

## 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 City Council Chambers of the City of North Vancouver at 1141 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

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

**ABSENT:** S. Skinner

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### A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance. The Chair thanked the City of North Vancouver for the use of Council Chambers for the meeting.

### A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by F. Stratton

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

Seconded by B. Forward

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.

Heather Skuse, resident of North Vancouver, spoke regarding the budget, asking for clarification on where the surplus was being allocated.

Martin Stuible, President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association, spoke regarding the restored language and budget.

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

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison introduced the agenda item, noting that at the June 20, 2017 Public Board Meeting, numerous issues and concerns were addressed in the 2017/18 Annual Budget. After listening to the discussion and public comments, staff revisited the budget that was presented on June 20, 2017. Secretary Treasurer Allison directed the Board of Education and members of the public to a second budget, Budget B, which was finalized after the initial budget, Budget A.

Secretary Treasurer Allison shared the process of building the 2017/18 Annual Budget and noted the difference between the Budget A and Budget B is the additional building block for Specialist Teachers.

In response to Trustees' questions, clarification was provided regarding: utilization of the Accumulated Operating Surplus; priority measures spending; categories to designate students using the restored language; recruiting staff; and, adjustments to salaries.

There was further discussion regarding the Board of Education's direction for advocating to the Ministry of Education. The Board advised that it would be worth further review to discuss writing a letter expressing concerns regarding the 2017/18 Annual Budget.

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

Moved by C. Gerlach

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

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

Moved by C. Gerlach

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

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

**E. Public Question & Comment Period**

Heather Skuse, resident of North Vancouver, spoke regarding the restored language, asking for clarification on the amount that will be provided by the Ministry of Education for remedies for special needs students in the classroom.

Kindergarten teachers, Natasha Dash and Susan Megahy spoke regarding the need for extra supervision aides for Kindergarten's starting in the School District.

Amanda Nichol, President of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC), spoke regarding the budget, noting that NVPAC is looking forward to advocating for increased funding.

Robin Deleurme, Vice President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association, spoke regarding the budget, specifically asking for clarification on the Classroom Enhancement Funding.

**F. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

*Signed by G. Allison*

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Georgia Allison  
Secretary Treasurer

*September 19, 2017*

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Date

*Signed by C. Sacré*

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Christie Sacré  
Chair, Board of Education

*September 19, 2017*

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Date