



MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**
HELD **TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017** AT 7:30 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, 800 ONTARIO STREET

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

Mr. P. Duncan, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. K. Lorenz, Secretary Treasurer
Ms. J. Grant, Associate Superintendent
Mr. C. Nicholson, Director of Instruction
Ms. M. Naser, Director of Instruction
Ms. B. Basden, Recording Secretary

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:

2017-081

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda for the June 27, 2017 Regular School Board meeting as amended by adding 6a) Classroom Enhancement Funding letter

Carried Unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) *Board Meeting Minutes for Approval*

Moved and Seconded:

2017-082

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes from the May 30, 2017 School Board meeting and the June 13, 2017 Special School Board meeting as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

b) *Business Arising from the Minutes*

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. STUDENT & STAFF RECOGNITION

a) *Shoshawna Patel, Pastry Chef*

John Tyler, NWSS Principal, introduced Karen Crosby, Career Programs Coordinator, and NWSS student Shoshawna Patel. Shoshawna was recognized for her outstanding achievement in winning gold in the Baking Category at the 2017 Skills Canada B.C. Competition.

The Board recognized Janet Grant who will be retiring at the end of the school year. Ms. Grant was thanked for her 36 years of dedication and committee to the District.

4. VISITORS

Visitors were welcomed and provided the opportunity to address the Board.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) *Education Policy & Planning Committee*

- i. Acting Committee Chair, James Janzen, provided an update from the Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting held June 6, 2017.
- ii. Approval of the June 6, 2017 Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes.

Moved and Seconded: 2017-083

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the June 6 , 2017 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

- iii. Memorialization Advisory Committee

Moved and Seconded: 2017-084

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) appoint Trustee Jonina Campbell and Trustee James Janzen to the Memorialization Advisory Committee.

Carried.

Trustees Cook and Lalji Opposed.

b) *Operations Policy & Planning Committee*

- i. Committee Chair, James Janzen, provided an update from the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting held June 13, 2017
- ii. Approval of the June 13, 2017 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes.

Moved and Seconded: 2017-085

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting held June 13, 2017.

Carried Unanimously.

- iii. Queensborough Busing Survey

Moved and Seconded: 2017-086

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct Senior Admin to revisit the survey related to transportation of students from Queensborough to NWSS; and that the survey be:

- 1) provided in multiple languages;***
- 2) made available at different locations, eg., schools and board office;***
- 3) made accessible online;***
- 4) based on overall interest in bus service.***

***Chair Slade-Kerr stepped down as Chair.
Vice Chair Gifford stepped in as Acting Chair.***

Moved and Seconded: **2017-087**

THAT the motion related to Queensborough busing survey be amended by deleting #2 “made available at different locations, eg, schools and board office”.

Moved and Seconded: **2017-088**

THAT the motion to amend the Queensborough busing survey be amended to include #2 to as amended to read, “made available at Queensborough school sites and New Westminster Secondary School”.

***Carried.
Trustee Lalji and Cook Opposed.***

Chair Slade-Kerr resumed as Chair.

Main motion as amended: **2017-089**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct Senior Admin to revisit the survey related to transportation of students from Queensborough to NWSS; and that the survey be:

- 1) provided in multiple languages;***
- 2) made available at Queensborough schools and New Westminster Secondary School;***
- 3) made accessible online;***
- 4) based on overall interest in bus service.***

***Carried
Trustees Ewen, Slade-Kerr Opposed.***

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iv. Gender and Sexual Diversity Inclusion Committee

Moved and Seconded: **2017-090**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the current Gender & Sexual Diversity Committee of the Board have its name changed to the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Committee in keeping with the current common terminology province-wide.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: **2017-091**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) that the Gender & Sexual Diversity Inclusion Policy be renamed the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Policy in keeping with current terminology province-wide.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: **2017-092**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve revised Policy No. 17 “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)” as amended uner 9.1 by deleting the reference to change rooms.

Moved and Seconded: **2017-093**

THAT the motion to amend Policy No. 17 “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)” be amended by deleting clause 9.1 and amending clause 9.2 by adding “/change room” after the word washroom.

Carried Unanimously.

Main Motion as Amended: **2017-094**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westmisnter) approved revised Policy No. 17 “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)” as amended by deleting clause 9.1 and amending clause 9.2 by adding “/change room” after the word washroom.

Carried Unanimously.

v. Food Security and Healthy Eating

Moved and Seconded: **2017-095**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct the Superintendent to have temporary school specific plans to address food security at each school and if needed provide necessary funding and resources to ensure healthy food is available to students who are going hungry, by September 2017.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved and Seconded: **2017-096**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct staff to provide a report on the steps to be taken and costs associated with a district-wide plan to address food security and healthy eating, that will make available food programs to all of our schools by January 2018 so that no student is hungry and every child eats healthy.

Moved and Seconded: **2017-097**

THAT the motion related to a report to address food security and healthy eating be amended to move January 2018 to immediately after the words, “provide a report...”.

Carried.

Trustee Lalji and Slade-Kerr Opposed.

Moved and Seconded:

2017-098

THAT the motion related to a report to address food security and healthy eating be amended by changing “and every child eats healthy” to “and that every child has access to healthy food”.

Motion Failed.

Main Motion as Amended:

2017-099

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct staff to provide a report by January 2018 on the steps to be taken and costs associated with a district-wide plan to address food security and healthy eating, that will make available food programs to all of our schools so that no child is hungry and every child eats healthy.

Carried Unanimously.

c) May Day Committee Membership

Trustee Ewen reported on the May Day Task Force and the process of filling vacant positions on the Task Force.

6. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a) Classroom Enhancement Funding Letter

The Board discussed the letter from the Ministry of Education related to Classroom Enhancement Funds.

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7. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Field Trip Request: NWSS Senior Band & Choir to Havana, Cuba

Chair Slade-Kerr declared conflict of interest, stepped down as Chair and left the meeting. Vice Chair Gifford stepped in as Acting Chair.

Moved and Seconded:

2017-100

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the Field Trip Request for the NWSS Senior Band & Choir to travel to Havana, Cuba from May 17 – 24, 2018 for a cultural exchange in music, art and dance.

Carried Unanimously

Chair Slade-Kerr returned to the meeting and resumed as Chair.

8. TRUSTEE REPORTS

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

9. QUESTION PERIOD

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

10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Sept 12, 2017: Education Policy & Planning Committee, 7:30 pm – Lord Tweedsmuir School
Sept 19, 2017: Operations Policy & Planning Committee, 7:30 pm – School Board Office
Sept 26, 2017: School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm – School Board Office

11. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA MEETING

It was reported out that the Board approved the Superintendent's Evaluation.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting be adjourned at 9:00.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer