

## 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, June 19, 2018.

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

**ABSENT:** S. Skinner

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### A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation were acknowledged.

### A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Stanley

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

Seconded by F. Stratton

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.

There was no one wishing to speak.

### A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by F. Stratton

that the minutes of the public meeting of May 22, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

### A.5. Student Presentation – Queensbury Elementary School

Students from a Grade 5/6 class from Queensbury Elementary School shared their experiences from participating in the pilot Gallery School Program at the Polygon Gallery in March. Led by teacher Heather Duncan, students spent five days learning in place with gallery personnel and other members of the community. The experience at the Polygon Gallery complimented multiple curriculum areas, allowing the students to write, learn and create their own base for learning. Due to the success of this pilot program, Polygon Gallery will be continuing to build its Gallery School offerings for the 2018/19 school year.

Students Louis Ding, Shea Jackson and Seamus O'Sullivan all enjoyed their experience and requested that more learning opportunities like this program happen more often. On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked Ms. Duncan and the students for coming to share their experience with the Board.

**B.1. Five-Year Capital Plan 2019/2020 (for Approval)**

Each year, boards of education are required to submit a five-year Capital Plan providing details on high priority projects needed for their school districts. The deadline for the North Vancouver Board of Education adopting the Five-Year Capital Plan is June 30, 2018.

Jim Mackenzie and Michael Chapman from the Facilities and Planning Department began their presentation by providing an overview of the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to the Board. Mr. Mackenzie noted that the School District has been working with consultant Richard White, from Richard White Planning and Advisory Services and Chuck Brook, from Chuck Brook Real Estate Advisor, on updating the LRFP. Highlights were provided on: community growth; estimated residential development; enrolment forecasts, capacity utilization challenges, emerging elementary and secondary plans and capital needs.

Following the LRFP presentation, Mr. Chapman provided an overview of the 2019/20 Capital Plan. Highlights were provided on the Mountainside Secondary seismic upgrade, expansion and replacement projects for multiple schools, and school enhancement programs. The carbon neutral capital program, the bus replacement program, and the playground equipment program were also discussed.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Chapman clarified the difference between expansion and replacement schools, provided an explanation as to why the Lower Lonsdale School was not included in this year's Capital Plan, and clarified the playground equipment program.

Moved by B. Forward

that the Board approve the Draft 2019/2020 Five-Year Capital Plan as presented in Schedule B.1. of June 19, 2018.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

A short break was observed.

**B.2. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2018/19**

As required under the School Act, the Board of Education must adopt its budget bylaw on or before June 30, 2018 for the 2018/19 fiscal year. Superintendent of Schools Mark Pearmain introduced this agenda item by sharing the budget process with the Board. Superintendent Pearmain provided highlights on how the School District is funded and how the restored language has impacted the School District.

Executive Director of Human Resources Scott Stanley and Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Pius Ryan summarized the recommendations that the Executive Committee proposed to the Board, further explaining how the recommendations fit into the budget. Director of Financial Services Kristen Watson was invited to the table to present the 2018/19 Annual Budget in the amount of \$188,019,468, provide an overview of the budget and respond to Trustees' questions.

Ms. Watson highlighted a few items: there was an increase to the per-student Operating Grant of \$122 per student, from \$7,301 to \$7,423; CEF funding of \$10.8 million was received to fund the costs of restoration of contract provisions; that the proposed bylaw included a use of surplus of \$1,507,123; and, noted that there is an anticipated expenditure of \$4,798,000 from Local Capital for the Argyle replacement project.

**Motion to Extend**

Moved by J. Stanley

to extend the meeting past 10:00 pm.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

**B.2. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2018/19 (continued)**

In response to Trustees' questions, clarification was provided regarding: projected numbers of enrolment; updated technology programs; and, the recommendations and changes to support teachers.

After much dialogue, and by consensus, the Board of Education asked the Executive Committee to come back on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 with an amended budget. There was no clear consensus or recommendation on how the Executive Committee should proceed, however, a few Trustees noted that they would like to see a focus on counselling and Learning Support Teachers.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/19 be read a first time.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Defeated

**D. Future Meetings**

Date and Time	Event	Location
Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7:00 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.

Karen Nordquist, resident of North Vancouver, spoke regarding the budget and the need to support vulnerable students. Ms. Nordquist shared that the reduction of class sizes are not enough for the teachers, rather, more training is needed in specialty education.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:24 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

*Original signed by G. Allison*

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Georgia Allison  
Secretary Treasurer

*September 25, 2018*

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Date

*Original signed by C. Sacré*

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Christie Sacré  
Chair, Board of Education

*September 25, 2018*

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Date