

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 28, 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 6:37 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tseil-Waututh Nation. Highlights included the new procedures for the Public Board Meetings due to COVID-19 and that April 2nd was World Autism Day. 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 April 28, 2020, Public Meeting by telephone.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

A.2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to move item C.1. Technology Update before item B.4. 2020/21 Budget Consultation Update and Board Direction.

Moved by C. Sacré

that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

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

Chair Sacré reminded those in attendance that April 28th 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 twenty minute comment period is intended to be relevant to the Board's mandate. The Chair highlighted the new procedures during COVID-19 for those wishing to speak at the Public Comment Period and the Question and Comment Period.

There was no one wishing to speak.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by C. Sacré

that the minutes of the public meeting of March 10, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

B.1. Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2020/21-CPSD44-01

Jim Mackenzie, Director of Facilities and Planning, was invited to provide an overview of the 2020/21 Capital Plan. The Ministry provided written response to the North Vancouver School District's 2020/21 Capital Plan submission of June 2019 and approved the following capital projects:

- Cloverley Elementary School Replacement Concept Plan
- Dorothy Lynas Elementary School Building Envelope Program
- Mountainside Secondary School Enhancement Program
- Westview Elementary Playground Equipment Program
- Bus Acquisition Program

Mr. Mackenzie highlighted the projects that are being advanced for the 2020/21 year, including: a Concept Plan for the replacement of Cloverley Elementary School and building upgrades for Dorothy Lynas Elementary School, the exterior upgrades for Mountainside Secondary School, the purchase of a three wheelchair accessibility bus, and the funding for the universal accessibility playground equipment. The Facilities and Planning Department will work with each individual school to develop a plan that is best suited for the projects.

Moved by D. Bruce

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 20/21-CP-SD44-01 be read a first time;

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

Moved by M. Higgins

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 20/21-CP-SD44-01 be read a second time;

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

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) Capital Bylaw No. 20/21-CP-SD44-01 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

B.2. North Vancouver Larson School Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2020

Jim Mackenzie, Director of Facilities and Planning, introduced this agenda item and shared that BC Hydro has advised the School District that they are in the process of proactively upgrading their electrical distribution network, which provides service to Larson Elementary School. The planned upgrade will entail the replacement of the existing BC Hydro Pad Mounted Transformer, which is currently located on the east side of the school. The replacement is required to adapt the equipment to operate at the new voltage of the upgraded BC Hydro electrical distribution network. BC Hydro would like to undertake this work in the summer of 2020.

Moved by K. Mann

that the North Vancouver Larson School Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2020 be read a first time;

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.2. North Vancouver Larson School Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2020 (continued)

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that the North Vancouver Larson School Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2020 be read a second time;

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

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

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the North Vancouver Larson School Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2020 be read a third time, passed and adopted

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

B.3. Handsworth Tree Covenant and Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2020

Jim Mackenzie, Director of Facilities and Planning, introduced this agenda item and advised that during the District of North Vancouver's (DNV) Building Permit review process for Handsworth Secondary School, the DNV flagged three items, which require a covenant and two statutory right of ways to be registered on the properties title. The items included a yew tree located on the North West corner of the property adjacent to Handsworth Road, the need to install a new water main below the future schools parking lot and the installation of new curbing and sidewalk on portions of the north side of the School District's property adjacent to Handsworth Road. Both the covenant and Statutory Right of Way Agreements were reviewed by the School District's legal counsel, and then amended to align the provisions so they are agreeable to both the School District and the DNV.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the Handsworth Tree Covenant and Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2020 be read a first time;

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Handsworth Tree Covenant and Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2020 be read a second time;

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

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

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Handsworth Tree Covenant and Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2020 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

C.1. Technology Update

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson was invited to walk through the technology plan overview with the Board of Education. As a direct response to feedback, IBM was engaged in September 2019 to review the School District's technology. Their work was divided into two parts, classroom technology needed to support education and the background infrastructure needed in the School District. Through an extensive and successful consultation, IBM recommended an action plan to address technology for the School District.

The School District plan encompasses funding, technology alignment, standardization, and, infrastructure. Ongoing requirement for this plan requires a commitment from the Board of Education to provide sufficient funding. The school technology plan will be developed by the ICT department and schools, to provide a standardized technology plan and improved decision making and budgeting.

C.1. Technology Update (continued)

Responding to Trustees' questions, Assistant Superintendent Atkinson clarified there would be a phased roll out to ensure there is adequate funding; the bandwidth in school buildings; technology for inclusive education; and an estimated timeline for the proposed plan.

B.4. 2020/2021 Budget Consultation Update and Board Direction

In introducing the budget consultation update, Superintendent Mark Pearmain, noted this is a continuation of the budget process that was approved at the November 19, 2019, Public Board Meeting. The process was slightly different this year, due to COVID-19 and restrictions on public gatherings, as the Board of Education were not able to hold regular Standing Committee Meetings.

School District staff communicated directly with partner groups and asked them to provide input to the budget themes with a direct response to the School District. Responses from the thought exchange platform was received regarding input from students, staff and community members on budget priorities for the 2020/21 Preliminary Operating Grant. The input was collated and forwarded to the Executive Committee for recommendations. Executive Director of Human Resources Scott Stanley and Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Pius Ryan summarized the input, as well as options the Executive Committee has proposed for the Board's consideration. Clarification was provided by the Executive Committee regarding recommended budget priorities and allocations.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board direct staff to proceed with the development of the 2020/21 Annual Budget incorporating the budget priorities recommended by the Executive Committee, as identified in Appendix A.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

B.5. Notice of Motion – City of North Vancouver and School District 44 Collaborative Working Relationship

Chair Sacré introduced this agenda item and shared the idea of a more formal collaborative working relationship between the City of North Vancouver and the North Vancouver School District. Historically the City and the School District have been successful in a cooperative approach to education in the City of North Vancouver. A more formal working committee will help with the communication between the City and the School District and ultimately the public.

Moved by C. Sacré

that the School District and the City of North Vancouver continue to work together more formally through annual meetings of City Council and the Board of Education;

and that staff be directed through a formal working committee reporting to these governing bodies to consider and develop options, which may include other related partnerships, which benefit the children, families and community in the City of North Vancouver.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

C.2. Committee of the Whole

At the January 21, 2020, Public Board Meeting the Board of Education directed the Superintendent to prepare agenda options to include opportunities for the stakeholder groups to provide input and comments. Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared two options to the Board with comment period at four minutes per group and five minute per group.

Superintendent Pearmain provided a report on the proposed changes to the Board Agenda's and Administrative procedures.

Motion to Extend

Moved by unanimous consent
to extend the meeting past 9:30 p.m.

C.3. Land Management Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects, as well as the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade. Cloverley Elementary School has moved to the next step, Project Plan Approval, which is required before the Project Definition Report will be supported and Westview Elementary School has been allocated a provincial playground replacement.

C.4. Tuesday, April 7, 2020, Standing Committee Meeting

The Standing Committee Meeting on April 7, 2020, was cancelled due to COVID-19.

C.5. Out of Country Field Trips – Secondary

There were no scheduled field trips at this time.

C.6. Superintendent's Report

Providing an update to the Board, Superintendent Mark Pearmain, shared how the School District was dealing with COVID-19. Priorities included food security, technology support, and child care. Within the School District, there is a strong focus on education continuity plans to support students and parents during COVID-19.

C.7. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Tasi Baker noted that BCSTA meetings have been held through ZOOM.

Trustee Gerlach had nothing to report for BCPSEA.

C.8. Trustees' Reports

Trustees submitted their reports on their activities on behalf of the Board as follows:

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - NV Museum & Archives School Programs Working Group Meeting
 - CNV Youth Awards Committee Meeting
 - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
 - CNV Youth Awards Committee Meeting
 - NS Table Matters Working Group Meeting
 - Physical Literacy for Communities North Vancouver Committee Meeting
 - BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting by Zoom
 - AFK Artist for Kids Committee Meeting
 - Meeting with CNV Councillors Angela Girard & Tina Hu
 - BCSTA Metro Meeting by Zoom
 - NS Family Services Volunteer Appreciation Meeting
 - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
 - ANS Active North Shore Network Meeting
 - Public Board Meeting
 - North Shore Spring Celebration Planning Meeting
 - Interview for new Secretary Treasurer
 - Weekly Trustee Seminars via Teams

C.8. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce teleconference sessions on how to support small business in the current unsettled climate
- North Shore School Food Network meeting
- Board Leadership and Planning TEAMS Meeting
- BCSTA and Board Chairs Weekly Calls
- Presidents Council TEAMS Meeting
- Executive Weekly TEAMS Meetings
- NVRCC Meeting
- Metro Meeting
- Policy Review Committee Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:

- Trustee Reception
- Ross Road's Musical The Aristo Cats

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
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

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 10:30 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

May 26, 2020

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

May 26, 2020

Date