

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, May 21, 2019.

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

A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation were acknowledged.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by D. Bruce

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

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

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.

Amanda Nichol, on behalf of the Braemar PAC, extended the invitation to the Board to attend Braemar Elementary School bike to school celebration the week of May 27 – 31, 2019.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public meeting of April 23, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Sherwood Park Elementary

Kindergarten students from Sherwood Park Elementary School shared a daily breathing exercise that helps them be fully present with one another. This daily breathing ritual helps these young students strengthen their inner peace and bring a sense of joy and calmness to the classroom.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked Ms. Sulis and the students for coming to share their breathing exercise with the Board.

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

As required under the School Act, the Board of Education must adopt its budget bylaw on or before June 30, 2019, for the 2019/20 fiscal year. Superintendent of Schools Mark Pearmain introduced this agenda item by sharing the budget process with the Board. Superintendent Pearmain provided highlights on how the School District is funded and how the restored language has impacted the School District.

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

Executive Director of Human Resources Scott Stanley and Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Pius Ryan summarized the recommendations that the Executive Committee proposed to the Board, further explaining how the recommendations fit into the budget. Director of Financial Services Kristen Watson was invited to the table to present the 2019/20 Annual Budget in the amount of \$191,368,924, provide an overview of the budget and respond to Trustees' questions.

Ms. Watson highlighted a few items: salary costs for Teaching and Support Staff do not include a provision for increments that may be negotiated through the collective bargaining process, as those costs will be funded by the Ministry of Education and Administrative, Management and Exempt Salary estimates do include a provision for salary increase of approximately 3%. Overall, the Operations budget includes approximately \$132,000 increase in the cost of services and supplies, which is less than a 1% change from last year. The student FTE enrolment is predicted to drop by approximately 90 students next year therefore, the loss of Operating Grant Revenue experienced by the drop in enrolment will be partly offset by an increase of \$45 per student, to the per-pupil Operating Grant. New Grant Revenue of \$1,210,892 will be provided by the Ministry of Education to offset the costs of the new Employer Health Tax. The total 2019/20 Operating Grant Revenue is estimated to be \$137,660,680. The 2019/20 Operating Budget includes a use of prior year surplus of \$2,296,289 in order to balance the Operating Fund.

In response to Trustees' questions, clarification was provided regarding class size and composition funding, the results of the engagement survey and employee training in social and emotional health.

Moved by D. Bruce

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

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Moved by K. Mann

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2019/20 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 M. Tasi Baker

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

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.2. Trustee Stipend

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison introduced this agenda item and shared that the Income Tax Act (ITA) exemption for Trustee stipend has been removed effective January 2019. All income received by a Trustee is to be taxable for the 2019 calendar year and all subsequent years.

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.

An analysis of the taxation impact for North Vancouver Trustees demonstrated that an increase of approximately 9% will be required to bring the net pay back to the 2018 level. Using this approach,

and rounding to the nearest \$100, generates the following Stipend rates: Chair \$29,700; Vice-Chair \$28,200; Trustee \$27,400.

B.2. Trustee Stipend (continued)

Secretary Treasurer Allison provided a variety of approaches on how neighbouring School Districts in the Metro Vancouver area, as well as across the Province have addressed this tax change.

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

Moved by M. Higgins

that the annual Trustee Stipend be adjusted, effective January 1, 2019, to reflect the impact of the Income Tax Act changes and,

that the annual Trustee Stipend rates adjusted to: Chair \$29,700; Vice-Chair \$28,200; Trustee \$27,400.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

Opposed: C. Gerlach

C.1. Elementary School Fees 2019/20

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson introduced this item and noted that, in accordance with [Policy 706: School Fees](#), the elementary fees included in the Board agenda package for Trustees' information have been reviewed by school administrators consulting with appropriate staff, students and Parent Advisory Council. Assistant Superintendent Atkinson noted that the range of fees is based on cost recovery and Trustees are encouraged to contact their individual schools for clarification.

C.2. Land Management Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects, as well as the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade.

Notification was provided to the Board of Education regarding the status on the Lucas Centre and Cloverley Elementary School.

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared that the North Vancouver School District will be meeting with District Council on Monday, May 27, 2019, to discuss the development permit for Handsworth Secondary School.

C.3. Tuesday, May 7, 2019 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Tsiakos reported on the meeting that identified successes and areas of growth within Aboriginal Education.

C.4. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to Carson Graham and Seycove Secondary schools.

Recognition was provided to the students from the North Vancouver School District who received awards at the City and District Civic Youth Awards, which were attended by members of the Executive Committee.

Superintendent Pearmain congratulated Martin Stuible, President of North Vancouver Teachers' Association, for his leadership and advocacy in supporting public education.

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

Trustee Tasi Baker shared information from the BCSTA AGM that was held from April 25-27, 2019.

There was no update from on 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:
 - Standing Committee Meeting
 - Trustee Seminar
 - Audit Committee Meeting
 - AFK Committee Meeting
 - Handsworth Public Engagement Meeting
 - Norgate Community Dialogue
 - NVSD New Employee Orientation
 - Policy Review
 - ITC Meeting
 - Bargaining
 - North Shore Restorative Justice Society Community Dialogue
 - Queen Mary PAC Meeting
 - Westview PAC Meeting
 - Carson Graham Exit Interviews
 - Seycove Exit Interviews
 - Meeting with District of North Vancouver Counsellors
 - NVPAC Meeting
 - Safe & Caring Schools Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - BCSTA AGM
 - Secret Path Movie Screening
 - VSO/North Vancouver Honour Band & Strings Concert
 - 44 Dresses Event
 - City of North Vancouver Youth Awards
 - District of North Vancouver Youth Awards
 - Cheakamus Open House 50th Celebration
 - Eastview Elementary Visit
 - Queensbury Elementary Visit
 - Ridgeway Spring Fair
 - Queensbury Elementary Ice Cream Social
 - Carson Graham Secondary Systems & Innovations Fair
 - AFK Shives Event
 - Roots of Empathy
 - Pro D Speaker – Dr. Bailey
 - Catchment Review Community Consultation Evening
 - ACE's Second Annual Conference 2019
 - BC Land Summit 2019

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, June 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm	Public Board 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.

Amanda Nichol, Co-Chair of North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council, spoke regarding the portable going onto the Queen Mary Elementary School site and whether it would have a washroom attached. Ms. Nichol voiced her concerns of younger aged children being placed in portables and asked the Board to consider older aged children when making these decisions.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

June 18, 2019

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

June 18, 2019

Date