



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

Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 7:00 PM

Via Webex Livestream

PRESENT Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
Dee Beattie, Vice-Chair Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
Danielle Connelly, Trustee Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
Robert Weston, Executive Director Human Resources

Mark Gifford, Trustee Guests:
Mary Lalji, Trustee Members of the Public
Maya Russell, Trustee Dave Crowe, Director Capital Projects
Bruce Cunnings, Director, Instruction, Learning Services
Tammy Dewar, Curriculum Facilitator
Amy Grey – Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager
Sarah Lynes, Curriculum Facilitator
Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminister Record
Maureen McRae-Stanger, Director Instruction, Learning
& Innovations
Ria Renouf, Reporter, New West Anchor
Cyrus Sy, DPAC
Leanne Sojka, Recording Secretary

REGRETS Anita Ansari, Trustee
Robert Weston, Executive Director Human Resources

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 7:02 pm.

Chair Dhaliwal added an item and motion under Superintendent Update: Short-Term Capacity Review.

2022-049

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda for the June 21, 2022, Regular School Board meeting as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Minutes from the Open Meeting held:
 - i. May 24, 2022, Regular Open Meeting
 - ii. June 7, 2022, Special Open Meeting

2022-050
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as distributed for the May 24, 2022 Regular School Board meeting and the June 7, 2022, Special Open Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil.

3. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

DPAC – Cyrus Sy presented a detailed update on behalf of DPAC. Conversations with other DPACs has commenced to advocate to the province for changes to the Area Standards Document. DPAC will continue their support for the District’s Capital Projects Plan. Cyrus provided updates from their May AGM and feedback from their recently announced summer school programming.

4. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, June 7, 2022
 - i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Beattie
Trustee Beattie shared the in-person Committee meeting at NWSS was attended well by both students and staff and she extended her thanks to those who were in attendance.
 - ii. Approval of the June 7, 2022, Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2022-051
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the June 7, 2022 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, June 7, 2022
 - i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly
Trustee Connelly acknowledged and shared appreciation to Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham and her team for all the work they have accomplished these past two and a half years.
 - ii. Approval of the June 7, 2022, Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2022-052
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the June 7, 2022 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- iii. 2023-24 Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Projects) Submission

2022-053

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2023-24 Major Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education and Childcare.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- iv. Trustee Elections Bylaw

2022-054

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve THIRD reading, reconsideration and final adoption of Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2022-TE-SD40-01.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- v. Board Annual Workplan

2022-055

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the Board Annual Workplan for the 2022-23 school year.

**CARRIED
1 Opposed**

- vi. Healthy School Food Funding

2022-056

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) write letters to our local MLA, Minister Jennifer Whiteside and the Minister of Finance, Honourable Selina Robinson, to support the BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy School Food's recommendations to the Government of British Columbia urging that they build on existing commitments and allocate funding and resources to create more local school meal programs for K-12 students in BC by:

- 1. Committing to securing \$50 million/year for three years, to design, implement and evaluate research-based school program pilots in a minimum of six school districts across the province;**
- 2. Allocating an additional \$3 million in funding so that every school district in BC can hire a dedicated School Meal Program Coordinator, to build capacity for school food programs, and;**
- 3. Assembling an internal and external provincial school food task forces to advise and support the development of universal, healthy school meal programs for all BC students.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-057

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) write a letter to our local MP, the Honourable Peter Julian urging that he support the Coalition for Healthy School Food's call for the federal government to begin to implement a universal, cost-shared, healthy school food program for all K-12 students in the country.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2022-058

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) become an endorser of The Coalition for Healthy School Food and their call for the development of a universal, cost-shared healthy school food program for Canada.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

- a. Superintendent Update (K. Hachlaf)
 - i. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning: Peer Review Feedback 2021-22 (K. Hachlaf, B. Cunnings & M. McRae-Stanger)

Superintendent Hachlaf shared the ministry engaged with all 60 districts in a new Peer Review Process. The review was completed with the engagement of numerous entities who served as a panel to review school districts in terms of framework to enhancing student learning across the province with the objective of improving student outcomes.

Director, Instruction, Learning and Innovations, McRae-Stanger and Director Instruction Learning Services Cunnings presented the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL). Three focus areas were identified and feedback was provided by the FESL group.

- ii. Good things are happening 2021/2022 year in review (K. Hachlaf & K. Keighley-Wight)

Superintendent Hachlaf and Communications Manager Keighley-Wight highlighted District successes from the 2021-22 school year:

- Welcome Centre
- Sanctuary School Policy
- Indigenous Education
- Opening of Skwo:wech Elementary School
- Learning outside the classroom – a return to field trips
- Transforming the student experience
- Climate action
- Building meaningful relationships

- iii. Short-Term Capacity Review

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham highlighted the immense capacity pressures that exists between now and construction completion of the new Fraser River Elementary School no earlier than January 2027 and the need for an immediate action plan to address the 5-year gap. Guiding Principles were identified for the difficult choices that lie ahead. She highlighted the Board's deep commitment to offering childcare spaces.

Guiding Principle #1 – Prioritize the utilization of space within our schools to support K-12 in-catchment regular enrolment while also ensuring sufficient play and outdoor learning space.

Guiding Principle #2 – Programs of choice, community partnerships (including infant/toddler childcare), and non-instructional uses of space will be operated, when necessary, relocated to school facilities where space permits.

Questions and discussion followed.

Trustee Lalji brought forward the following motion:

Moved

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) table the motion to September 2022.

MOTION NOT SECONDED

2022-059

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the principles as presented for purposes of guiding staff work on the short-term capacity review strategy and direct staff to present recommendations for approval at the November 2022 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED
1 Opposed

- b. Administrative Procedure 300 - Student Admissions, Catchment Areas and Placement (M. Naser)

Associate Superintendent Naser identified proposed changes, 3.1.a Availability of Space in a School and 3.2.a. Timeline and Registration. She clarified for Trustees, the "lottery draw" process as it relates to catchment schools.

Discussion followed regarding a first come first served process or randomized draw.

- c. May 2022 Financial Report (B. Ketcham)

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham provided highlights noting the figures are relatively close to expectations. Final year end results of the 2021-22 school year-end will be presented in September after the completion of the year end audit.

- d. Inclusive Education Review Update (B. Cunnings, T. Dewar & S. Lynes)

Director, Instruction Learning Services Cunnings and Curriculum Facilitators Tammy Dewar and Sarah Lynes shared Phase 2 highlights:

- IEP development – 5 staff in-service events
- Engaging Learners through art
- Inclusive Education – strengthening access for students and supporting schools to develop strategies
- Mentoring and supporting learning support teachers, classroom teachers and educational assistants
- Literacy support for learning support and classroom teachers
- Community building

Phase Three 2022-2023 school year recommendation focus was shared.

- e. Student Withdrawal Report (M. Naser)

Associate Superintendent Naser provided her report.

Questions followed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

7. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees shared the events they attended in June.

8. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

A parent of a high-school student shared concerning events at NWSS. Chair Dhaliwal and Superintendent Hachlaf addressed the comment. .

9. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 27, 2022: School Board Meeting, 7:00 pm - Via Webex

Reminder:

National Indigenous History Month - June

Pride Month - June

National Indigenous People's Day - June 21

Canadian Multiculturalism Day - June 27

Orange Shirt Day, September 30

10. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING

a. Record of the May 24, 2022 In-Camera Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer