

## **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, April 21, 2015.

**PRESENT:** C. Gerlach, Chair  
M. Higgins, Vice-Chair  
B. Forward  
C. Sacré  
S. Skinner (joined the meeting at 7:28 pm)  
J. Stanley  
F. Stratton

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### **A. Call to Order**

Chair Gerlach called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **A.2. Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Forward requested to amend the agenda to include Item B.6. Bill 11 – Board Position.

Moved by B. Forward

that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

### **A.3. Moment of Silence - Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace**

Chair Gerlach reminded those in attendance that April 28<sup>th</sup> is recognized as a Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace. A moment of silence was observed.

### **A.4. Public Comment Period**

The ten-minute comment period is intended to be restricted to items on the evening's Board Agenda. The Chair requested that those wishing to speak should sign on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.

No one wished to speak.

### **A.5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by C. Sacré

that the minutes of the public meeting of March 24, 2015 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

With consent from the Board, Agenda Item B.2. was addressed before Agenda Item B.1.

### **B.2. Corporate Banking Services**

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison introduced the following routine bylaw and resolution as a result of a change in Board Chair.

#### **(A) Bank of Montreal – Banking Bylaw 2-2015**

Moved by B. Forward

that Banking Bylaw Number 2-2015 be read a first time;

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

**B.2. Corporate Banking Services (continued)**

Moved by F. Stratton

that Banking Bylaw Number 2-2015 be read a second time;

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

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

Moved by J. Stanley

that Banking Bylaw Number 2-2015 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

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

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Toronto-Dominion Bank Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers as per Schedule B.2.(B). be approved.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

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

Moved by J. Stanley

that the BlueShore Financial Bank Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers as per Schedule B.2.(C). be approved.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

**B.1. Annual Facilities Grant Capital Project Bylaw No.126898**

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison reported that the Ministry of Education recently announced the allocation of the Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) for 2015/16. North Vancouver School District will receive a total of \$3,235,525 to fund the maintenance of schools, up from last year's \$3,134,503. The 2015/16 allocation is split between operating funds (\$679,583) and capital funds (\$2,555,942). A deduction of \$343,582 will be made from the operating portion of the funding allocation to pay for the North Vancouver School District's share of \$53,310 for the Capital Asset Management System (CAMS) and \$290,272 for the Provincial Learning Network (PLNET).

Secretary Treasurer Allison invited to the table Janson Ho, Director of Facilities and Planning, to provide further information and respond to Trustees' questions. Clarification was provided concerning regulatory changes in code, control upgrades, and landscaping enhancements.

Moved by F. Stratton

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126898 be read a first time;

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

Moved by B. Forward

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126898 be read a second time;

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

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

Moved by J. Stanley

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Project Bylaw No. 126898 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

**B.1. Annual Facilities Grant Capital Project Bylaw No.126898 (continued)**

Secretary Treasurer Allison thanked Mr. Ho for presenting the 2015/16 Annual Facilities Grant to the Board.

**B.3. 2015/16 Budget Consultation Update and Board Direction**

In introducing the budget consultation update, Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison outlined the information and discussion sessions held at the March 3, 2015 and April 7, 2015 meetings of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee provided for the School District partner groups; North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC), North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa), Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 389), North Vancouver Administrators (NoVA), District Student Leadership Council (DSLc), and the public.

*It was at this point in the agenda that Trustee Skinner joined the meeting.*

At the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and through a School District email address, input was received regarding possible allocation, on a percentage basis, for any available funding that may be achieved through efficiencies or additional revenues. The input was collated and forwarded to the Executive Committee for recommendations. Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison summarized the input as well as options the Executive Committee has proposed for the Board's consideration that would allow for the Administrative Savings Plan, the reallocation of resources and proposed support to address Kindergarten start-up. Clarification was provided by Superintendent John Lewis and Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison regarding recommended budget priorities and allocations.

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board approve the Administrative Savings Plan as attached; and

that the Board approve the immediate reinstatement of temporary support to the classroom to address Kindergarten start-up.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

**B.4. Supporting Student Learning: Summer School Program Pilot**

Chair Gerlach invited Mark Pearmain, Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Joanne Robertson, Director of Instruction, to the table to discuss the development of a focused learning initiative and intervention for the summer months, specifically designed to support the learning needs of vulnerable students.

In January 2015, the District's Executive Committee established a Supporting Student Learning Working Group, comprised of six school-based administrators, along with Assistant Superintendent Pearmain and Dr. Robertson. As a result, the Group designed a Summer School Program Pilot, focusing on students with learning disabilities who are entering Grade 5. Assistant Superintendent Pearmain and Dr. Robertson responded to Trustees' questions, clarifying the reason that this cohort was chosen, the timeline associated with the Program, and how the Group would track the cohort group.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the Board approve the *Supporting Student Learning Summer 2015 Pilot Program*, as outlined in the Summer School Program Pilot Executive Summary document attached to the Administrative Memorandum of April 21, 2015, and that the program be offered at the Mountainside Secondary School site for the 2015 summer session.

Seconded by S. Skinner

Carried

**B.4. Supporting Student Learning: Summer School Program Pilot (continued)**

The Trustees thanked Assistant Superintendent Mark Pearmain and Dr. Joanne Robertson for their leadership and requested that they come back to share the results of the *Supporting Student Learning Summer 2015 Pilot Program* in October 2015.

**B.5. Board Committees and Trustee Representational Assignments (2015)**

Chair Gerlach introduced this item and advised that, in accordance with [Policy 102: Board of Education – Committees and Representation](#), Trustees had met to discuss their preferences for committee appointments for the remainder of the year.

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board approve the Chair's appointments of Trustees as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of April 21, 2015, and make the appointments effective April 21, 2015.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

**B.6. Bill 11 – Board Position**

Trustee Forward introduced this item as a response to the BC School Trustees Association's (BCSTA's) Annual General Meeting (AGM) that was held April 16-18, 2015. At the BCSTA AGM, the membership expressed concern about Bill 11; specifically, that it undermines the authority and autonomy of local boards of education. It was recommended that the Board follow the lead of BCSTA and write a letter to the Ministry in support of withdrawing sections of Bill 11 that override board authority.

Accepting the will of the Board, it was decided that a letter would be written to the Ministry.

**C.1. Land, Learning & Livability Community Engagement – Update**

John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and provided a brief update on Monteray, Ridgeway Annex and the Argyle replacement project. He noted that a Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at District Hall for the redevelopment of the former Monteray School site. The next steps will be advancing the proposal to second and third reading at the regular Council Meeting of Monday, May 4, 2015. Superintendent Lewis also noted that progress continues to move forward with the Ministry to fund the gap for the Argyle replacement project and a meeting with the Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister has been confirmed for early May.

**C.2. Tuesday, April 7, 2015 Standing Committee Meeting**

Board Chair Cyndi Gerlach, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee, reported on the meeting that finalized the Budget development components for 2015/16 and thanked those who attended. On behalf of the Board, Chair Gerlach shared her appreciation for the open dialogue.

**C.3. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Lewis noted that the following items are included in the Superintendent's Blog (<http://blog44.ca/superintendent>):

- "Waste Diversion in Schools Handbook" now available
- Ridgeway School achieves GOLD
- A hands-on head-start: ACE IT Piping Foundation program partnership for Mountainside Secondary students opens at the Squamish Nation Trade Centre
- Sutherland Builds Connections within Family of Schools
- "Collaboratively it can be done" Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence share 2014 recipients exemplary practices notes

**C.3. Superintendent's Report (continued)**

- District Dance Festival
- North Vancouver School District Music Festivals
- 44 Dresses Event at Education Services Centre

**C.4. Report Out – BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)**

Trustee Stratton noted that on Sunday, April 19, 2015, she joined the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Board of Directors Meeting following the BCSTA Annual General Meeting (AGM). The BCSTA Board of Directors discussed the AGM and relayed information and concerns that arose from the meeting. Trustee Skinner attended the BCSTA Board of Directors Meeting in her capacity as representative for BCSTA and shared that the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) discussed budget cutbacks and how that would affect supporting quality initiatives. Both BCSTA and BCPSEA continue to work together.

**C.5. 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
  - Standing Committee Meeting
  - MLAs and Board Meeting
  - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting
  - City of North Vancouver Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
  - District Student Leadership Council Forum
  - Handsworth Secondary School Play "Dread"
  - Carson Graham Secondary Gala
  - Queen Mary Community Garage Sale
  - International Autism Awareness Month at Queensbury Elementary
  - Prime Minister Stephen Harper at Seycove Secondary School

**D. Future Meetings**

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	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 8:29 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

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Georgia Allison  
Secretary Treasurer

May 26, 2015

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Date

Original signed by C. Gerlach

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Cyndi Gerlach  
Chair, Board of Education

May 26, 2015

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Date