



MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**
HELD **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016** AT 7:30 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, 800 ONTARIO STREET

PRESENT: Ms. J. Campbell, Trustee
Mr. C. Cook, Trustee
Mr. M. Ewen, Trustee
Mr. M. Gifford, Acting Vice Chair
Mr. J. Janzen, Trustee
Ms. M. Lalji, Trustee
Ms. K. Slade-Kerr, Acting Chair

Mr. P. Duncan, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. K. Lorenz, Secretary Treasurer
Ms. J. Grant, Associate Superintendent
Ms. B. Basden, Recording Secretary

Acting Chair Slade-Kerr recognized and acknowledged the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as the Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

2016-170

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt the agenda for the October 25, 2016 Regular School Board meeting presented.

Carried Unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) Board Meeting Minutes for Approval:

Moved and Seconded:

2016-171

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the October 25, November 8 and 22, 2016 Board meetings as a package.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved and Seconded:

2016-172

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the October 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the Special Board Meetings held November 8 and November 22, 2016 as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

b) Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. DISTRICT PRESENTATIONS

The Board enjoyed a video of the École Qayqayt Elementary School "Lip Dub". In attendance to provide context for the presentation was Principal Karen Catherwood, Vice Principal Paul Manville; Music Teacher Allison Penner; and, Grade 5 students: Brianne CruzPenate, Aeron Elcheshen, and Gabriel Junior.

Acting Chair Slade-Kerr vacated the Chair.

4. TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Elections were held for Trustee positions for the 2017 calendar year.

a) *Election of Board Chair*

Secretary Treasurer Lorenz called for nominations for the position of Board Chair for the 2017 calendar year.

Trustee Janzen nominated Trustee Slade-Kerr as Board Chair for the 2017 calendar year. Trustee Slade-Kerr accepted.

Secretary Treasurer Lorenz called for nominations for the position of Board Chair for the 2017 calendar year a second and third time.

There being no further nominations Trustee Kelly Slade-Kerr was declared Board Chair for the 2017 calendar year by acclamation.

Secretary Treasurer Lorenz turned the Chair over to Chair Elect Slade Kerr.

b) *Election of Board Vice Chair*

Chair Slade-Kerr called for nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chair for the 2017 calendar year.

Trustee Cook nominated Trustee Lalji as Board Vice-Chair for the 2017 calendar year. Trustee Lalji accepted.

Trustee Janzen nominated Trustee Gifford as Board Vice-Chair for the 2017 calendar year. Trustee Gifford accepted.

Chair Slade-Kerr called for nominations for the position of Board Vice-Chair for the 2017 calendar year a second and third time.

There being no further nominations Chair Slade-Kerr called for a vote by secret ballot for the position of Vice-Chair. Superintendent Duncan and Secretary Treasurer Lorenz acted as Scrutineers and collected the ballots

Following tabulation of the votes Trustee Mark Gifford was declared Vice-Chair for the 2017 calendar year.

c) *Appointment of BCSTA Representative*

Trustee James Janzen was appointed as the Board's BCSTA Representative for the 2017 calendar year.

d) *Appointment of BCSTA Alternate*

Trustee Michael Ewen was appointed as the Board's BCSTA Alternate Representative for the 2017 calendar year.

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e) Appointment of BCPSEA Representative

Vice Chair Mark Gifford was appointed as the Board's BCPSEA Representative for the 2017 calendar year.

f) Appointment of BCPSEA Alternate

Trustee Mary Lalji was appointed the Board's BCPSEA Alternate Representative for the 2017 calendar year.

g) Motion to Destroy Ballots

Moved and Seconded:

2016-173

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct the Secretary Treasurer to destroy all ballots.

Carried Unanimously.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received a copy of a letter from MLA Judy Darcy, addressed to Trustee Kelly Slade-Kerr, related to organizing a community dialogue about the issue of childhood sexual abuse.

Moved and Seconded:

2016-174

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) request the Chair talk to MLA Judy Darcy regarding her correspondence; AND THAT the Chair inform the Board of the discussion.

Carried Unanimously.

6. COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

There were no community presentations.

7. VISITORS

The visitors were welcomed and provided the opportunity to address the Board.

8. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Combined Education and Operations Policy & Planning Committee

- i. Committee Chair, Mark Gifford, provided an update from the Combined Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting held November 1, 2016.
- ii. Approval of the November 1, 2016 Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes.

Moved and Seconded:

2016-175

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the November 1, 2016 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

b) May Day Task Force

Moved and Seconded:

2016-176

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) extend the deadline for the May Day Task Force to report back to the Board to June 2017; AND THAT in the meantime the District's annual celebration of May Day remains status quo for 2017.

Carried Unanimously.

c) Operations Policy & Planning Committee

- i. Committee Chair, James Janzen, provided an update from the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting held November 22, 2016.
- ii. Approval of the October 11, 2016 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes.

Moved and Seconded:

2016-177

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting held October 11, 2016.

- iii. Approval of the November 22, 2016 Special Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting minutes.

Moved and Seconded:

2016-178

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the Special Operations Policy and Planning Committee held November 22, 2016.

9. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a) Enrolment/Class Size Report

Superintendent Pat Duncan presented the 2016-2017 Enrolment and Class Size Report.

a) Supreme Court of Canada Decision re BCTF Appeal

Superintendent Pat Duncan provided a report on the Supreme Court of Canada Decision re: BCTF Appeal.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

a) *Commitment to Democratically Locally Elected Boards of Education*

Moved and Seconded: **2016-179**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) publically reiterate its belief in the vital role of democratically and locally elected Boards of Education in all communities across the province; AND THAT the Board write to the Minister of Education calling for by-elections to be held in Vancouver (School District No. 39) and North Okanagan-Shuswap (School District No. 83) to ensure democratically and locally elected boards are in place on or before May 30, 2017.

Moved and Seconded: **2016-180**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) amend the motion to publically reiterate its belief in the vital role of democratically and locally elected Board of Educations in all communities across the province; AND THAT the Board write to the Minister of Education calling for by-elections to be held in Vancouver (School District No. 39) and North Okanagan-Shuswap (School District No. 83) to ensure democratically and locally elected boards are in place on or before May 30, 2017 by changing the date from May 30, 2017 to April 30, 2017.

Amendment Motion Carried.

Moved and Seconded: **2016-181**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) amend the motion to publically reiterate its belief in the vital role of democratically and locally elected Board of Educations in all communities across the province; AND THAT the Board write to the Minister of Education calling for by-elections to be held in Vancouver (School District No. 39) and North Okanagan-Shuswap (School District No. 83) to ensure democratically and locally elected boards are in place on or before April 30, 2017 by deleting the reference to North Okanagan-Shuswap (School District No. 83).

Amendment Motion Failed.

Moved and Seconded: **2016-182**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) publically reiterate its belief in the vital role of democratically and locally elected Board of Education in all communities across the province; AND THAT the Board write to the Minister of Education calling for by-elections to be held in Vancouver (School District No. 39) and North Okanagan-Shuswap (School District No. 83) to ensure democratically and locally elected boards are in place on or before April 30, 2017.

Main Motion Carried.

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b) Field Trip Request: NWSS Japan Trip 2017

Moved and Seconded:

2016-183

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the Field Trip Request for the NWSS Japan Trip 2017.

Carried Unanimously.

11. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees spoke to the various meetings and events they attended over the past month.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to ask questions of the Board.

13. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

December 06, 2016: Combined Education & Operations Committee, 7:30 pm
December 13, 2016: School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

14. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA MEETING

The Board reported out approval of Purchase Order No. 733 to Apollo Sheet Metal Ltd. in the amount of \$123,448.64, for HVAC materials for FW Howay Seismic.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting be adjourned at 9:35 pm

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer