

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 25, 2020.

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

ABSENT: M. Higgins

A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation were acknowledged.

On February 26, 2020, the North Vancouver School District will recognize Pink Shirt Day to help bring awareness and stand up to bullying.

Chair Sacré acknowledged Communications Manager Deneka Michaud and shared that this was her last public board meeting and thanked her for all her hard work and dedication to the North Vancouver School District.

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

The twenty minute comment period is intended to be relevant to the Board's mandate. The Chair requested that those wishing to speak should sign on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.

There was no one wishing to speak.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Bruce

that the minutes of the public meeting of January 21, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Lynn Valley Elementary School

This year, one of the priorities at the Lynn Valley Elementary School was to include student voice in the form of a Student Social Emotional Learning Leadership team. The grade six and seven student leaders met regularly to support the school plan and share their thoughts and ideas on how to increase students' sense of belonging at Lynn Valley School. This group of students plan to gather student information from kindergarten to grade seven including the Second Step program about Social Emotional Learning to help improve the school's goal.

A.5. Student Presentation – Lynn Valley Elementary School (continued)

Students Conor Baigent, Ana Bermudez, Keaton Johnson and Bella Hills shared with the Board how this focus has impacted their educational experience and how they have learned to problem solve and communicate better with school staff and fellow students.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Pearmain thanked the students for their courage to present and share their reflections.

B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2019/20

Financial Services Director Kristen Watson introduced this agenda item and noted that the Board is being asked to adopt an Amended Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2019/20 pursuant to Section 113 of the *School Act* which provides the authority for a Board to amend its annual budget bylaw. The Amended Budget in the amount of \$197,244,798 takes into account changes in revenue and expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the 2019/20 Preliminary Budget on May 21, 2019.

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

The Board has increased its Operating revenue budget from \$154,998,306 to \$159,846,618 since the adoption of the Preliminary Budget in May 2019. Significant adjustments included an increase to the Operating Grant budget estimate by \$4,038,392 as a result of higher than anticipated enrolment. Special Purpose Fund grants from the Ministry of Education increased by \$5,087,502 from the Preliminary Budget resulting from additional funding through the Classroom Enhancement Fund, in support of provisions of restored contract language. International Student Tuition fee revenue was increased by \$350,000 as a result of higher international student enrollment. The use of \$2,765,446 of Accumulated Operating Surplus balances the Operating Budget.

Planned Operating expenditures increased by \$927,469. This was largely attributed to increases in staffing costs as a result of contract settlements and additional Administrator FTE to provide for transitional succession plans. Other small increases were made to the supplies expense budget and consulting budgets.

In response to Trustees' questions, Director of Finance Kristen Watson, Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison and Superintendent Mark Pearmain provided clarification regarding student transportation funding, investments in District Priorities and Administrator FTE.

Moved by K. Mann

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/20 be read a first time;

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/20 be read a second time;

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

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

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/20 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

B.2. Motion for BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting

Introducing this agenda item, Trustee Gerlach noted that in order to put forward motions to the BCSTA AGM, Boards of Education must pass the final wording of the motion by a majority vote. Trustee Gerlach shared that the motion was submitted to the BCSTA to meet their deadline of February 16, 2020.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the North Vancouver Board of Education approve the substantive motion as attached to this memorandum of February 25, 2020.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.3. Proposed Revised Policy 208: Summer Programs

Kathleen Barter, District Principal, introduced this agenda item and provided a review of the draft changes to Policy 208: Summer Programs. The North Vancouver School District Policy Review Committee met on January 13, 2020 which included Trustees Christie Sacré and George Tsiakos, representatives from the secondary and elementary school administrators (NOVA) and the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTAs). The North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC), District Student Leadership Council (DSLCC) and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 389) representatives sent their regrets.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the Board of Education approve Proposed Revised Policy 208: Summer Programs, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of February 25, 2020.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.4. Elite Hockey Academy Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson was invited to the table to provide an overview of the submitted Elite Hockey Academy proposal and the discussions that have occurred to date.

Assistant Superintendent Atkinson noted that the proposed Elite Hockey Academy is an existing program that currently has 76 students from across the Lower Mainland and that they are looking to expand to North Vancouver School District. The intent is to offer the Elite Hockey Academy at Seycove Secondary School and will not overlap with the current Hockey Skills Academy.

After further discussion, Trustee Tasi Baker put forward an amendment to the motion to include the words "social and emotional support as needed". Superintendent Pearmain clarified that this would be included in the joint agreement with Spartan and the amendment was defeated.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education approve, in principle, the establishment of a North Vancouver Elite Hockey Academy as outlined in the North Vancouver Elite Hockey Academy Proposal attached to the Administrative Memorandum of February 25, 2020 and, that the academy be offered beginning September 2020 subject to sufficient student enrollment.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

The Chair called a recess at 8:07 p.m. and called the meeting back to Order at 8:13 p.m.

C.1. Physical Literacy

District Principal Deb Wanner provided a presentation on physical literacy and an overview on how physical literacy improves a person's confidence, competence and motivation to learn.

Ms. Wanner highlighted that students do not need to be athletes to be physically literate and that children require a minimum of one hour of exercise per day. By integrating exercise into the classroom, it is proven that movement and active learning improves academic learning, as well as enhancing self-regulation, improved memory and positive mental health.

In response to Trustees questions, Ms. Wanner clarified that girls are less engaged in physical education than boys in the senior grades and that more students are taking physical education online. Ms. Wanner recommended that supporting teachers with the skills and knowledge to encompass physical literacy skills throughout students' time in the classroom will have positive learning and health benefits.

C.2. Policy 306: Suspected Child/Youth Abuse – One Year Review

Brad Baker, District Principal, was invited to the table to provide a review on Policy 306: Suspected Child/Youth Abuse to the Board. The policy review sub-committee met on January 30, 2020, and made changes to the Administrative Procedures and recommended that the policy continue to be reviewed on an annual basis.

C.3. Policy 308: Use of Physical Restraint or Seclusion – One Year Review

Director of Instruction Vince White provided a review on Policy 308: Use of Physical Restraint or Seclusion to the Board. The policy review sub-committee recommended that reference to “evacuation of students” in both the policy and its corresponding procedures be changed to “relocation of students” to promote an understanding that providing a student required space to successfully problem solve is not indicative of an emergency but instead in alignment with best practices to support student well-being and dignity. A recommendation was made to continue to review this policy and procedures annually.

C.4. Policy 406: Resolving Concerns Regarding Personnel, Programs or Procedures – One Year Review

Arlene Martin, Director of Instruction, provided a review on Policy 406: Resolving Concerns Regarding Personnel, Programs or Procedures and updated the Board that the policy review was satisfactory and they will continue to review the policy on an annual basis.

C.5. Policy 415: Standards of Investigation – One Year Review

Director of Human Resources Scott Stanley provided a review on policy 415: Standards of Investigation and shared with the Board that two supplementary documents have been created to assist Principals and supervisors with tangible support in preparing and conducting investigations and how to navigate key moments in the investigation process. Mr. Stanley concluded that there were no changes to the policy or administrative procedures at this time.

C.6. Policy 804: Use of Tobacco, Vapour Products and Cannabis on Board Premises – One Year Review

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson was invited to the table to provide a review on Policy 804: Use of Tobacco, Vapour Products and Cannabis on Board Premises. Assistant Superintendent Atkinson shared that secondary school Principals were asked to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the new policy. The suggested changes to include the words “in all forms” in both the policy and in the administrative procedures was unanimously agreed on by the Board.

C.7. Policy 807: Naming of Facilities and Parts of Facilities and Policy 808: Re-naming of Facilities and Parts of Facilities – One Year Review

Superintendent Chris Atkinson provided a review on Policy 807: Naming of Facilities and Parts of Facilities and Policy 808: Re-naming of Facilities and Parts of Facilities. The Board was advised that there had only been one written proposal to name a part of a facility in the past year. This proposal did not meet the criteria outlined in Policy 807. The suggested edit to include the words “or part of a facility” in the Administrative Procedures was adopted.

C.8. Land Management Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects, as well as the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade. Notification was provided that there was no change in the status of Lucas Centre and Cloverley sites.

C.9. Tuesday, February 4, 2020 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Gerlach chaired the Tuesday, February 4th Standing Committee meeting that focused on the Budget development components for 2020/21, including historical and current revenues and expenses, budget timelines, operating grant and the Three Year Forecast.

C.10. Out of Country Field Trips – Secondary

Provided for their information, Trustees received in their agenda packages an overview of out of country field trips that are being planned for secondary students as follows:

- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to Vietnam, Cambodia and South Korea (March 9-26, 2020)
- Sutherland Secondary School – field trip to Seattle, WA USA (April 8-9, 2020)
- Handsworth Secondary School – field trip to Los Angeles, CA (April 23 - 26, 2020)
- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to Anaheim, CA (April 30 - May 4, 2020)

C.11. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to Larson and Upper Lynn Elementary schools. In recognition of North Vancouver School District employees, Superintendent Pearmain attended schools to acknowledge staff that have been with the School District for one, five and ten year milestones.

C.12. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers’ Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Tasi Baker shared with the Board that the BCSTA Provincial Council was held on February 21 – 22, 2020, and that the BCSTA Annual General Meeting will be on April 16 – 19, 2020.

There was no update on BCPSEA.

C.13. Trustees’ Reports

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

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Environmental Sustainability Committee
 - BCSTA Provincial Council
 - Audit Committee Meeting
 - Meeting with NoVA
 - Children and Youth Safe and Active Transportation Meeting

C.13. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- Safe and Caring Schools Meeting
- Standing Committee Meeting - Finance and Facilities
- Integrated Transportation Committee Meeting
- Board Planning Meeting
- BCPSEA Annual General Meeting
- Meeting with Deb Wanner Re: Physical Literacy
- Meeting with TWN Curtis Thomas
- Upper Lynn PAC Meeting
- Policy 412 Sub-Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Mayor Buchanan
- DSLC Meeting at Sutherland
- Carson Graham PAC Meeting
- North Shore Restorative Justice School Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Handsworth Students
- CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
- Class Acts Meeting for Trustee Reception
- Meeting with Ingrid Weisenbach – DNV Transportation Planner
- North Vancouver Museum & Archives School Programs Working Group Meeting
- Handsworth PAC Meeting
- ANS Active North Shore Network Meeting
- Public Board Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:

- NoVA Dinner
- NVSD Tech and Trade Career Fair
- Ridgeway Multicultural Fair
- Board/Employee Group Dinner on Strategic Plan
- NVPAC Dinner
- Careers Night at the Education Service Centre
- NVPAC SEL Information Night
- BCSTA Leadership Series
- Freedom of the City Celebration
- Physical Literacy and Our Community – Key Note Speaker
- Metro School Districts Tour of Cheakamus Centre
- Upper Lynn School Visit
- Argyle School Visit
- Ross Road School Visit
- BCSTA Working Group – Trustee Work Environments
- Circles Movie – Restorative Justice
- Lunch with Restorative Justice Board Member Eric Anderson
- Highlands School Visit
- Argyle School Tour
- NVPAC – LGBTQ Awareness 101
- Carson Graham Engineering Fair
- Seylynn Strings Festival at Centennial Theatre
- Silver Harbour Seniors Activity Centre Society Tour with MLA Bowinn Ma
- Digital Media Academy Expo at Argyle School
- Dr. Dean Kriellaars on Health, Physical Literacy and Our Community
- BOSA Animation & Film Open House at Capilano University
- ICBC Graduated Licensing Program and Road Safety Presentation
- Higher Grounds Café visit at ESC
- Salmon Welcome at Westview Elementary School
- Celebration of IB at Carson Graham Secondary

D. Future Meetings

| Date and Time | Event | Location |
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| Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. | Public Board Meeting | Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver |
| Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. | Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting | Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver |
| Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. | Public Board Meeting | Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver |
| Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. | Standing Committee Meeting | Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver |

E. Public Question & Comment Period

The Chair 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.

There was no one wishing to speak.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

March 10, 2020

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

March 10, 2020

Date