

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) held virtually through Microsoft Teams in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

PRESENT: G. Tsiakos, Chair
D. Bruce, Vice Chair
C. Gerlach
M. Higgins
K. Mann
C. Sacré
M. Tasi Baker

A. Call to Order

Board Chair George Tsiakos called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

Motion to Approve Trustees Participation by Microsoft Teams

Moved by G. Tsiakos

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 December 8, 2020, Public Board Meeting by Microsoft Teams.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

Chair Tsiakos thanked community members of North Vancouver for the continued efforts of working together during COVID-19. Recognition was provided to former Education Minister, the Honourable Rob Fleming and congratulations to the Honourable Jennifer Whiteside on her appointment to the role of Education Minister. Chair Tsiakos acknowledged the following important dates in December: the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and International Human Rights Day.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. Sacré

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

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

A.3. Public Comment Period

Due to COVID-19 and moving the meeting to Microsoft Teams, the Board of Education requested that interested parties email in their submission to be read out by the Board Chair.

Sandy Hoshizaki, resident of North Vancouver, emailed regarding the social and emotional health of students across the School District during COVID-19. Ms. Hoshizaki asked for more full time classes to support academic goals and social and emotional health.

Armity Mehin, resident of North Vancouver, asked that the Elementary Temporary Transition Support Option extend until the end of the school year and requested that online courses increase. Mr. Mehin recommended that masks be encouraged in schools for students.

A.3. Public Comment Period (continued)

Emily Pennefather, resident of North Vancouver, emailed regarding the use of plastic forks in the School District. Ms. Pennefather requested that the Board of Education look at mandating cutlery that is environmentally friendly and developing a campaign to encourage students and staff to bring cutlery from home.

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.

Carolyn Pena, President of North Vancouver Teachers' Association, provided her thoughts on the disconnect between the Board of Education meeting virtually for their safety, however teachers do not get that same consideration while meeting at school. Ms. Pena asked that the Elementary Temporary Transition Support Option be extended till the end of the school year and requested the a more fulsome curriculum be considered.

Dean Yeo, Co-President of North Vancouver Administrators (NoVA), took the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work that all School District staff has done to make schools and students safe through COIVD-19. On behalf of NoVA, Mr. Yeo extended his appreciation and thanks.

Jennifer Branston, Co-Chair of North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council, spoke regarding the Temporary Transitional Support Option, thanking the Board of Education for extending the option. Ms. Branson urged the Board to continue the option for the remainder of the school year.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public meeting of November 17, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

B.1. Corporate Banking Services

Board Chair Tsiakos introduced the following routine bylaw and resolutions as a consequence of a new Chair and Vice Chair assigned signing authority.

(A) Bank of Montreal – Banking Bylaw 2-2020

Moved by K. Mann

that Banking Bylaw Number 2-2020 be read a first time;

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that Banking Bylaw Number 2-2020 be read a second time;

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

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

Moved by D. Bruce

that Banking Bylaw Number 2-2020 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

B.1. Corporate Banking Services (continued)

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

Moved by K. Mann

that the Toronto-Dominion Bank Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers as per Schedule B.1.(B). be approved.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

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

Moved by C. Sacré

that the BlueShore Financial Bank Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers as per Schedule B.1.(C). be approved.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.2. Proposed New Policy 310: Concussion Awareness, Prevention and Management

Adam Baumann, Director of Instruction and Beverly Beckingham, District Psychologist/NVTA representative, were invited to introduce the Proposed New Policy 310: *Concussion Awareness, Prevention and Management*.

In 2019/2020, Superintendent Pearmain directed the formation of a sub-committee with stakeholder representation to develop policy and administrative procedures to guide the response, management and prevention of concussions in the North Vancouver School District. The Sub-Committee included representatives from the secondary and elementary school administrators (NOVA), North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA), Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 389), North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC) and District Student Leadership Council (DSLCL). The sub-committee met in 2019 and 2020.

Ms. Beckingham and Mr. Baumann provided clarification on the proposed policy and responded to Trustees' questions.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed New Policy 310: Concussion Awareness, Prevention and Management*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 8, 2020.

Seconded by C. Geralch

Carried

B.3. Elementary Temporary Transition Support Option – Extension to Spring Break 2021

Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan introduced this agenda item sharing that the 2020/21 school year began with an option for parents of elementary-aged students to consider participating in a temporary transitional programming option that, in light of COVID-19, provided a delayed return to in-person instruction.

The Board of Education continued to receive feedback from families in the Transition Support Option requesting that the option be continued beyond December. Assistant Superintendent Ryan noted that the Transition Support Option would continue in the same delivery format, with the same level of supports currently provided to students as introduced in September 2020.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Pius Ryan, Assistant Superintendent, Janis Mann, District Vice-Principal, Inclusive Education and Jacqui Stewart, Secretary Treasurer, clarified the cost of extending the option, the impact of opening the option to additional families and necessary physical literacy breaks.

B.3. Elementary Temporary Transition Support Option – Extension to Spring Break 2021 (continued)

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Board of Education confirm the extension of the Elementary Transition Support Option until March, 12, 2021, and that option be provided to those families currently participating, in the same format and design as introduced in September 2020.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

A short break was observed.

C.1. Secondary School and Specialty Academy Fees 2021/22

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson introduced this agenda item and advised that boards of education may charge fees to students and parents for goods and services provided by the Board in accordance with the School Act [s. 82]. Board [Policy 706: Board of Education – School Fees](#) requires that each North Vancouver school and specialty academy annually establish a schedule of fees. Fees for the 2021/22 school year are determined prior to the end of 2020 to allow fee schedules to be included in the secondary school course guidebooks that are published in January 2021.

Both the 2021/22 Secondary Schedule of School Fees and the Schedule of Specialty Academy Fees 2021/22 have been brought forward to the Board for information and Trustees are encouraged to contact principals regarding any questions they may have in relation to the fees.

C.2. Land Management Update

Superintendent Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects, the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade and the status of Cloverley Elementary School.

C.3. Superintendent's Report (including COVID-19)

Superintendent Pearmain provided an update on COVID-19 which included the number of exposures in the North Vancouver School District over the fall. An overview of the first meeting of the Anti-Racism Steering Committee was provided, noting that two new student members would be invited to join in January. Superintendent Pearmain shared his role in being a member of the City of North Vancouver's Business Advisory Working Group. An annual update was provided to Squamish Nation as part of the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement.

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

Trustee Tasi Baker shared information from the BCSTA Trustee Academy. Trustee Gerlach had nothing to report.

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
 - Trustee Seminar Meetings
 - Policy Review Committee Meeting
 - Communications Committee Meeting
 - Inclusion Committee Meeting
 - Safe and Caring Schools Committee Meeting

C.5. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- District Student Leadership Council Meeting
- Carson Graham PAC Meeting
- Integrated Transportation Committee Meeting
- BCSTA Metro Meeting
- CNV4ME Action Team Meeting North Shore Food Network Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:

- Vice Principal Interviews
- BCSTA Trustee Academy
- Eastview Elementary School Partners for Inclusive Education - PIE Event – Anxiety and Autism
- Vancouver Coastal Health VCH - Virtual Open Board Forum

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Microsoft Teams

E. Public Question & Comment Period

Due to COVID-19 and moving the meeting to Microsoft Teams, the Board of Education did not take questions or comments in real time. Members of the public were asked to email their submission in to publiccomments@sd44.ca.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

January 19, 2021

Date

Original signed by G. Tsiakos

George Tsiakos
Chair, Board of Education

January 19, 2021

Date