

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 26, 2020.

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

A. Call to Order

Chair 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 the staff, parents and students for their continued efforts and support during the challenges of COVID-19.

Motion to Approve Trustees Participation by Teleconference

Moved by C. Sacré

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 May 26, 2020, Public Meeting by telephone.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

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. Approval of Minutes

Moved by M. Higgins

that the minutes of the public meeting of April 28, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.1. New Board Agenda

Superintendent Mark Pearmain introduced this agenda item and shared that at earlier Public Board Meetings, the Board of Education discussed options to include a stakeholder comment session on the Board Meeting Agenda. Superintendent Pearmain presented two draft agendas that were created to maximize stakeholder engagement.

B.1. New Board Agenda (continued)

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board of Education modify its Public Board Meeting Agenda to continue meetings at 6:30 p.m. and provide a 25 minute stakeholder comment session with 5 minutes for clarifying questions.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.2. Sutherland Secondary School Track Funding Partnership Opportunities

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the ongoing process to gain local corporate support to assist in the rubberizing of the Sutherland Secondary School track. An update was also provided on a recent Federal grant application that was recently submitted through BC Athletics in partnership with the North Vancouver School District.

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to continue to explore government infrastructure grant initiatives and to ensure that the Sutherland rubberization project could be as 'shovel ready' as possible should opportunities arise.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

B.3. NVSD Return-to-School Instruction Plan

On March 17, 2020, the Government of BC and the Ministry of Education, under the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry, suspended in-class instruction in all BC K-12 schools as one of many provincial preventative measures implemented to manage the COVID-19 pandemic in British Columbia.

Since then, learning opportunities have been provided to North Vancouver School District students predominantly via remote and online learning. On May 15th, the Premier and Minister of Education confirmed a June 1st start date for return to in-person instruction. The option for students to return to classrooms on a reduced, part-time schedule is voluntary; parents may choose to decline the option if they wish.

Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Pius Ryan presented and reviewed the [NVSD Restart Plan](#) developed for the return of students to classroom learning. In addition to the plan, Assistant Superintendent Atkinson spoke to the *NVSD Safe Work Instructions for Site Operations during Pandemic COVID-19* and the *NVSD K-12 Return to School FAQ* that were included in the Board Package.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education endorse the North Vancouver School District Return-to-School Instruction Plan, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of May 26, 2020, and as submitted to the Ministry of Education, as required, on May 25, 2020.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

A five minute break was observed.

C.1. Elementary School Fees 2020/21

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.

C.2. 2020/21 Preliminary Budget Status

In introducing this agenda item, Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared that COVID-19 has had a dramatic impact on the development of the 2020/21 Preliminary Operating Budget. Due to this, the Budget will be presented at the June 23, 2020, Public Board Meeting to provide staff additional time to complete the work and adjust to the changing dynamics.

Superintendent Pearmain provided a list of significant revenue losses, directly attributed to COVID-19, which are concerning for the 2020/21 fiscal year. These include:

- International Student Enrolment – the closure of the Canadian border has limited international student access to Canada. The impact of the restricted study access for International Students equates to a revenue loss of approximately \$6,000,000.
- Classroom and Gym Rental – Rentals for classrooms and gyms will be impacted based upon the ability of User Groups to implement social distancing and other safety protocols into their specific activities. This could equate to a lost revenue of up to \$400,000.
- Interest Income – The Bank of Canada has implemented an interest rate strategy to support the economy in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. If the Bank of Canada maintains the interest rates at the current level, the lost interest income could be up to \$600,000.
- Cheakamus Centre – The Provincial Health Order to restrict gathers to less than 50 people has removed the opportunity for revenue generation through event catering. The lost revenue could have a financial impact of up to \$1,000,000.

COVID-19 has created many complex variables and unknowns related to striking the Preliminary Budget. The education of students is vitally important and, with that in mind, staff are working to develop a budget that is thoughtful and as responsive as possible.

F. Adjournment

At 9:03 p.m. the network server at the Education Services Centre failed, dropping the Trustees from the conference call. At this point, due to the technical difficulties, Trustees were unable to communicate with each other and quorum was lost. As all business items were completed, Chair Sacré noted that the rest of the information items would be written in the completed minutes which would be approved at the June 23, 2020, Public Board Meeting. Chair Sacré adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

The information items are below in written form.

C.3. Land Management Update

There was no change in the status of Argyle Secondary School Replacement, Handsworth Secondary School Replacement, Mountainside Secondary School Seismic Upgrade, Lucas Centre or Cloverley Elementary School since the April 23, 2020, Public Board Meeting.

C.4. Superintendent's Report

Graduation Filming: We are excited to be hosting 1300 graduates from our 7 schools to film for their virtual graduation. We have enjoyed having the students come through and sharing the experience of parents who are waiting outside to meet their loved one. A lot of cheering and celebrating is occurring!

September 2020: We are beginning to turn our attention to planning for September 2020 and what school may look like. We are working on plans that will allow us to open fully (stage 1), partially (stage 2) or to maintain our current status (stage 3). We are expecting that the 2020/21 school year will be a regular (non voluntary) expectation for all students to attend but in a hybrid model. Planning will continue over the summer months and will be responsive to the Ministry direction

C.4. Superintendent’s Report (continued)

expected in August. Regardless of what stage we open in, the NVSD expects that we will have some sort of hybrid model in place at some point in time during the 2020/21 school year.

Food Access Program: We continue to support our community by providing gift cards to families / student who require support. For the month of May the NVSD gave out 631 gifts cards valued \$31 550.00. Again – we are grateful for the support of our community partner Save-On-Foods.

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

Trustee Tasi Baker had nothing to report for BCSTA. 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
 - Trustee Seminar Meetings
 - Presidents Council Virtual Meeting
 - BCSTA Weekly Board Chair Virtual Meetings
 - NSRJS School Committee Virtual Meeting
 - North Shore Table Matters Virtual Meeting
 - CNV4ME Action Team Buckets of Home Meeting
 - Physical Literacy for North Vancouver Communities Virtual Meeting
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - NVPAC Presentation: Sharon Selby’s talk on Anxiety
 - Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Education
 - North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce AGM

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, June 23, 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 at the time of the network failure.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

June 24, 2020

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

June 24, 2020

Date