



MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**
HELD **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016** AT 7:45 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, 800 ONTARIO STREET

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

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

Chair Campbell 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:

2016-145

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda for the October 25, 2016 Regular School Board meeting as amended under reports Section 8 New Business: Notice of Motion from Trustee Slade- Kerr.

Carried Unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) *Regular Board Meeting held September 27 , 2016*

Moved and Seconded:

2016-146

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes from the September 27, 2016 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

b) *Business Arising from the Minutes*

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. STUDENT RECOGNITION

Principal John Tyler, introduced NWSS Student, Iveta Demirova, who was acknowledged for her outstanding achievement in winning the prestigious Sanofi Biogenius Award.

4. VISITORS

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board received correspondence for information from the Sun Life Financial Chair in Adolescent Mental Health, and the BCTF Brief to the Select Standing Committee on Finance & Government Services

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) *Education Policy & Planning Committee, October 4, 2016*

- i. Committee Chair, Mark Gifford, provided an update from the Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting held October 4, 2016.
- ii. Approval of the October 4, 2016 Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes.

Moved and Seconded:

2016-147

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the October 4, 2016 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

b) *Operations Policy & Planning Committee, October 11, 2016*

- i. Committee Chair, James Janzen, provided an update from the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting held October 11, 2016.
- ii. The minutes of the October 11, 2016 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting will be revised and presented to the Board for approval at the November 29, 2016 Board meeting.
- iii. Catchment Boundaries: Lord Kelvin, Herbert Spencer and Qayqayt Elementary Schools

Moved and Seconded:

2016-148

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the revised Catchment Boundaries for the Lord Kelvin, Herbert Spencer and École Qayqayt Elementary Schools as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

- iv. Montessori Catchment Boundaries: Connaught Heights and Richard McBride Elementary Schools

Moved and Seconded:

2016-149

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve revised Montessori Catchment Boundaries for Connaught Heights and Richard McBride Elementary School as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

7. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a) *Five-Year Capital Plan Bylaw*

Moved and Seconded:

2016-150

THAT the Board of School Trustees for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) accept three readings, reconsideration and final approval of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 15/16-CP-SD40-01 at the October 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved and Seconded:

2016-151

THAT the Board of School Trustees for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve first and second reading of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 15/16-CP-SD40-01.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved and Seconded:

2016-152

THAT the Board of School Trustees for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve third and final reading, reconsideration and final adoption of Capital Plan Bylaw No. 15/16-CP-SD40-01.

Carried Unanimously.

b) *Strategic Direction Planning Meeting*

Moved and Seconded:

2016-153

THAT the Board of Education schedule a session on Strategic Direction, Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 6:30 pm; AND THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting previously scheduled for November 8th, be combined with the November 1, 2016 Education Policy and Planning Committee.

Carried Unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) *Notice of Motion re Commitment to Democratically Locally Elected Boards of Education*

Vice Chair Slade-Kerr gave notice of motion for the November 29, 2016 regular Board Meeting as follows:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster: a) Publicly reiterate its belief in the vital role of democratically and locally elected Boards of Education in all communities across the province; AND b) 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.

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

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

Chair Campbell announced that she has been officially named a candidate for the Green Party, running in the provincial election in 2017. Although Ms. Campbell will continue on the Board of Education as Trustee, she felt it in the best interest of the Board to step down as Chair effective immediately. Attached to these minutes is a letter from Trustee Campbell, to her fellow Trustees explaining her decision.

Until the Board elections in early December, Vice Chair Slade-Kerr will take on the Role of Acting Chair.

Trustee Ewen nominated Mark Gifford as Acting Vice Chair until the December 2015 Board elections. Trustee Gifford accepted.

There being no further nominations Mark Gifford was declared Acting Vice Chair for the remainder of the 2016 Board of Education by acclamation.

10. QUESTION PERIOD

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

11. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Nov 01, 2016: Combined Education & Operations Committee, 7:30 pm - School Board Office

Nov 08, 2016: Strategic Direction, 6:30 pm – School Board Office

Nov 29, 2016: School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm – School Board Office

12. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA MEETING

There was nothing to report out from the In-Camera meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting be adjourned at 8:26 pm

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer