

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR OPEN MEETING
OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 7:30 PM
School Board Office
811 Ontario Street, New Westminister**

PRESENT	Anita Ansari, Vice Chair Dee Beattie, Trustee Danielle Connelly, Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal, Trustee Mark Gifford, Chair Maya Russell, Trustee	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary
REGRETS	Mary Lalji, Trustee	

The New Westminister School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as all 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

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm.

2019-067

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda for the May 28, 2019 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes from the Open Meetings held:

1. Regular Open Board of Education Meeting, April 30, 2019

2019-068

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes as distributed for the April 30, 2019 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

3. PRESENTATION

a. Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence

Superintendent Hachlaf gave an overview of the award.

Chair Gifford, on behalf of the Board of Education and New Westminster Schools, relayed his appreciation and congratulated Stephanie Musgrove, Kindergarten teacher at Lord Kelvin Elementary School, for her national recognition as the recipient of the Regional Certificate of Achievement.

4. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

Brent Atkinson, David Brett, Lorraine Brett, Kathy Gifford, Lisa Graham and Troy Hunter addressed the Board regarding May Day. Superintendent Hachlaf provided a May Day update in Item #7a.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee,

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Dhaliwal

Trustee Dhaliwal expressed appreciation for the presentations by New Westminster Secondary School students and teachers.

ii. Approval of the May 7, 2019 Education Policy & Planning Committee Minutes

Correction Item #6d-2019-2020 School Fees: amend the last sentence to include the following wording "...and any applicable school forms".

2019-069

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as amended from the May 7, 2019 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii. Livestreaming of Education Committee Meetings

2019-070

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve livestreaming for Open Operations Policy and Planning Committee and Open Board of Education meetings, excluding Education Policy and Planning Committee due to privacy concerns relative to showing children on camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iv. 2019-2020 School Fees

2019-071

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2019-2020 School Fees as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, May 14, 2019

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly

Nil.

- ii. Approval of the May 14, 2019 Operations Policy & Planning Committee Minutes

2019-072

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the May 14, 2019 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- iii. Living Wage

Chair Gifford introduced the Living Wage initiative to the Board.

2019-073

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) instruct staff to prepare a report, on or before the November 19, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Meeting, that provides an analysis of the costs and benefits of New Westminster Schools becoming a Living Wage Employer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- iv. 2019-2020 Arts Surplus Allocation

Chair Gifford summarized the discussion that took place during budget deliberation and Committee.

2019-074

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) allocate \$180,000 from surplus on the condition that staff provide a funding plan to the Board at the November 19, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting, to support an investment that strengthens capacity of art education in our schools as follows:

- 1. Initial one-year commitment to 0.5 FTE District Arts Facilitator position and program costs, to support development of a comprehensive District creative and performing arts strategy, delivery of curriculum, programs, partnerships that strengthen learning and engagement of students, teachers, and staff. Cost: \$60,000*
- 2. Facility Rental: Access to Massey Theatre is important to the District, NWSS, Fine Arts programs, as well as elementary and middle schools. Fine Arts alone can use 30 days per year, which can cost more than \$1,500/day. One-year enhancement funding to support 2019-20 costs at Massey Theatre, and to ensure each District elementary and middle school has option to cover costs of one day or evening use of Massey Theatre, in addition to NWSS for fine arts, learning, and ceremonial uses. Cost: \$50,000*
- 3. Supplies and Equipment: one-time enhancement funding to support equitable refresh of K-12 District fine arts equipment and supplies. Cost: up to \$70,000 on the condition that district staff present an update on the dispersal of the supplies and equipment on or before the November 26, 2019 Board meeting.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

v. Long-Range Facilities Review

Discussion took place highlighting levels of feedback, types of schools, capacity issues in the short term, flexibility, detailed data and the decision to adopt Option 2 in the plan.

2019-075

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve Option 2: Addition to Queensborough Middle School + 3 new schools (1 Middle and 1 Elementary and 1 configuration to be determined) as outlined in the Long-Range Facilities Review.

**CARRIED
1 Opposed**

7. REPORTS SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Hachlaf provided highlights of his school visits and events he attended in April and May:

- School Visits: Connaught Heights Elementary; Adult and Online Learning Centre.
- Annual Volunteer Recognition Event – April 17.
- BCSTA Annual AGM – April 25-28.
- May Day 2019 Update: primary change was that dance instruction moved to take place outside of class time. The Superintendent thanked and acknowledged Nadia Young, event coordinator, teaching staff and education assistants for their assistance with the event. The District will look at next steps once there has been an opportunity to review the feedback received from this year's event. The District supports May Day and is looking forward to the 150th anniversary in 2020.
- Minister of Education Rob Fleming announced that the menstrual initiative and products will be financially supported by the Ministry for all districts.
- BCSSA Leadership & Spring Forum provided an opportunity to review what programs are running within the District and compare initiatives with other districts.
- Strategic Planning Update – extensive process utilizing Thoughtexchange, community interviews with 100 stakeholders, and community consultation meetings. The District website provides information relative to how feedback will be used in developing a strategic plan for the district, taking into account the voice of the student; parents; teachers and staff. Superintendent Hachlaf thanked students, teachers, staff and the public for taking part in this process.
- OECD (Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development) Forum conference was hosted in BC with a focus on student well-being and mental health supports.
- Train to Become an Education Assistant: Executive Director of Human Resources Weston announced that in partnership with Burnaby Schools, an Education Assistant training program will be launched in New Westminister Schools:
 - part-time program will run September to June for 30 candidates.
 - Instructors will be District teachers.

- The goal of the program is to encourage graduates to seek employment with the District.
 - Janet Grant has been hired as coordinator of the program.
 - Burnaby Schools has added the information to their website; an advertisement will appear in the local newspaper; information will also be shared within the various schools of the District.
 - An information session has been scheduled for June 13, 2019 at 7:00pm at Fraser River Middle School.
- The Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovation hosted a Mental Health Dinner series at which 200 educators participated.

8. TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustees provided highlights of events they attended in May.

9. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

The public was given the opportunity to ask questions on matters that arose during the meeting.

The Board was thanked for passing the motion supporting the funding of the arts within the District.

A question was asked about the New Westminster Secondary School building site. All information pertaining to the NWSS Construction Project is reported at the Open Operations Policy and Planning Committee meetings. Updates are also posted on the [District's website](#).

A question was asked about the May Day debrief process. Superintendent Hachlaf reiterated what he stated in this May Day Update (see Item 7a). There is ongoing collaboration with the City of New Westminister. Any updates will first, be reviewed at a Board Committee meeting, than reported at Board meetings.

10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

June 4, 2019: Education Policy & Planning Committee, 7:30pm - Connaught Heights Elementary School

June 11, 2019: Operations Policy & Planning Committee, 7:30pm - School Board Office

June 25, 2019: School Board Meeting, 7:30pm - School Board Office

Reminder: Richard McBride Elementary Public Consultation, Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 6:30pm - Richard McBride Elementary School

11. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING

- a. Record of April 30, 2019 In-Camera Board Meeting

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer