

**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 21, 2023

**PRESENT:** K. Mann, Chair  
L. Munro, Vice Chair  
D. Anderson  
C. Gerlach  
G. Tsiakos  
L. Tumaneng  
A. Wilson

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**A. Call to Order**

Board Chair Kulvir Mann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**A.1. Acknowledgments**

Board Chair Mann acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation.

**A.2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by A. Wilson

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

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Trustee Gerlach requested that the agenda be amended to move item C6 for discussion under the B.2 items.

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

**A.3. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by D. Anderson

that the minutes of the inaugural public meeting of January 17, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

**A.4. Public Question/Comment Period**

There were no public questions or comments received by the Board.

**A.5. Educational Presentation: North Vancouver Online Learning Update**

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Jennifer Tieche, Vice Principal of Mountainside Secondary and North Vancouver Online Learning (NVOL), to present an update to the Board pertaining to the NVOL. Ms. Tieche provided an overview of how the NVOL serves student learning needs across the school district, with emphasis on equity, diversity and inclusion of all students. As a newly-appointed Provincial Online Learning School by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the NVOL will continue to provide courses in English and French to students and professional development opportunities for educators.

The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

**B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2022/23**

Jacqui Stewart, Secretary Treasurer, introduced Helena Drury, Director of Finance, to present the Amended Annual Budget. Ms. Drury highlighted the timeline of the budget cycle, with a focus on key milestones, and provided an overview of changes in planning assumptions since the 2022/23 Preliminary Annual Budget was adopted on May 24, 2022. Trustees were reminded that the annual budget must be balanced.

The 2022/23 Amended Annual Budget in the amount of \$225,095,525 considers changes in enrolments, revenues and expenditures that have occurred since. The preliminary budget is based on an enrolment forecast developed February 2022. The additional enrolment reported in September results in higher revenues and higher expenses through increased staffing needs. These changes have resulted in a positive impact on the balance of the Accumulated Operating Surplus, to bring the unrestricted balance within the target outlined in Policy 710: Accumulated Operating Surplus.

The 2022/23 Amended Annual Budget was reviewed by the Audit Committee on February 9, 2023 and motions recommending approval of the budget were carried.

Superintendent Pius Ryan, Secretary Treasurer Stewart and Ms. Drury responded to Trustees' questions.

**Recommended Motion 1**

Moved by L. Munro

that the Board of Education rescind the restriction to use \$5,488,928 from the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the 2022/23 Preliminary Budget, as approved on May 24, 2022, and

that the Board of Education approve the restriction from the Accumulated Operating Surplus of \$2,084,519 to balance the 2022/23 Amended Annual Budget.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

**Recommended Motion 2**

Moved by G. Tsiakos

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

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

Moved by D. Anderson

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

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

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

Moved by L. Tumaneng

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

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

**B.2. Notice of Motion: Motions for BCSTA AGM April 2023**

Trustee Gerlach provided the context for the North Vancouver Board of Education to sponsor three substantive motions to be put forward at the BCSTA AGM April 2023. Trustees discussed the

motions and provided recommended changes in the rationale for proper grammar and clarity. These amended changes were accepted.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the North Vancouver Board of Education approve the substantive motion to update the Inclusive Education Guidelines as attached to this memorandum of February 21, 2023.

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the North Vancouver Board of Education approve the substantive motion to update the Inclusive Schools and Safety as attached to this memorandum of February 21, 2023.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the North Vancouver Board of Education approve the substantive motion to create policy and guidelines for literacy screening starting in Kindergarten and funding for early literacy assessment and intervention as attached to this memorandum of February 21, 2023

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

#### **C.1. Land Management – Written Update**

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Agenda Package, no questions were asked.

#### **C.2. Tuesday, February 7, 2023 Standing Committee Meeting**

Trustee Gerlach thanked staff for their hard work in preparation of and during this meeting.

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

Chair Mann introduced Dr. Ryan, Superintendent, who provided an update to Trustees on events, initiatives, and programming across the school district.

Dr. Ryan responded to Trustees' questions.

#### **C.4. Report Out – British Columbia School Trustees Association and BC Public School Employers' Association**

Trustee Tsiakos shared that the BCSTA Provincial Council will take place on Friday, February 24, through until Saturday, February 25, with Trustees Tsiakos, Anderson, and Gerlach in attendance.

#### **C.5. Trustees' Reports/Highlights**

Trustees shared their recent highlights, with emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
  - Public Board Meeting
  - Trustee Orientation/Development Meetings
  - Arts Education Committee Meeting
  - Audit Committee Meeting
  - Communications Committee Meeting
  - French Immersion Advisory Committee Meeting
  - Inclusion Committee Meeting
  - Indigenous Education Advisory Council Meeting
  - Safe and Healthy Schools Committee Meeting
  - Academies Information Night
  - BCTF Bullying Session hosted by North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council

- BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting
  - BCSTA Metro Branch Meeting
  - BCSTA Virtual Trustee Orientation on Governance
  - BCSTA Partner Liaison Meeting
  - BCSTA Anti Racism Focus Group
  - District Student Leadership Council Meeting
  - North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council Meeting
  - North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting
  - North Vancouver School District Jazz Festival
  - North Vancouver School District Band and Strings Festival
  - North Vancouver Teachers' Association Pro D Conference
  - Trades Program information night
- Events attended by Trustees included:
    - PAC meeting at Carisbrooke Elementary
    - School visits to Blueridge Elementary, Boundary Elementary, Braemar Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Cleveland Elementary, Highlands Elementary, Lynnmour Elementary, Seymour Heights Elementary, Upper Lynn Elementary and Windsor Secondary
    - Safety Blitz at Braemar Elementary and Seymour Heights Elementary

**D. Future Meetings**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North Vancouver
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North Vancouver
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North Vancouver
Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North 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. No questions or comments were brought forward.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Mann adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

*Original signed by J. Stewart*  
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Jacqui Stewart  
Secretary Treasurer

March 9, 2023  
Date

*Original signed by K. Mann*  
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Kulvir Mann  
Chair, Board of Education

March 9, 2023  
Date