

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, September 24, 2019.

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

A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation were acknowledged. The Chair recognized Orange Shirt Day, World Teachers Day and World Mental Health Day.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by D. Bruce

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

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

A.3. 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.

Amanda Nichol, Co-Chair of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council, offered comments related to the 2018-19 Accumulated Operating Surplus discussion occurring at a Trustee Seminar.

John Harvey, resident of North Vancouver, requested that consideration be made to increase the public comment period time to more than two minutes per person.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public meeting of June 18, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Carson Graham Secondary School

During the first week of the school year, Grade 11 International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) students from Carson Graham Secondary attended an annual 3-day retreat at the Cheakamus Centre near Squamish.

The goal of the retreat was to focus on community-building while at the same time, focusing on the IB Learner Profile and Approaches to Learning. Strategies relating to subject-specific learning skills, effective time management and managing stress were also focal points for discussion.

Students Arvin Hosseini, Jazmine Kennedy, Oscar Ryan and Hannah Cook shared with the Board how much they enjoyed connecting with students from other schools and how this experience will help them prepare for the school year ahead through meditation and relaxing.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked the students.

B.1. 2018/19 Surplus Utilization

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison introduced this item sharing that the Audit Committee received and reviewed the recommendations for the year-end appropriations on September 12, 2019. All Trustees were briefed on the recommended appropriations at the September 17, 2019 Trustee Seminar.

The Executive Committee is recommending appropriations that fall within Policy 710 and that are in keeping with past practice, such as the appropriation of Surplus to balance the Preliminary Budget, provide for a Staffing Contingency, and fund the outstanding Purchase Orders as at June 30, 2019. Additional recommended appropriations reflect current needs related to school capital projects.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison and Superintendent Mark Pearmain clarified how funds will be used for the Argyle Secondary School replacement project and the Cheakamus Centre.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board approve the appropriation of \$6,773,289 Accumulated Surplus as identified in the attached Appendix A: Executive Committee Recommendation on Proposed Accumulated Surplus Utilization

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.2. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Kristen Watson, Director of Financial Services, introduced the 2018/2019 Audited Financial Statements and shared that the meeting of the North Vancouver School District's Audit Committee was held at the beginning of September. Following a review of the Audited Financial Statements, the Audit Committee recommended that the Board approve the statements. Ms. Watson introduced Lenora Lee, Audit Partner from KPMG LLP.

Ms. Watson noted that management staff produced a detailed Management Discussion and Analysis Report for the 2018/19 year which provides detailed information and explanation of variances from budget with regards to School District Revenues and Expenses.

The following highlights were noted: results of operations included \$156,543,033 in Operating Revenue with \$150,606,774 in Operating Expenses; \$7,156,519 worth of Tangible Capital Assets was acquired within Operating funds, resulting in an operating surplus of \$5,936,259 and Total Expenditures in the Special Purpose Fund amounted to \$25,466,652 in expenses and \$1,198,204 worth of Capital Assets.

The School District recorded \$6.1M in Deferred Capital Revenue, and recognized approximately \$10.0M in Amortization expense on its Tangible Capital Assets. Closing Accumulated Surplus Balance for the Fiscal Year is \$114,178,588, of which \$8,798,471 is represented by the Operating Surplus. The Board has placed internal restrictions totalling \$6,773,289 and \$2,025,182 is unrestricted.

In presenting the Auditor's report to the Board, Ms. Lee noted that the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 have been completed and along with the auditor's report have been submitted with no qualifications to the Board for its approval. Ms. Lee noted that there were no adjustments to the audit, and thanked management and staff for their help during the audit process.

The Board thanked Ms. Lee for her report and extended thanks to Ms. Watson and staff for their work on the financial statements.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the Board approve the Audited Financial Statements and the Auditors' Report to the Board of Education of School District No.44 (North Vancouver) for the Year Ended June 30, 2019 as presented in Schedule B.1.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

At the will of the Board, a request was made to move to item C1.

C.1. 2019 Sustainability Update

Luke Smeaton, the Manager of Sustainability, Energy and Environmental Planning, spoke to this agenda item. Mr. Smeaton's presentation to the Board included an overview of North Vancouver School District's sustainability efforts and highlighted the progress we have made since the launch of our Sustainability Strategy in 2017.

Mr. Smeaton responded to Trustees' questions on our sustainability efforts and provided examples of sustainability initiatives currently underway.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré thanked Mr. Smeaton for his presentation and acknowledged the many hours he has devoted to moving our organization forward in its energy and sustainability initiatives.

B.3. Notice of Motion – Climate Change

Trustee Gerlach introduced this item and shared that it was Climate Action Week and that climate strikes were taking place around the world. Trustee Gerlach highlighted that supporting and educating students, teachers and the community on the climate emergency, they will have a better understanding of the effects of the climate change.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that North Vancouver School District declare a climate emergency and support our students and teachers in their endeavours in educating our community on climate change and the impact it has on our environment and that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to develop a measurable plan to reduce further our carbon footprint as a school district and that this plan be reviewed every calendar year; and that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to reach out to both North Vancouver District and City of North Vancouver about developing a task force where we jointly can work together to reduce our carbon footprint

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.3. Notice of Motion – Climate Change (continued)

Trustee Tasi Baker put a second motion forward.

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that staff be directed to explore opportunities to make the replacement school at Cloverley an eco-demonstration school and report their findings back to the Board of Education.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.4. Committee of the Whole

Trustee Gerlach provided an overview of the motion which encourages the five partner groups to have an opportunity to provide input on motions and give feed back to the Trustees to support their decisions made at the Public Board Meetings.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to create a Committee of the Whole that would allow for partner group input into motions that are tabled for the Public Board Meeting. That the Committee of the Whole be open to representatives from partner groups. The proposed Committee of the Whole will be on the same day as the Public Board Meeting.

Seconded by D. Bruce

With the consensus of the Trustees, it was agreed that the motion be referred to the Committee dealing with the Standing Committee meetings for further review.

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Committee of the Whole motion be referred to the Committee dealing with the Standing Committee meetings and that the Chair report back to the Board.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

C.2. Board of Education Support for CNV Traffic Pilot: Ridgeway Elementary

Introducing this agenda item, Chair Sacré shared that the North Vancouver School District and Board of Trustees were in support of the City of North Vancouver Traffic Pilot at Ridgeway Elementary School.

C.3. Land Management Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects and reported that Argyle Secondary School should be water tight by the end of January 2020 and that Handsworth Secondary School will be going to public tender in November with a completion date for 2021. Superintendent Pearmain highlighted that over the summer months Maintenance and Facilities have been very busy completing projects in various schools.

C.4. Tuesday, September 17, 2019 Standing Committee Meeting

Chair Sacré reported on the meeting that focused on the progress in 2018/19 and goals and activities planned for 2019/20.

C.5. 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:

- Carson Graham Secondary School – field trip to Seattle and Pullman, WA, USA occurred (September 6-8, 2019)
- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to Albuquerque, NM, USA (October 2-7, 2019)
- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to Seattle, WA, USA (October 16-18, 2019)
- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to the Oregon Coast, USA (October 19-25, 2019)
- Windsor Secondary School – Honolulu, HI, USA (December 29-January 6, 2020)

C.6. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to Ridgeway and Lynnmour Elementary Schools. Superintendent Pearmain acknowledged staff for all the work that was done over the summer months.

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

Trustee Tasi Baker shared that the Provincial Council Meeting is on October 24 – 26, 2019 and the Trustee Academy is from November 28 – 30, 2019 and that the Trustees are welcome to attend.

There was no update on 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:
 - Inclusive Education Meeting
 - Audit Committee Meeting
 - Policy Review Committee Meeting
 - Standing Committee Meeting
 - Integrated Transportation Committee Meeting
 - Presidents Council Meeting
 - AFK Committee Meeting
 - Children and Youth Safe and Active Travel Meeting
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Mountainside Graduation
 - Squamish Nation Graduation
 - NVSD Indigenous Student Graduation
 - Mental Health Media Event at Mountainside
 - City of North Vancouver Studio in the City
 - Welcome Back Safety Blitz at Queen Mary
 - Parkgate Community Day
 - Cove Cliff Elementary Tour
 - Westview Elementary School visit
 - Eastview Elementary School visit
 - Queensbury Elementary School visit
 - Larson Elementary School visit
 - Norgate Elementary School Pow Wow Event

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm	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.

Arieanna Schweber, Ridgeway Elementary Parent Advisory Council President, spoke regarding the opportunity for more parent dialogue with the School District.

Martin Stuible, North Vancouver Teacher Association Past President, thanked the Board for their support for the declared Climate Emergency.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:50 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

October 15, 2019

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

October 15, 2019

Date