

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 20, 2018.

PRESENT: C. Sacré, Chair
F. Stratton, Vice Chair
B. Forward
C. Gerlach
M. Higgins
J. Stanley

ABSENT: S. Skinner

A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation were acknowledged.

Chair Sacré made the following statement, “this evening I would like to address the process that our Board has, with the support of the Ministry of Education, recently embarked upon. Dr. Lee Southern was contracted by the Ministry of Education to do a review and make recommendations to the Deputy Minister of Education. We are now in receipt of the Recommendations outlined by the Deputy Minister. We saw them tonight. The Board will meet over the next few days to determine how best to turn the Recommendations into action. These recommendations will be made public by end of day Wednesday, February 28th.”

On February 28, 2018 the North Vancouver School District will recognize Pink Shirt Day to help bring awareness and stand up to bullying.

A.2. Motion to Approve Trustee Participation by Teleconference

Moved by C. Gerlach

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 Trustee Skinner in the February 20, 2018 Public Meeting by telephone.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

Due to technical difficulties, the Board was unable to connect with Trustee Skinner over the phone.

A.3. Approval of Agenda

Chair Sacré noted that the *Item A.5. Student Presentation – Handsworth Secondary School* had to be postponed to a later date as some students were unable to attend.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

A.4. Public Comment Period

The twenty minute comment period is intended to be relevant to the Board's mandate. The Chair requested that those wishing to speak should sign on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.

During the Public Comment Period, Martin Stuible, NVTAs President, informed the Board that there was an error in the January 23, 2018 minutes in *Section A, Public Comment Period*, where comments by Mr. Steele were recorded in error.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

After taking into account the comments made by Mr. Martin Stuible during the Public Comment Period, the Board agreed to approve the minutes as corrected:

“Mr. Daren Steele presented on behalf of the staff at Sherwood Park Elementary, regarding concerns regarding inadequate technology equipment for students. He raised concerns regarding the School District funding model where PACs fundraise for technology equipment, and the resulting inequities between schools that this creates.”

Moved by M. Higgins

that the minutes of the public meeting of January 23, 2018 be approved as amended.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2017/18

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison introduced this agenda item and noted that the Board is being asked to adopt an Amended Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2017/18 pursuant to Section 113 of the *School Act* which provides the authority for a Board to amend its annual budget bylaw. The Amended Budget in the amount of \$187,409,973 takes into account changes in revenue and expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the 2017/18 Preliminary Budget on June 27, 2018.

Secretary Treasurer Allison introduced Kristen Watson, Director of Financial Services, to provide clarification on various budget lines including salary and benefits cost, revenue, and services and supplies. Ms. Watson highlighted the risks and liabilities, operating fund, special purpose and capital funds.

Ms. Watson shared that the Board has increased its revenue budget by \$6,013,347 since the adoption of the Preliminary Budget in June 2017. Significant adjustments included an increase to the Operating Grant budget estimate by \$1,331,795 as a result of higher than anticipated enrolment. The Classroom Enhancement Fund Grant was increased by \$4,542,419 to fund the provisions of restored contract language. Investment earnings estimate was increased by \$145,000 based on anticipated returns. Use of \$1,113,740 of accumulated operating surplus has been included. Of this surplus appropriation \$342,846 of this relates to the carry forward of unspent prior year school block budgets, \$526,332 is the unspent balance of the Student Learning Grant funds received late in the fiscal year 2017, and \$244,562 will be required to balance operating revenues against anticipated operating expenses.

Total planned expenditures increased by \$4,934,162. This is largely attributed to the increased staffing costs added in respect of the restored language provisions. Smaller increases have been added to staffing in respect of PSEC approved Management and Exempt staff salary increases, Trustee indemnity increase, and a reduction to Employee Benefit costs made in respect of the 50% decrease to MSP premiums effective January 1, 2018. Other increases were made to the supplies expense budget, and consulting budgets.

B.1. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2017/18 (continued)

In response to Trustees' questions, Director of Finance Kristen Watson, Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison and Superintendent Mark Pearmain provided clarification regarding the MSP savings, the Carlile Youth Inpatient Unit, Violence Prevention and cross enrollment fees between school districts.

Moved by F. Stratton

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2017/18 be read a first time;

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

Moved by J. Stanley

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2017/18 be read a second time;

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

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

Moved by B. Forward

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2017/18 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

B.2. Proposed Revised Policy 103: Board of Education - Policy Development

Superintendent Mark Pearmain introduced this agenda item noting that through the 2015/16 Policy Review Committee, it was recommended that consideration be given to revising Policy 103: Board of Education – Policy Development, to increase clarity through greater specificity.

In 2016/2017 the Policy Review Committee established a workflow for policy development and review. The Committee also reviewed the Terms of Reference, and determined that the Superintendent or designate will chair the Policy Review Committee.

Superintendent Pearmain provided clarification to Trustees and after discussion it was agreed that the policy be sent back to the Committee for further review.

Moved by B. Forward

that the *Proposed Revised Policy 103: Board of Education - Policy Development* be sent back to the Policy Review Committee for further review.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

C.1. Land Management Update

Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and advised that the new Land Management section (old Land, Learning, and Livability section) on the School District website was updated and all of the pages/existing content were refreshed. The School District will continue to update the Land Management page with new content as required.

Superintendent Pearmain updated the Board on the Argyle Secondary and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Project's. It was noted that the purchase agreement for the Braemar parcel is no longer in effect. There have been no changes to the Cloverley site; however, School District staff did tour MLA Bowinn Ma around the facility to illustrate the state of the building.

C.2. Tuesday, February 6, 2018 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Forward reported on the meeting that focused on building the budget. Trustee Forward shared that the next meeting would be held on April 3, 2018 with presentations from the School District Partner Groups.

C.3. Out of Country Field Trips – Secondary

Provided for their information, Trustees received in their agenda packages an overview of out of country field trips that are being planned for secondary students as follows:

- Handsworth Secondary School – field trip to Japan (April 3-17, 2018)
- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, USA (April 8-11, 2018)
- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to Cuba (April 21-May 6, 2018)
- Sutherland Secondary School – field trip to Seattle, WA, USA (April 26-27, 2018)

C.4. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to Sutherland Secondary and Queensbury Elementary School. Staff had the pleasure of playing a friendly game of basketball with the first ever team at Mountainside Secondary School.

On February 19, 2018 the School District co-hosted the first Education Assistants Open House with Capilano University for prospective candidates for the EA Program, which was an overwhelming success. Staff and students, under the leadership of District Principal Brad Baker, attended the first Aboriginal Student Success Conference at the Education Services Centre.

C.5. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers’ Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Stanley updated the Board on the BCSTA review of the Ministry of Education’s funding formula. The presentation addressed how funds are allocated and opportunities to make the funding more efficient. Trustee Gerlach updated the Board on the BCPSEA AGM, advising that a new Board of Directors was elected.

C.6. Trustees’ Reports

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

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Standing Committee Meeting
 - Trustee Seminar
 - DSLC Meeting
 - Policy Review Committee Meeting
 - Table Matters Meeting
 - Restraint and Seclusion Committee Meeting
 - NoVA Meeting
 - NVTM Meeting
 - CLBC Meeting
 - Lynnmour Elementary PAC Meeting
 - Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
 - Sutherland Secondary Meatless Monday’s Meeting
 - Metro Branch Meeting
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - BCSTA Provincial Council
 - BCSTA Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting
 - BCPSEA AGM
 - Inclusion BC

C.6. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- Brooksbank Elementary Visit
- Braemar Elementary Visit
- Eastview Elementary Visit
- Canyon Heights Elementary Business Symposium
- Carson Graham – IB Personal Projects

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting – Finance & Facilities Budget Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public 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.

Martin Stuible, NVTA President, noted that the recent announcement of a 50% cut to MSP premiums would be a net savings to the School District. Mr. Stuible also spoke regarding the CEF funding, sharing that priorities need to be set in order to allocate these savings to non-enrolling teachers in order to offset challenging workloads.

Student representatives of the District Student Leadership Council updated the Board on topics that were discussed by members at the last General Meeting. Topics included restraint and seclusion policy, calendar committee and discussion on the upcoming forum. The student representatives asked for clarification from the Board regarding the proposed Student Trustee.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

March 26, 2018

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

March 26, 2018

Date