

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

**Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 7:00 PM
School Board Office
811 Ontario Street, New Westminister**

PRESENT	Anita Ansari, Vice Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
	Dee Beattie, Trustee	Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
	Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
	Gurveen Dhaliwal, Trustee	Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources
	Mark Gifford, Chair	Bruce Cunnings, Director, Instruction, Learning Services
	Maya Russell, Trustee	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

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Add: Item 3f. Board Committee Appointments

2019-116

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda as amended for the November 26, 2019 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes from the Open Meeting held:

1. October 29, 2019 Regular Open Meeting

2019-117

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes as distributed for the October 29, 2019 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

3. **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

a. **Outgoing Board Report, Chair Gifford**

Chair Mark Gifford reported out on the accomplishments of the 2018-2019 Board of Education, a copy of the report has been appended to the Minutes.

Chair Gifford thanked NWTU, CUPE Local 409, Parent Advisory Committees, District staff and looks forward to continuing the great work of the Board and the District in 2020.

b. **Election of Chair**

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham called for nominations for the position of Chair for the 2020 Board of Education. Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent, and Robert Weston, Executive Director of Human Resources, served as Scrutineers.

Trustee Mark Gifford nominated Trustee Anita Ansari as Chair for the 2020 Board of Education.

Trustee Ansari accepted the nomination.

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board a 2nd and 3rd time.

There being no further nominations **Trustee Ansari was declared Chair** for the 2020 Board of Education (by acclamation).

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham turned the Chair over to newly elected Chair Ansari.

c. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Chair Ansari called for nominations for the Vice-Chair for the 2020 Board of Education.

Trustee Dee Beattie nominated Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal as Vice-Chair for the 2020 Board of Education.

Trustee Dhaliwal accepted the nomination.

Chair Ansari called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair for the 2020 Board of Education a 2nd and 3rd time.

There being no further nominations, **Trustee Dhaliwal was declared Vice-Chair** for the 2020 Board of Education (by acclamation).

d. **Election of BCPSEA Representative**

Chair Ansari called for nominations for the BCPSEA Representative for the 2020 Board of Education.

Vice-Chair Gurveen Dhaliwal nominated Trustee Dee Beattie for BCPSEA Representative for the 2020 Board of Education.

Trustee Beattie accepted the nomination.

Chair Ansari called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative for the 2020 Board of Education a 2nd and 3rd time.

There being no further nominations, **Trustee Beattie was declared BCPSEA Representative** for the 2020 Board of Education (by acclamation).

BCPSEA Representative Alternate

Chair Ansari called for nominations for the BCPSEA Representative Alternate for the 2020 Board of Education.

Trustee Dee Beattie nominated Vice-Chair Gurveen Dhaliwal for BCPSEA Representative Alternate for the 2020 Board of Education.

Vice-Chair Dhaliwal accepted the nomination.

Chair Ansari called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Representative Alternate for the 2020 Board of Education a 2nd and 3rd time.

There being no further nominations, ***Vice-Chair Dhaliwal was declared BCPSEA Representative Alternate*** for the 2020 Board of Education (by acclamation).

e. **Election of BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate**

Chair Ansari called for nominations for the BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate for the 2020 Board of Education.

Vice-Chair Gurveen Dhaliwal nominated Trustee Danielle Connelly for BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate for the 2020 Board of Education.

Trustee Connelly accepted the nomination.

Chair Ansari called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate for the 2020 Board of Education a 2nd and 3rd time.

There being no further nominations, ***Trustee Connelly was declared BCSTA Provincial Delegate*** for the 2020 Board of Education (by acclamation).

BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate

Chair Ansari called for nominations for the BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate for the 2020 Board of Education.

Trustee Danielle Connelly nominated Trustee Maya Russell for BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate for the 2020 Board of Education.

Trustee Russell accepted the nomination.

Chair Ansari called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Council Delegate Alternate for the 2020 Board of Education a 2nd and 3rd time.

There being no further nominations, ***Trustee Russell was declared BCSTA Provincial Delegate Alternate*** for the 2020 Board of Education (by acclamation).

f. **Committee Appointments**

Trustee Dee Beattie was appointed and accepted to be Chair of the Education Policy & Planning Committee.

Trustee Danielle Connelly was appointed and accepted to continue as Chair of the Operations Policy & Planning Committee.

Trustee Maya Russell was appointed and accepted to be part of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and continue as CUPE Management Labour Representative.

Trustees Mark Gifford and Maya Russell continue to serve on the Memorialization Advisory Committee.

Trustees Gifford and Russell to continue to support Sanctuary Schools.

Trustees Gurveen Dhaliwal and Anita Ansari to continue to support Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI).

Trustees Dee Beattie and Maya Russell to continue to serve on Special Education Advisory Committee.

School Assignment Liaisons:

Trustees to continue with the schools they were assigned in 2019; Trustee Gifford to support F.W. Howay Elementary in addition to his current school assignments; Trustee Beattie to support SIGMA, RCAP, POWER and Adult Education/Distance Ed. in addition to her current school assignment.

Trustee Danielle Connelly was appointed to support Canadian Parents for French.

District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) – Trustees will rotate through meetings; Chair Ansari is not able to attend DPAC meetings as a Trustee representative as she declared a conflict of interest.

g. **Motion to Destroy Ballots**

No ballots were used, therefore, motion to destroy ballots was not required.

4. **COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS**

Nil.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received.

6. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, November 5, 2019

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Dhaliwal

Trustee Dhaliwal had no comments.

ii. Approval of the November 5, 2019 Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2019-118

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the November 5, 2019 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, November 19, 2019

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly

Trustee Connelly thanked the audience who attended the meeting on November 19, 2019 and for bringing forward the Climate Change information.

ii. Approval of the November 19, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

Trustee Gifford requested an amendment be made to the draft minutes as follows:

Living Wage - add wording "Staff to draft a timeline for implementation and bring back the item at the January 21, 2020 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting."

2019-119
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as amended from the November 19, 2019 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii. Climate Action Recommendations

2019-120
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) include a goal within its strategic plan, a long-term Climate Action Plan and to direct staff to incorporate environmental strategies when preparing and executing capital planning submissions (i.e. Annual Facilities Grant and 5-Year Capital Plan) to the Board of Education and Ministry of Education. Further, specific consideration of the following shall be made:

- ***Measurable targets and specific timelines and goals to reduce SD40's greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with the IPCC 1.5.***
- ***Consideration to all SD40 schools and sites, transportation and purchasing and procurement functionalities.***
- ***Costs associated to the plans put in place.***
- ***Opportunities for stakeholder engagement and input.***
- ***District Staff to provide an update on the development on the Climate Action Plan taken by the District in September 2020.***

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2019-121
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) include a goal within its strategic plan to provide leadership and support to increase learning opportunities for both students and staff towards climate literacy and environmental sustainability.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iv. Funding Model Review

2019-122
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No.40 (New Westminster) advocate to the Ministry of Education to ensure Boards of Education are provided with the opportunity to model and/or pilot the new funding formula recommendations prior to implementation in order to provide feedback on the positive and negative implications of the proposed recommendations, the impact on the ability of our districts to strengthen success for all students and the ability to ensure a system that is equitable, predictable and fair for all school districts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Hachlaf provided highlights of his November report:

- Remembrance Day events - "No Stone Left Alone"
- School visits included:
 - Richard McBride: StrongStart, Community Garden, Mindfulness Exercises at Richard McBride Elementary
 - Hume Park Home Learners Program: Outdoor Learning; Reflection & Mapping
 - F.W. Howay: Classroom Reading
 - CERA - Restorative Justice Symposium on Friday, November 15
 - Fall Superintendent's Conference

b. Administrative Procedure 354 - Physical Restraint and Seclusion - New Policy

Director, Instruction, Learning Services Cunnings explained that the Ministry of Education has requested that all Districts ensure that they include a Physical Restraint and Seclusion Policy, which is currently Administrative Procedure (AP) 354. It was confirmed, that this AP will now be Policy 23 – Physical Restraint and Seclusion. No changes were made to the wording.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2020-2021 Budget Process

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham reviewed the draft 2020-2021 Budget Process with the Board. The Funding Formula Review provides some complexity as there is no date set for when the Funding Formula will be made public. Superintendent Recommendations will be brought forward earlier in the process (March 2020).

2019-123

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2020-2021 Budget Process as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

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

10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 3, 2019: Combined Education and Operations Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 7:00pm - School Board Office

Tuesday, December 10, 2019: School Board Meeting, 7:00pm - School Board Office

Tuesday, January 14, 2020: Education Policy & Planning Committee Meeting, 6:00pm - Qayqayt Elementary, 85 Merivale Street

11. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETINGS

a. Record of In-Camera October 29, 2019 Board Meeting

b. Record of Special In-Camera November 5, 2019 Board Meeting

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourn at 7:57pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer

Chair Report

It's my pleasure to provide the Annual Report of the Board.

I want to take a few minutes to take stock of some of the work of this Board in its first year, and share some of my gratitude for the work of so many. As a Board, we can look back on our first year together as one of tremendous learning, development, and growth. In partnership with students, families, community partners, and especially, staff - we have made remarkable strides as a District. 2018-2019 was a busy year, which included:

- New Board
- New Senior Staff
- New Funding Model
- Collective Bargaining
- Graduation Requirements

Highlights:

- Strategic Plan

- Financial Health
 - Budget Consultation
 - ThoughtExchange
 - Talking Tables

- Public Engagement
 - Student Voice
 - Budget Consultation
 - Strategic Plan

- Capital – on pace, with facilities serving more than 50% of our students in progress:
 - New Westminster Secondary School
 - Richard McBride Elementary
 - Tweedsmuir Elementary
 - Sapperton Green
 - Queen Elizabeth Elementary to come
 - Five-Year Capital Plan
 - Long Range Facilities Review
 - Childcare

- Inclusion – Public Education where everyone is welcome
 - Menstrual Initiative
 - Arts Strategy
 - Special Education Review
 - Fuel Up
 - Living Wage
 - Climate Action Plan
 - Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement
 - Expanding Child Care
 - Improved District Communications
 - Live Streaming
 - May Day
 - Memorialization – relationship with Tsilhqot'in and other stakeholders

- Budget:
 - Arts
 - Operational Improvements
 - Staffing Levels – custodial/EA
 - Increased school allocations for classroom resources
 - Pro-D – Teacher Coaches
 - Student Advisory

In a little city of big hills...this District has felt a bit of the Little Blue Engine that Could

- I think I can, I think we can, We think we can
- Hard-working, optimistic, and not afraid of a challenge or two...

We have been at our best when we stay open-minded, support each other's learning, and keep our focus on the systems that support student success. We've worn our hearts on our sleeves, while trying to find agreement on vision and strategies. I like this character.

When we have not given each other or staff the benefit of the doubt, tried to go it alone, or looked for credit before impact, we've found ourselves in choppy waters.

As we move to a place of more focused, strategic action, our progress – with Board, staff, community – will continue to move at the speed of trust. Working together, rather than in isolation, we have learned we can do so much more.

- Gratitude:
 - For staff
 - NWTU & CUPE
 - Student Voice
 - Community Partners
 - District Students and Families
 - Our own Families and significant others, who've made space and time for us to be of service to the District.

Chair Mark Gifford