

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 24, 2022.

PRESENT: K. Mann, Chair
L. Munro, Vice Chair
C. Gerlach (teleconference)
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 Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔt (Tseil-Waututh) Nation.

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 Trustee Gerlach in the May 24, 2022 Public Meeting by Microsoft Teams.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

A.1. Chair Mann's opening remarks

Chair Mann began by acknowledging that June is a month of celebration for year end activities and grad events and wished the Class of 2022 all the best as they get ready to embark on a new journey. On behalf of the Board of Education, Chair Mann congratulated Dr. Pius Ryan on his appointment as the North Vancouver School District Superintendent of Schools. Thanks was provided to Sylvia Russell, Acting Superintendent, for her work guiding the School District for the past few months.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by L. Munro

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. 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.

A.4. Stakeholder Comment Period (continued)

Executive members of the District Student Leadership Council (DSLCL), Anita Beauchamp, Maddie Walker and Moe Zhang, provided a final update to the Board of Education. The update highlighted seven general meetings, ten executive meetings and three Board of Education meetings. The executive members congratulated Dr. Pius Ryan on his appointment as Superintendent and thanked the Board for making students feel like their voice is valued.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the minutes of the public meeting of April 12, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

A.6. Outdoor Safety and Emergency Preparedness Open House Presentation

Lisa Dalla Vecchia, Communications Manager and Adam Baumann, Director of Instruction, provided highlights on the inaugural Outdoor Safety & Emergency Preparedness Open House Presentation at Argyle Secondary School on May 7, 2022. The event showcased the expertise of local emergency management partners and first responders who provided information sessions and workshops on outdoor safety and emergency preparedness.

B.1. Proposed Revised Policy 203: Communicating Student Learning to Parents (Reporting)

Greg Hockley, District Principal, Curriculum and Assessment (Secondary) and Careers and Chanin Smyth, District Principal, Curriculum and Assessment (Elementary) were invited to the table to present changes to Policy 203: Communicating Student Learning to Parents (Reporting).

Mr. Hockley and Ms. Smyth highlighted changes to the policy which aligned language with the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Clarification on Individual Education Plans (IEPs), communicating student learning, and timeline for reporting out was provided. Staff advised that further revisions may be needed pending Ministry changes to the reporting order.

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board of Education approve Proposed Revised Policy 203: Communicating Student Learning to Parents (Reporting), as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of May 24, 2022.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

B.2. Proposed Revised Policy 409: Anti-Racism and Equity through Cultural Diversity

With the support of the Anti-Racism Steering Committee, the Superintendent created a sub-committee to review Policy 409: Multi-Cultural/Race Relations, which was last revised in 2001. Rupi Samra-Gynane, Principal, École Handsworth Secondary, was appointed to chair the sub-committee.

Ms. Samra-Gynane updated the Board on the policy and acknowledged that the conversation of racism, equity and cultural diversity is constantly evolving and changing. Responding to Trustees' questions, clarification was provided on the participation of committee members, creating safe spaces for conversations, supporting individuals through reporting systems, and, changes to the Administrative Procedures.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education approve Proposed Revised Policy 409: Anti-Racism and Equity through Cultural Diversity, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of May 24, 2022.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.3. Corporate Banking Services

Board Chair Mann introduced the following routine bylaw and resolutions as a consequence of a new Director of Financial Services assigned signing authority.

(A) Bank of Montreal – Banking Bylaw 1-2022

Moved by C. Sacré

that Banking Bylaw Number 1-2022 be read a first time;

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Moved by L. Munro

that Banking Bylaw Number 1-2022 be read a second time;

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

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

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that Banking Bylaw Number 1-2022 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

(B) Toronto-Dominion – Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Toronto-Dominion Bank Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers as per Schedule B.3.(B). be approved.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

(C) BlueShore Financial – Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers

Moved by L. Munro

that the BlueShore Financial Bank Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers as per Schedule B.3.(C). be approved.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.4. 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).

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board adopt Trustee Stipends for the Chair at \$31,421; the Vice Chair at \$29,834; and Trustees at \$28,988 effective July 1, 2022.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Defeated

Against: C. Gerlach

A short break was observed.

B.5. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2022/23

As required under the *School Act*, the Board of Education must adopt its budget bylaw on or before June 30, 2022, for the 2022/23 fiscal year. Secretary Treasurer Stewart introduced this agenda item by sharing the budget process with the Board of Education and presented the 2022/23 Preliminary Annual Budget in the amount of \$213,338,434.

Secretary Treasurer Stewart, Executive Director of Human Resources Scott Stanley and Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Pius Ryan summarized the 2022/23 preliminary planning assumptions, highlighting student enrolment, revenues, staffing, and salaries and benefits. The presentation included specific impacts to the Board's Strategic Plan Goals for 2021-2031.

Staff highlighted programs and services included within the 2022/23 financial plan that align with Board priorities. Input received from consultation with the School District partner groups was presented, and staff identified ways in which those priorities have been incorporated into the 2022/23 financial plan. Concluding the presentation, staff summarized potential risk assumptions for the next year and highlighted the approval process.

The Executive team provided clarification and responded to Trustees' questions.

Motion 1:

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Board of Education restrict use of \$5,488,923 from the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the 2022/23 Preliminary Budget.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Motion 2:

Moved by L. Munro

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2022/23 be read a first time;

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2022/23 be read a second time;

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

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

Moved by M. Higgins

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2022/23 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

Motion to Extend

Moved by unanimous consent

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

C.1. Elementary School Fees 2022/23

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. Land Management Update

The cover report provided updates on the Argyle Secondary replacement project, the Handsworth Secondary replacement project, the Lynn Valley expansion project, the Mountainside Secondary update and the Cloverley Elementary school project. Secretary Treasurer Stewart responded to Trustee questions including the timing of the Argyle artificial turf field.

C.3. Tuesday, May 3, 2022, Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Linda Munro reported on the meeting that highlighted the current goals of public schooling and the North Vancouver School District's priorities that guide Indigenous Education. Examples of Indigenous curriculum, both universally embedded across the curriculum and targeted in Indigenous focused courses, were discussed.

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

Acting Superintendent Sylvia Russell started by thanking the Board of Education and the North Vancouver community for engaging with her during her time as Superintendent. Congratulations was provided to new Superintendent Dr. Ryan who will bring a strong leadership experience and deep appreciation for the School District. An update on COVID-19 was provided, including a message of thanks for staff for maintaining a positive presence.

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

Trustee Mary Tasi Baker shared her appreciation for the BCSTA Annual General Meeting that was held in April.

Trustee Sacré shared that there is an exempt staff review occurring across the province and teacher staff bargaining continues.

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
 - NVSD Board and CNV Mayor and Council Dinner Meeting
 - NVSD Board and DSLC – Student Executive Dinner Meeting
 - Meeting with Host Nations – Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation
 - Policy Review Committee Meeting
 - Inclusion Committee Meeting
 - Audit Committee Meeting
 - Sustainability Committee Meeting
 - Board Chairs Meeting with BCSTA
 - Artist for Kids Committee Meeting
 - Argyle Cabaret Committee Meeting
 - Various PAC Meetings
 - Meeting with NVPAC Executive
 - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
 - President's Council Meeting
- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - NVSD Outdoor Safety and Emergency Preparedness Day
 - Seycove Secondary Capstone Presentations

C.6. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- Westview Elementary Accessible Playground Event with MLA Bowinn Ma
- CNV Mayors Gala at Polygon Gallery
- BCSTA AGM
- Argyle Secondary Spring Performance
- Carson Graham Secondary – “Be Aware Fair” – Sustainability Week Event
- Various School Cleanups
- Stream of Dreams Mural Event at Seymour Heights Elementary
- CityHive Session on Advocacy
- City of North Vancouver Youth Awards Event
- NVRCMP Celebration Event for Police Appreciation Week
- Trauma Informed Workshop
- Metro School District’s Meeting

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.	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.

There was no one wishing to speak.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:53 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

June 21, 2022

Date

Original signed by K. Mann

Kulvir Mann
Chair, Board of Education

June 21, 2022

Date