

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

Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 7:00 PM

School Board Office

Via Webex Livestream

PRESENT	<p>Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair Dee Beattie, Vice Chair Anita Ansari, Trustee Danielle Connelly, Trustee Mark Gifford, Trustee Mary Lalji, Trustee Maya Russell, Trustee</p>	<p>Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources Guests: Members of the Public Kathleen Chad, Principal, Richard McBride Elementary Sam Killawee, Student Trustee, Re-naming Committee Rhonda Larrabee, Chief of Qayqayt First Nation Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminister Record Marcel Marsolais, President CUPE Local 409 Cheryl Sluis, Re-naming Committee Sarah Wethered, NWTU Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary</p>
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The New Westminister School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nation, 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 Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Edit: Agenda item 7b. 2021-2022 Budget Bylaw, motion to reflect 2021-2022.

2021-035

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda as amended for the May 25, 2021 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes from the Open Meeting held:

i. April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

ii. May 11, 2021 Special Open Board Meeting

Trustee Connelly clarified that she had also opposed the motion regarding the Trustee Remuneration at the May 11 Special Open Board meeting.

2021-036

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes as distributed for the April 27, 2021 Regular School Board meeting and as amended for the May 11, 2021 Special Open Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil.

3. PRESENTATION

a. Richard McBride Re-Naming (Committee Members)

Associate Superintendent Naser introduced the members of the Re-naming Committee and thanked Chief Rhonda Larrabee of the Qayqayt First Nation for her generosity of time spent with, and support of the committee. Committee members provided an overview of the re-naming process.

Trustee Gifford introduced Chief Rhonda Larrabee. She shared her appreciation for the school district and their support of reconciliation. Chief Larrabee announced that the name of the new school will be Skwo:wech, which means sturgeon. Associate Superintendent Naser thanked Chief Larrabee.

Reflections from the Committee members were shared.

2021-037

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt Skwo:wech Elementary as the new name for Richard McBride Elementary, effective September 1, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

Members of the public were invited to speak. Please refer to the meeting video for complete comments by President CUPE Local 409 Marsolais, a concerned parent, and President NWTU Wethered.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received.

An update on the Child and Youth Liaison Officer program will be provided at the June 8, 2021 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, May 11, 2021

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Russell

Trustee Russell did not have any additional comments.

ii. Approval of the May 11, 2021 Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2021-038

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as distributed for the May 11, 2021 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii. 2021-2022 School Fees

2021-039

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2021-2022 School Fees as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, May 11, 2021
- i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly
Trustee Connelly did not have any additional comments.
- ii. Approval of the May 11, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes
2021-040
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as distributed for the May 11, 2021 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- iii. Terms of Engagement with Auditor
2021-041
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) to confirm and continue the engagement of KPMG, LLP for year-end audit services for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- iv. School-based Vaccine Program
2021-042
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) send a letter to the Minister of Health (the Honourable Adrian Dix) and the head of Fraser Health to advocate for the catch-up of the school-based immunization program.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

- a. Superintendent Update
Superintendent Hachlaf provided an update and highlights:
- Graduation 2021 Update – plans are being revised due to some COVID-19 restrictions around gatherings being lifted in June.
 - Vaccinations (Pfizer) are now available for students aged 12-17. Further information to follow.
 - Professional Development Opportunities - May 21
 - Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society - was thanked for their recent generous donation of over \$12,000 in food gift cards, which were distributed to District families.
 - 2021-22 Principal and Vice-Principal Transfers and Appointments were announced.
 - Diversity & Inclusion Survey - over 1,200 respondents (750 caregivers and parents; 350 NWSS students and 250 staff). Moving to the next stage, which will include focus groups conducted by Bakau Consulting.

- b. 2021-2022 Budget Bylaw - 3rd and Final Reading
Discussion followed regarding Grade 2-8 online learning program and the retention of daytime custodians. Superintendent Hachlaf indicated that students will continue to be supported as they move from online to in-class instruction. Since the provincial government just announced the restart plan on May 25, this will inform how the District will proceed with daytime custodians going forward.

2021-043

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District 40 (New Westminster) approve THIRD, reconsideration and final reading of the 2021-2022 Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$88,181,498 as presented.

**CARRIED
1 Opposed**

- c. 2021-22 Five-Year Capital Plan

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham explained the 2021-22 Capital Plan process. The 2022-23 Capital Plan will be brought forward at the June 22, 2021 Board meeting and the Bylaw will be approved in March 2022.

The land acquisition plan was not approved by the Ministry. The District will continue to put forward that request at the next Capital Plan cycle. Chair Dhaliwal echoed the disappointment that the land acquisition plan was not approved and indicated that an advocacy letter be sent to the Ministry explaining the urgent need for land in New Westminster. Secretary-Treasurer indicated that information around playgrounds is embargoed, and should the District be successful in getting a playground, this news will be shared by the Ministry.

2021-044

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) complete all three readings of Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22 – CPSD40-01.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-045

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve first and second reading of Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22 – CPSD40-01.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-046

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve third reading, reconsideration and final adoption of Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22 – CPSD40-01.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2021-047

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) write a letter to the Minister of Education, the Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, advocating for the urgent need for land acquisition and for funding for the Fraser River Middle School expansion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

The Trustees provided highlights of events they attended in May.

10. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

The public was given the opportunity to ask questions on matters that arose during the meeting. Please refer to the meeting video for full comments.

Sue Kenny indicated her disappointment over the budget not including support for the Grade 2-8 online program.

Trustee Lalji brought forward the following motion:

Moved

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) follow the same protocol that is presently used for raising the \$450,000 for the NLC space for the NWSS Wellness and Welcome Centre, to also raise funds for the online learning program.

MOTION NOT SECONDED

11. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 8, 2021: Education Policy & Planning Committee, 5:00pm -
Via Webex Livestream

Tuesday, June 8, 2021: Operations Policy & Planning Committee, 6:30pm -
Via Webex Livestream

Tuesday, June 22, 2021: School Board Meeting, 7:00pm - Via Webex Livestream

12. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING

- a. Record of the April 27, 2021 In-Camera Meeting
- b. Record of the May 11, 2021 Special In-Camera Meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer