak.

A.4. Stakeholder Comment Period

As per the motion passed on May 26, 2020, the Board of Education provided a twenty minute stakeholder comment period to allow stakeholders to speak to items on the Board of Education Agenda.

Dean Yeo, Co-President of North Vancouver Administrators (NoVA), took the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work that all School District staff has done preparing for the school year. On behalf of NoVA, Mr. Yeo extended his appreciation and thanks.

Carolyn Pena, President of North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA), spoke regarding the pandemic and the implication it is having on teachers. Ms. Pena shared three issues that the Board of Education could assist with to support teachers: write a letter calling for the Foundation Skills Assessments to be put on hold this year; continue working on a process for cleaning routines in schools; and, budget some of the anticipated federal funding on staffing.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Bruce

that the minutes of the public meeting of June 23, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.1. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Kristen Watson, Director of Financial Services, introduced the 2019/20 Audited Financial Statements and shared that the meeting of the North Vancouver School District's Audit Committee was held at the beginning of September. Following a review of the Audited Financial Statements, the Audit Committee recommended that the Board approve the statements.

Ms. Watson noted that a detailed Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the 2019/20 year was produced to provide detailed information and explanation of variances from budget with regards to School District Revenues and Expenses.

Highlights from the Audited Financial Statements were provided to the Board of Education by Ms. Watson. In 2019/20, total revenues from all sources were \$194.3M, and total expenses were \$189.5M, resulting in a surplus of \$4.8M. Operating fund revenues were \$161.7M and operating fund expenses were \$154.2M, resulting in an operating surplus of \$7.4M before transfers. After recognition of transfers, the accumulated operating surplus is \$11.1M.

In presenting the Auditor's report to the Board, Lenora Lee, Partner at KPMG, noted that the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, have been completed and along with the auditor's report have been submitted with no qualifications to the Board for its approval. Ms. Lee noted that there were no adjustments to the audit, and thanked management and staff for their help during the off-site audit process.

The Board thanked Ms. Lee for her report and extended thanks to Ms. Watson and staff for their work on the financial statements.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the Board approve the Audited Financial Statements and the Auditors' Report to the Board of Education of School District No.44 (North Vancouver) for the Year Ended June 30, 2020, as presented in Schedule B.1.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.2. Canadian Revenue Agency – Resolution re: Officers

Chair Sacré noted that as a result of department changes, a resolution regarding delegation of authority to authorize representatives for the purposes of obtaining and communicating with the Canadian Revenue Agency regarding Business Account information was required.

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Canadian Revenue Agency Resolution: Authorized Representatives be approved.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.3. Trustee Stipend

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart introduced this agenda item, noting that Section 71 of the *School Act* states that "a board may authorize annually the payment of remuneration to the chair, vice chair and other trustees, and...a reasonable allowance for expenses necessarily incurred by the trustees in the discharge of their duties." The Board of Education's Policy 107 outlines that in keeping with the *School Act*, Trustees shall receive an annual stipend, the amount to be set by Board resolution. The annual stipend is to be adjusted annually, each July 1, in accordance with the increase in the Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI).

B.3. Trustee Stipend (continued)

The Board of Education considered two options for Trustee Stipends effective July 1, 2020. Option 1 provided an increase in Vancouver CPI of 2.3% in 2018 and 2.4% in 2019. Option 2 provided an increase in Vancouver CPI of 2.4% in 2019. Secretary Treasurer Stewart advised that the proposed options are within stipends for peer school districts and provided clarification regarding the motions.

Trustees discussed the stipend options at length and shared their concerns.

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that the Board adopt Trustee stipend rates per annum of: Chair - \$30,413; Vice Chair - \$28,877; Trustee - \$28,058, effective July 1, 2020.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

The motion was adopted by a vote of five votes in favour of it and two vote against it.

Trustee Gerlach requested that her negative vote be entered in the minutes.

B.4. Notice of Motion – Anti-Racism Representative Working Group

Trustee Cyndi Gerlach spoke to the motion she put forward regarding an Anti-Racism Representative Working Group. Following major events and talking points in North America, racism and systemic racism is something that needs continued dialogue in order for change to be effective.

The North Vancouver School District, as a civic organizational leader of the community, is committed to continual improvement and reflective practices. It is incumbent upon the School District to reflect on its' practice to ensure all staff, students are having equal opportunity for success and to break down any barriers that may be affecting any Black, Indigenous, People of Color (also known as BIPOC) students or staff while also creating a space for dialogue and communication.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to create a BIPOC inclusive Representative Working Group to explore the prevalence of explicit and implicit racism and micro-aggressions within the North Vancouver School District; and,

that the Superintendent report at the October Public Board of Education Meeting with a proposed plan that includes:

- Draft Budget;
- Draft Proposed facilitator(s) (preferably a member of the BIPOC community with experience in facilitating community engagement processes on Race and Inequality);
- Draft Terms of Reference for the Representative Working Group; and,
- Draft Tentative Engagement Plan- including various methods to engage students, staff and the larger community;

and, that the Representative Working Group create a set of recommendations for consideration that are presented to the Board of Education at the June 2021 Public Board meeting.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

A five minute break was observed.

C.1. Report out – Action Items Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain provided an update on outstanding motions and requests that have been brought forward by the Board of Education:

C.1. Report out – Action Items Update (continued)

- Inclusive Education Attendance Data Tracking: has resumed for the 2020/21 school year after stopping between March - June 2020 due to COVID-19 suspension of in-person classes.
- Climate Change/Sustainability: NVSD Sustainability Manger has had exploratory discussions with the District of North Vancouver (Energy Manager) and the City of North Vancouver (Sustainability Manager) about opportunities for collaboration of climate action initiatives.
- Elite Hockey Academy Proposal: the NVSD will re-engage the consultation process in fall 2020 with the intent of holding a public meeting to share results of stakeholder engagement.
- City of North Vancouver Collaboration Committee: Staff from the CNV and the NVSD are continuing to meet with the first Collaboration Committee Meeting set.
- Sutherland Track: the NVSD continues to monitor for grant opportunities.
- Literacy Centres at Secondary Schools: an update will be provided at a subsequent meeting.
- Student Trustee Update: student Trustee work was paused due to COVID-19. Once guidance is provided by the District Student Leadership Council, staff will work to respond.

Moving forward, Superintendent Pearmain will update the Board of Education on motions and requests through the monthly Superintendent's Update.

C.2. Land Management Update

Superintendent Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects, as well as the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade. Additionally, the School District continues to develop the concept design requirements for Cloverley Elementary School.

C.3. Tuesday, September 15, 2020, Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Gerlach reported on the meeting that focused on a review of the progress in different education portfolios during the 2019/20 school year and look ahead to the goals and planned activities for the 2020/21 school year.

C.4. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pearmain provided a detailed report and update on return to school.

Motion to Extend

Moved by unanimous consent
to extend the meeting past 9:30 p.m.

C.5. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Tasi Baker shared she would have an update following the BCSTA meeting that is scheduled for September 23, 2020. Trustee Gerlach had nothing to report for BCPSEA.

C.6. Trustees' Reports

Trustees submitted their reports on their activities on behalf of the Board as follows:

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting

C.6. Trustees’ Reports (continued)

- Public Standing Committee Meeting
- Trustee Seminar Meetings
- Audit Committee Meeting
- Artists for Kids Management Committee Meeting
- Back to School Meetings
- Meeting with MLA Bowinn Ma & City of North Vancouver Councillors Tina Hu and Angela Girard
- BCSTA Meeting
- North Vancouver Museum and Archives School Programs Working Group Meeting
- Physical Literacy for Communities North Vancouver Committee Meeting
- North Shore Outdoor Safety Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
- Secondary School Graduation Events
 - Virtual Town Hall with Dr. Mark Lysyshyn
 - Flip the Script with Lorie Barton
 - Cops for Cancer Fundraiser

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting Finance and Facilities	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting Education and Programs	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver

E. Public Question & Comment Period

There was no one wishing to speak.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

October 20, 2020

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

October 20, 2020

Date