

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

**Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 7:30 PM
School Board Office
811 Ontario Street, New Westminister**

PRESENT	Anita Ansari, Vice Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
	Dee Beattie, Trustee	Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
	Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
	Gurveen Dhaliwal, Trustee	Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources
	Mark Gifford, Chair	Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary
	Maya Russell, Trustee	
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 by the Board Chair at 7:30pm.

Item Added: New Business 8b. Special Education Advisory Committee Appointments

Item Moved: Reports from Senior Management 7e. Child Care BC New Spaces Fund moved to 7a.

2019-078

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda as amended for the June 25, 2019 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Approval of Minutes from the May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting

b. Approval of Minutes from the June 18, 2019 Special Open Board Meeting

Minutes of the May 28, 2019 and June 18, 2019 meetings were approved.

2019-079

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes as distributed for the May 28, 2019 Regular School Board meeting and the June 18, 2019 Special Open School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

3. PRESENTATION

a. National Inclusive Education Awards

Chair Gifford introduced and congratulated Jenine Grass, Ann Negrin and Sarah Negrin, NWSS Education Assistants, who were recognized with the 2019 National Inclusive Education Awards, Inclusive Support category.

4. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

Students and adults addressed the Board regarding May Day. Superintendent Hachlaf provided a May Day update in Item #7b.

Chair Gifford thanked all those who came to the meeting to speak to May Day and their connection with the event. Chair Gifford indicated that there would be an update on May Day in early Fall 2019 (September/October).

Bernadette Gourlay and Laura Rannaletta addressed the Board about child care needs at Queen Elizabeth Elementary School and specifically Queensborough.

Chair Gifford thanked the Queensborough parents who wrote such thoughtful and impactful letters regarding the child care concerns. The Board has recognized that the expansion of Queen Elizabeth Elementary is of the utmost importance. The District is also working with the City of New Westminister to identify possible solutions to the child care concerns in Queensborough.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, June 4, 2019

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Dhaliwal
No remarks.

ii. Approval of the June 4, 2019 Education Policy & Planning Committee Minutes
2019-080
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes from the June 4, 2019 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii. BC Universal Child Care
2019-081
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) endorse the \$10aDay Child Care Plan proposed by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, June 11, 2019
- i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly
Trustee Connelly was not able to attend the June 11 meeting.
- ii. Approval of the June 11, 2019 Operations Policy & Planning Committee Minutes
2019-082
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the June 11, 2019 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- iii. 2020-2021 Five-Year Capital Plan
2019-083
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2020-2021 Five-Year Capital Plan as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- iv. 2019-2020 Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan
2019-084
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2019-2020 Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan in the amount of \$1,139,382 as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- v. Orange Shirt Week
To provide all District students, teachers and parents/guardians with an opportunity to participate in Orange Shirt Week, Superintendent Hachlaf was asked to look into the possibility of making the t-shirts available for purchase via School Cash Online.
2019-085
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) acknowledge Orange Shirt Week from September 30 – October 4, 2019 and encourages staff and student participation.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

- a. Child Care BC New Spaces Fund
Associate Superintendent Naser provided an update regarding the status of the applications for the Child Care BC New Spaces Fund. There may be a positive change on the horizon therefore the District is holding back the application for the child care spaces at Richard McBride Elementary, pending an announcement.
In Queensborough, there are ongoing conversations with the City of New Westminster and the Ministry of Education to find immediate solutions, which

may include another portable designated for child care being added at Queen Elizabeth Elementary or reviewing available space within the schools.

Associate Superintendent Naser indicated that the engagement officer assisting with the New Spaces Fund applications, will take into consideration the needs of the before and after school care needs.

b. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Hachlaf provided highlights of the draft 2018-19 edition of “Good things are happening” District report to be published for September.

Associate Superintendent Naser spoke about Equity in Action Project - equality vs equity, which is a framework introduced by the Ministry of Education. The District is working with the Ministry to identify barriers and concerns relative to ensuring access to Aboriginal Education as part of the Special Education review. Six school districts in BC, including New Westminster Schools, are participating in this pilot cohort.

The Superintendent presented the May Day 2019 Budget, thanked the Board for supporting the event financially and for engaging Nadia Young as the event coordinator.

The Superintendent congratulated all the District's graduates.

c. 2019 Strategic Plan

Further work to ensure the Long-Range Facilities Plan is reflected in the Strategic Plan will take place in Fall 2019. Phase 1 is the foundational document. Additional wordsmithing will occur when the Strategic Plan is finalized.

Chair Gifford, on behalf of the Board, thanked District staff and consultant Steve Patty for their assistance in developing the Strategic Plan.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the Strategic Plan as presented.

MOTION AMENDED

2019-086

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve Phase 1 of the Strategic Plan as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. 2018-2019 Continuing Education Enrolment Compliance Audit

Secretary-Treasurer Morris explained that the purpose of the Continuing Education Enrolment Compliance audit is to provide assurance to the Ministry of Education and the Board of Education that Ministry policy, legislation, and directions are being followed. The District will recognize reduced revenue for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$299,142 as a result of the audit and subsequent implementation of recommendations. It is anticipated that underspent areas of the 2018-2019 operating budget can attend to the Ministry operating grant recovery and that the shortfall is not of significant detriment in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Superintendent Hachlaf indicated that the results from the audit have been taken under consideration and the District is working with the Ministry to ensure that the estimates are in line with the Ministry's guidelines.

e. 2019-2020 Amended Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided highlights of the 2019-2020 Amended Budget. The District will be delivering a balanced budget, which includes all the priorities identified earlier this year.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Student Voice

Trustee Dhaliwal spoke to the student presentation at the June 4, 2019 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting which highlighted the feedback of the students and their participation in the Board of Education meetings. The motions submitted for consideration support diversity in student voices at the Board table.

2019-087

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve that a Student Voice District Team, comprising of three students from NWSS and three students from each middle school, serve as an advisory group representing the interests and perspectives of all students to the Board of Education.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-088

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve that student representatives from the Student Voice District Team participate in all Education Policy and Planning Committee Meetings, with the option to attend other meetings and reevaluate participation as necessary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-089

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct staff to develop, in collaboration with the Student Voice District Team, a comprehensive Board policy guiding the role, responsibilities and expectations of the Student Voice District Team with specific language surrounding equity and inclusion of diverse student voices (BIPOC, LGBTQ+ communities etc.) and process to support representation accessible and accountable to all student perspectives and interests.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Special Education Advisory Committee Appointments

Chair Gifford asked the Board for their support to appoint Trustees Beattie and Russell to represent the Board of Education on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

2019-090

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) confirm the appointments of Trustee Dee Beattie and Trustee Maya Russell to the Special Education Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustees provided highlights of events they attended in June.

Chair Gifford and the Board expressed their gratitude to District staff for their work this past school year. He wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

10. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

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

A question was asked regarding the breakdown of specific child care spaces allocated outside of the New Spaces Fund:

- 37 spaces for toddlers & infants
- 25 spaces going into Queensborough Community Centre in spring 2020
- Options with the City – looking at adding additional spaces with a portable

11. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 10, 2019: Education Policy & Planning Committee, 7:30pm – TBD

Tuesday, September 17, 2019: Operations Policy & Planning Committee, 7:30pm – School Board Office

Tuesday, September 24, 2019: School Board Meeting, 7:30pm – School Board Office

12. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING

- a. Record of May 28, 2019 In-Camera Board Meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourn at 9:56 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer