

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 27, 2024.

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

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Linda Munro called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgments

Board Chair Munro acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nation.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by A. Wilson

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

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

A.3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the minutes of the public meeting of January 23, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

A.4. Public Question/Comment Period

A public comment relating to the new elementary school in the Cloverley neighborhood covered under the Land Management - Written Update was read into the record.

A.5. Educational Presentation: North Vancouver Online Learning

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Vice Principal, North Vancouver Online Learning, Jennifer Tieche, to provide an overview of the courses and instructional model offered by the school district.

The presenter responded to Trustees' questions.

B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2023/24

Jacqui Stewart, Secretary Treasurer, introduced Helena Drury, Director of Finance, and Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson 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 2023/24 Preliminary Annual Budget was adopted on May 23, 2023. Trustees were reminded that the annual budget must be balanced.

The 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget in the amount of \$247,059,540 considers changes in enrolments, revenues and expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the preliminary budget. The preliminary budget is based on an enrolment forecast developed in February 2023. The additional enrolment reported in September results in higher revenues and higher expenses through increased staffing.

The 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget was reviewed by the Audit Committee on February 15, 2024 and motions recommending that the Board approve the amended budget were approved.

Staff responded to Trustees' questions.

Recommended Motion 1

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education rescind the restriction to use \$2,098,707 from the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the 2023/24 Preliminary Budget, as approved on May 23, 2023, and

that the Board of Education approve the restriction from the Accumulated Operating Surplus of \$2,857,896 to balance the 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

Recommended Motion 2

Moved by L. Tumaneng

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 be read a first time;

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Moved by D. Anderson

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 be read a second time;

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

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

Moved by C. Gerlach

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/24 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.2. Proposed 2023/24 School Calendar for Board Approval

Superintendent Dr. Ryan introduced Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson who provided an overview of the proposed 2024/25 school calendar and the comments received. Staff responded to questions from Trustees.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed 2024/25 School Calendar as attached to the Administrative Memorandum of February 27, 2024.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

C.1. Safe and Healthy Schools Update

Superintendent Dr. Ryan introduced District Principal, Safe and Healthy Schools, Suzette Dohm who provided an update on initiatives underway in the school district to keep students safe with a particular focus on restricting the use of cell phones and digital devices in schools.

The presenter responded to Trustees' questions.

C.2 Educational Update - Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Superintendent Dr. Ryan introduced Assistant Superintendent Atkinson who provided an update on the priority goal areas and progress within the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning for the 2023/24 school year.

No questions were asked.

C.3. Committee Reports – Written Update

Written updates on the Audit Committee, the Inclusion Committee and the Policy Review Committee were included in the Board Agenda Package.

Superintendent Dr. Ryan responded to Trustees' questions.

C.4. Land Management – Written Update

A written update on land management was included in the Board Agenda Package.

No questions were asked.

C.5. Tuesday, February 6, 2024 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Anderson reported on highlights of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting of February 6, 2024.

C.6. Superintendent's Report

Chair Munro introduced Superintendent Dr. Ryan, to provide an update on activities across the school district over the past month.

No questions were asked.

C.7. Report Out – British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Anderson provided an update on the BCSTA Provincial Council.

Trustee Gerlach provided an update on the AGM for the BC Public School Employers' Association.

C.8. Trustees' Reports/Highlights

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from January 24, 2024 to February 27, 2024 with emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

• **Meetings attended by Trustees included:**

Public Board Meeting

Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Seminars

Public Information Meeting for the new elementary school in the Cloverley Neighborhood

Audit Committee Meeting
 District Student Leadership Council Meeting
 Education Week Planning Committee Meeting
 Inclusion Committee Meeting
 North Shore Table Matters Meeting
 BCPSEA AGM
 BCSTA Financial Resource Trustee Orientation
 BCSTA Leadership Series
 BCSTA Legislative Committee
 BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting
 Ministry of Education and Childcare Partner Liaison Meeting

• **Events attended by Trustees included:**

Alumni Night North Vancouver Wolf Pack game in support of Lynn Valley Elementary
 Careers events in the Arts at the Gordon Smith Gallery and Trades at Handsworth Secondary School
 Various festivals including band, choral and jazz and strings
 Post Secondary Planning at Argyle Secondary School
 Safety Blitz at Cleveland Elementary School and Seymour Heights Elementary School
 School Visits to: Braemar Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Carisbrooke Elementary, Norgate Elementary, Mountainside Secondary and Upper Lynn Elementary
 Presentation on Anti Racism by Valerie Jerome at Sutherland Secondary School
 Visit by Prime Minister Trudeau to Sutherland Secondary School

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North Vancouver
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North Vancouver
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee 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.

One question and comment was asked in relation to North Vancouver Online Learning and Educational Presentation respectively.

F. Adjourment

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Munro adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by J. Stewart
Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

Original Signed by L. Munro
Linda Munro
Chair, Board of Education

April 16, 2024
Date

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