

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

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 7:00 PM
Via Webex Livestream**

PRESENT Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
 Dee Beattie, Vice-Chair Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
 Anita Ansari, Trustee Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
 Danielle Connelly, Trustee Robert Weston, Executive Director Human Resources
 Mark Gifford, Trustee Guests:
 Mary Lalji, Trustee Members of the Public: Ronda Field & Tekla Fulton
 Maya Russell, Trustee Dave Bollen, President CUPE Local 409
 Dave Crowe, Director Capital Projects
 Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager
 Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminister Record
 Sarah Wethered, President NWTU
 Leanne Sojka, Recording Secretary

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

Trustee Beattie chaired the meeting.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2022-033

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda for the May 24, 2022, Regular School Board meeting as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes from the Open Meeting held:

i. April 26, 2022, Regular Open Meeting

ii. May 10, 2022, Special Open Board Meeting

2022-034

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes as distributed for the April 26, 2022, Regular School Board meeting and the May 10, 2022, Special Open Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

3. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

CUPE – Dave Bollen, President, shared an update from the CUPE BC 2022 Convention.

NWTU –Sarah Wethered, President, shared the results from their nominations meeting. Kristie Oxley will serve as president, Darryl Shelp will serve as First Vice-President, Sarah will serve as Second Vice-President and Bertha Landsdowne will step back into the Aboriginal Education Chair. Budget and mentorship reports were passed at the recent Annual General Meeting.

Ronda Field and Tekla Fulton provided background that unlike other refugees, Ukrainian refugees do not receive government income or child benefit allowance. They requested from the District, a summer early language learner program so that students can be better prepared in September. Superintendent Hachlaf thanked Ronda and Tekla for their advocacy and provided his appreciation and support to newcomers and refugees. He shared statistics on summer programs and identified the additional support the Welcome Centre could provide. Associate Superintendent Naser provided information on various programs and courses.

4. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, May 10, 2022

- i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Beattie

Trustee Beattie provided a reminder that the June 7 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting will be held in-person at 3:30 pm in the Learning Commons of New Westminster Secondary School and all five meetings for the 2022-23 school year will be held in-person.

Trustee Lalji put forward a motion to amend the minutes:

2022-035

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) remove Chair Dhaliwal's statement pertaining to the April 26 Open Board meeting from the May 10, 2022, Education Policy & Planning committee meeting minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- ii. Approval of the May 10, 2022, Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2022-036

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the amended minutes from the May 10, 2022, Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, May 10, 2022
 - i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly
Trustee Connelly Thanked Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham and Superintendent Hachlaf for the budget work and recommendations.
 - ii. Approval of the May 10, 2022, Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

**2022-037
Moved and Seconded**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the May 10, 2022, Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- iii. Expanding Before and After School Childcare

**2022-038
Moved and Seconded**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster), direct staff to create a report that looks at options to increase childcare spaces in our schools and explore the feasibility of using school-based part-time staff to offer before & after school care. This report should include examples of costs analysis, input from stakeholders, discussions with the Ministry of Education and Childcare, discussions with districts that have implemented this model, and other relevant information, and be reported at the October 4, 2022, Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

- a. Superintendent Update (K. Hachlaf)
Superintendent Hachlaf shared highlights that included a bronze medal placing by the Lord Kelvin six-student group, 'Firefoxes'.
- b. 2022-2023 Budget Bylaw - 3rd and Final Reading (B. Ketcham)

**2022-039
Moved and Seconded**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve THIRD, reconsideration and final reading of the 2022-23 Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$92,696,368 as presented.

**CARRIED
1 Opposed**

i. 2022-23 Preliminary Budget Companion Guide

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham shared that the Preliminary Budget Companion Guide was prepared internally by the finance team and highlights the Superintendent’s recommendations. Details of the District’s three-year financial plan are included in the guide in support of passing the 2022-2023 Budget.

Discussion followed.

c. School Site Acquisition Charge Bylaw 2022-1 (B. Ketcham)

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham confirmed that the District has been at their maximum school site acquisition rate for well over a decade. The Ministry has re-instituted yearly submission by school districts.

**2022-040
Moved and Seconded**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) complete all three readings of SSAC Bylaw No. 2022-1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2022-041
Moved and Seconded**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve first and second reading of SSAC Bylaw No. 2022-1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2022-042
Moved and Seconded**

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve THIRD reading, reconsideration, and final adoption of SSAC Bylaw No. 2022-1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Trustee Elections Bylaw (B. Ketcham)

Secretary-Treasurer shared the bylaw was largely unchanged from the previous 2018 election, it had been reviewed by legal counsel and shared with the City of New Westminster.

Trustee Russell suggested an amendment to the Bylaw – Order of Names on the Ballot, replacing the word “alphabetical” to “randomized”.

Chair Dhaliwal joined the meeting at 7:52 pm

Discussion followed.

2022-043

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) complete all three readings of Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2022-TE-SD40-01.

DEFEATED

Trustee Beattie put forward the following motion:

2022-044

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) postpone the discussion of the Trustee Elections Bylaw and consider the recommended motions at the Regular Open Board meeting of June 21 after conferring with the City of New Westminster and others deemed necessary to the discussion to reorder ballot candidate names from 'alphabetical' to 'randomized'.

**CARRIED
1 Opposed**

- e. Eligible School Site Proposal 2022-23 (B. Ketcham)

Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the proposal data and confirmed there are no changes from last year's proposal other than land value increases and confirms the City of New Westminster is aware of this proposal request.

2022-045

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2022-23 Eligible School Site Proposal (ESSP) through adoption of the 2022-23 ESSP Resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- f. 2022-2023 School Fees (M. Naser)

Associate Superintendent Naser reported that there are no changes or increases in school fees though schools continue to be affected by school supplies pressures.

Discussion followed on family hardships. Clarity was provided on the term 'optional' fee. Associate Superintendent Naser will report back on any existing processes to accept donations of musical instruments or funds for the purchase of musical instruments.

2022-046
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2022-2023 School Fees as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

7. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees shared details of the events they attended in May.

8. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

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

9. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 21, 2022: School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm - Via Webex

Reminder:

Asian Heritage Month - May

BC Child Care Month - May

National Indigenous History Month - June

Pride Month - June

Tuesday, June 14, 2022: Annual Retirement Dinner, 5:30 pm – Inn at the Quay

National Indigenous People's Day - June 21

10. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING

a. Record of the April 26, 2022, In-Camera Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer