

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) held virtually through Microsoft Teams in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

PRESENT: K. Mann, Chair
L. Munro, Vice Chair
C. Gerlach
M. Higgins
C. Sacré
M. Tasi Baker
G. Tsiakos

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Kulvir Mann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔt (Tseil-Waututh) Nation.

Motion to Approve Trustees Participation by Microsoft Teams

Moved by K. Mann

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 are able to communicate with each other;

the Board hereby approves the participation by the Trustees in the February 15, 2022, Public Board Meeting by Microsoft Teams.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

A.1. Chair Mann's opening remarks

Chair Mann began by providing an update on the search for a new Superintendent for the North Vancouver School District. The Board of Education is pleased to have the support of Sylvia Russell who will serve as acting Superintendent beginning March 14, 2022. Ms. Russell will provide support for a smooth transition as recruitment for a new permanent Superintendent continues.

Congratulations was provided to the Handsworth Secondary School community as students and staff were welcomed to the completed new school on February 7, 2022. Chair Mann acknowledged Black History Month, Chinese New Year, Eating Disorders Awareness Month and Moose Hide Campaign, all which are occurring in the month of February. Recognition was provided to North Vancouver School District alumni students are representing Canada at the Beijing Olympic Games.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. Sacré

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

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

A.3. Public Comment Period

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and moving the meeting to Microsoft Teams, the Board of Education requested that interested parties email in their submission to be read out by the Board Chair.

Written comments were received from Janice Edmonds and Tanny Vermeulen commenting on the Focus Group and survey hosted by Baukau Consulting Group regarding Anti-Racism, Diversity and Multiculturalism.

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.

Jennifer Branston, Co-Chair of North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC), spoke to the motion regarding Intellectual Disability Advisory Committee. Ms. Branston shared her concern that if the original motion, from April 27, 2021, was amended, it would put additional barriers in place that would affect parent participation or authentic collaboration. A formal request to address ableism was put forward.

Katrina Russell, President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTAs), spoke in support of the Policy Alignment with United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) motion.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by L. Munro

that the minutes of the public meeting of January 18, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2021/22

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart introduced this agenda item and noted that the Board of Education is being asked to adopt an Amended Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2021/22. Secretary Treasurer Stewart asked that Director of Financial Services, Kristen Watson, provide an update on the amended budget and bring forward two motions for approval.

The Amended Budget in the amount of \$214,174,185 considers changes in revenue and expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the 2021/22 Preliminary Budget on June 22, 2021.

Ms. Watson provided clarification on various budget items including salary and benefit costs, revenue and services and supplies. Ms. Watson highlighted the risks and liabilities, changes in the operating, special purpose and capital funds.

The revenue budget has increased by \$10,475,896 over the Preliminary Annual Budget. Adjustments included an increase to the Operating Grant budget by \$2,979,104 as a result of higher than anticipated student enrolment. The School District received \$351,621 from the provincial government for the Safe Return to Class Grant and \$329,674 from the federal government for the Safe Return to School Grant. The Classroom Enhancement Fund Grant increased by \$2,636,029 to fund the provisions of restored collective agreement language and remedy. International Student Tuition fee revenue increased by \$2,022,000 as a result of higher than anticipated international student enrolment. An additional \$1,121,611 of Deferred Capital Revenue has been recognized consistent with the lifecycle of school district construction projects. These additional revenues accounted for the change in revenue.

Total budgeted expenditures have increased by \$5,547,718. This was largely attributed to an increase in staffing as a result of additional teacher FTEs with a budget of \$569,410, inclusion of teacher remedy provisions of \$998,361, and additional sick time of \$742,000. A provision for additional educational assistants of \$765,985 has been included in the 2021/22 Amended Budget. Services and Supplies have increased by \$1,269,019 for the expenses funded by the federal and provincial COVID-19 funding, and additional expenses relating to the increased number of international students. Amortization expense has increased from the preliminary budget estimate by \$1,363,971 based on final 2021 year end capital asset additions. The 2021/22 Amended Budget incorporates the utilization of \$3,114,255 of the Accumulated Operating Surplus - \$1,814,255 which

B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2021/22 (continued)

is needed to balance the current year Operating Budget, and \$1,300,000 to the Local Capital Fund, consistent with the appropriation included in the audited financial statement for the year ended June 30, 2021.

The 2021/22 Amended Annual Budget was reviewed by the Audit Committee on February 10, 2022, and motions recommending approval of the Budget were carried.

Superintendent Mark Pearmain, Assistant Superintendent's Chris Atkinson and Pius Ryan, and Ms. Watson answered a number of questions raised by Trustees.

Recommended Motion 1

Moved by C. Sacré

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) approve the \$1,300,000 transfer of Accumulated Operating Surplus to the Local Capital Fund, consistent with the appropriation included in the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

Recommended Motion 2

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2021/22 be read a first time;

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

Moved by C. Gerlach

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2021/22 be read a second time;

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

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

Moved by C. Gerlach

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2021/22 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.2. Notice of Motion: Policy Alignment with United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

Trustee George Tsiakos introduced and moved this agenda item noting that the Notice of Motion: Policy Alignment with United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was first discussed at the January 18, 2022 Public Board Meeting. This item is now being brought forward as an action item for a formal vote by the Board of Education.

Trustee Tsiakos reminded the Board of Education of intent of the motion and provided clarity on questions surrounding the language, budget and timeline. Superintendent Pearmain responded to questions regarding legal support and shared that discussions have already started with the Ministry of Education and Indigenous lawyers in Vancouver. An update will be reported out by October 2022.

B.2. Notice of Motion: Policy Alignment with United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) (continued)

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to develop and implement an action plan to bring all existing and future School District policies that are under the Board of Education's jurisdiction and authority in alignment with UNDRIP;

that the Superintendent be empowered to engage outside counsel to facilitate this process, including consultation and collaboration with Host Nations; and,

that the Superintendent shall provide the Board with a progress report as soon as practicable and no later than the October 2022 Public Board Meeting.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.3. Proposed Revised Policy 208: Summer Programs

Jennifer Tieche, District Principal of Summer Learning was introduced to provide an update on the proposed changes to Policy 208: Summer Programs. Clarity was presented in the Policy and Administrative Procedures to articulate how the program is offered.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Superintendent Pearmain and Ms. Tieche clarified the direction to explore opportunities and programs in the Summer Programs

An amendment to Proposed Revised Policy 208: Summer Programs was proposed and passed.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that we replace "summer learning opportunities" to include with the statement "summer learning opportunities include, but are not limited to..."

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed Revised Policy 208: Summer Programs*, as amended, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of February 15, 2022.

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

A short break was observed.

B.4. Intellectual Disability Advisory Committee

During the Board meeting of April 27, 2021, the Board of Education passed a motion directing the Superintendent to create an Intellectual Disability Advisory Sub-Committee. On November 17, 2021, the North Vancouver School District's Inclusion Committee met to begin the discussion about the motion to form an Intellectual Disability Advisory Sub-Committee. During the discussion the Inclusion Committee members asked for clarity as to the motion itself and who is to be included.

Janis Mann, District Vice Principal of Inclusion, was introduced as the representative of the committee to gain understanding from the Board of Education.

Trustees provided comments and clarity on the following questions:

- Does this include students with intellectual disabilities as well as students with autism who do/do not have intellectual disabilities?
 - Does it include both groups within the autistic community?
- Would this group include only students who identify as having an intellectual disability?

B.4. Intellectual Disability Advisory Committee (continued)

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education provide the following direction for clarity: that the sub-committee includes students with intellectual disabilities or students who identify as having an intellectual disability, as well as students with autism who do or do not have intellectual disabilities.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

An amendment to the motion was proposed and carried with the final wording being as follows:

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education provide the following direction for clarity: that the sub-committee includes students with intellectual disabilities or students who identify as having an intellectual disability as well as students with autism.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

C.1. Policy 104: Board of Education - Meetings – Administrative Procedures Update

Superintendent Pearmain provided an update on Policy 104: Board of Education - Meetings – Administrative Procedures, based on the new process that the Board of Education passed regarding motions and notice of motions.

C.2. Land Management Update

Superintendent Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the Argyle Secondary and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects and the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade. Updates on the Cheakamus Centre's Environmental Learning Centre, Lynn Valley Elementary addition and the status of the new Cloverley Elementary School were also provided.

Motion to Extend

Moved unanimously

to extend the meeting past 9:30 p.m.

C.3. Tuesday, February 8, 2022, Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Mary Tasi Baker reported on the meeting that highlighted budget development components including the major sources of revenues and expenses. A video on the budget development was shared encouraging the community to submit input and feedback.

C.4. Superintendent's Report (including COVID-19)

Superintendent Pearmain started by providing an update on COVID-19 noting there has been improvements week to week with staff and students absences. The North Vancouver School District received and distributed 5,100 rapid antigen tests for staff and it was shared that tests for students are coming at a later date. Special thanks was provided to staff, students and families for continued support when following the Provincial Health guidelines.

Highlights on Leadership for Learning, which is professional development opportunities for principals and vice principals, was provided sharing that the focus was equity through connection. Additionally, Superintendent Pearmain shared highlights from his visits from schools.

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

Trustee Tasi Baker shared an update on the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting and asked for feedback on the proposed BCSTA budget.

Trustee Sacré provided an update on the BCPSEA Annual General Meeting.

C.6. Trustees’ Reports

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

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - In Camera Meetings
 - Trustee Seminar Meetings
 - Presidents Council Meeting
 - Inclusion Committee Meeting
 - Audit Committee Meeting
 - Education Week Committee Meeting
 - Communication Committee Meeting
 - Board of Education Meeting with NoVA Executive
 - District Student Leadership Council Committee Meeting
 - BCSTA Metro Meeting
 - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
 - Various School Meetings
 - Various PAC Meetings
 - Integrated Transportation Committee Meeting
 - Physical Literacy for Communities North Vancouver Committee Meeting
 - North Shore Food Network Meeting
 - Meeting with NVREC Commission Chair
 - Meeting with Presentation House Theatre

- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Board of Education Meeting with North Vancouver MLAs
 - Director of Finance Interviews
 - BCPSEA Annual General Meeting
 - Bargaining Sessions
 - Ministry Announcement – Chinese Canadian Museum
 - Collaborating to Promote Healthy Food Environments at School Workshop
 - Restorative Practices Conference

During the Trustees’ Reports, Trustee Gerlach provided a notice of motion which will be included on a future agenda as an information item.

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Virtual

E. Public Question & Comment Period

Due to COVID-19 and moving the meeting to a virtual platform, the Board of Education did not take questions or comments in real time. Members of the public were asked to email their submission in to publiccomments@sd44.ca.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

March 8, 2022

Date

Original signed by K. Mann

Kulvir Mann
Chair, Board of Education

March 8, 2022

Date