

Board Meeting Highlights June 21, 2023

Superintendent's Update

In the superintendent's update, Superintendent Dhillon acknowledged that June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, and shared with the board a district highlight video on the unveiling of a new mural at Fairview Elementary that tells the story of the Katzie Slough. The story is available on the district website at https://www.sd42.ca/district-highlight/mural-showcasing-indigenous-elementary/.

2023/24 Annual Budget Bylaw

The board adopted the 2023/24 Annual Budget Bylaw.

Eligible School Sites Proposal

The board approved an eligible sites proposal to be incorporated into the 2024/25 Capital Plan and submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Based on information from local government, the board estimates there will be 7,945 new development units constructed in the district over the next 10 years (home to an estimated 1,317 students), and expects that the eligible school sites will require a total acquisition of 3.42 hectares (8.45 acres) of land for an elementary school site in the Silver Valley area. The site should be purchased within ten years. The full eligible school sites proposal is in the June 21, 2023 public agenda package.

Five-Year Capital Plan 2024/25

The board approved the Major Capital Program, Food Infrastructure Program and the Building Envelope Program projects for the Five-Year Capital Plan 2024/25 for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Identified priorities include, among others, the replacement of Pitt Meadows Secondary School, the expansion of Harry Hooge Elementary School, a site acquisition for an elementary school in the Silver Valley area, and a building envelope upgrade for Fairview Elementary School.

Policy Updates

The board approved revised *Policy 10540: Financial or In-Kind Contributions* following a public consultation process. The revised policy is now available in the <u>policy manual</u> on the district website.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The board received for information the Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and trustee representative appointments. The Accessibility Advisory Committee serves as an advisory to district leadership staff on matters related to the September 1, 2023, implementation of requirements set out in the Accessible British Columbia Act.

Framework for Enhancing of Student Learning

The board received for information the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Peer Review Report, which summarizes consensus-based reflections and statements on the district's work in the areas of Data and Evidence, Strategic Engagement, and Alignment as captured in the annual Supporting All Learners report. The peer review report is available in the June 21, 2023, agenda package at https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/June-21-2023-Public-Agenda-Package.pdf.

Trustees' Remunerations

The board received trustees' remuneration for 2023/24 for information. On May 18, 2022, the board approved that, for the period 2022 to 2026, trustee remuneration be adjusted on an annual basis effective

on July 1 each year based on the Metro Vancouver Consumer Price Index differential for the prior year. Trustee remuneration for 2023/24 is as follows: trustees \$30,100, vice-chairperson \$31,600, board chairperson \$33,100. In addition to the base remuneration, all trustees will continue to receive an annual automobile allowance of \$750 for in-district travel.

At the close of the meeting, the Board of Education acknowledged the invaluable contributions and long service of Secretary Treasurer Flavia Coughlan, who has accepted the secretary treasurer position with Vancouver School Board and welcomed Richard Rennie into the role of secretary treasurer with SD42. The board also recognized the exceptional service of Executive Coordinator Karen Yoxall, who is retiring from the school district after many years of service.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on September 20, 2023.