



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023 (6:00 PM)  
Boardroom, District Education Office**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto  
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore  
Trustee – Hudson Campbell  
Trustee – Gabriel Liosis  
Trustee – Mike Murray  
Trustee – Pascale Shaw  
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan

**STAFF:**

Superintendent – Harry Dhillon  
Secretary Treasurer – Richard Rennie  
Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Iris Mo  
Senior Manager, Communications – Irena Pochop  
Executive Coordinator – Rebecca Lyle

**ABSENT:**

Deputy Superintendent – Cheryl Schwarz

**A. OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Territory Acknowledgement

The Chairperson acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the shared traditional and unceded territories of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation. The Chairperson welcomed and recognized all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and families in our schools and community. The Chairperson welcomed and recognized the many different cultures that are represented in our schools and community.

2. Call to Order

The Chairperson called the Public Board meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

**B. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS**

1. Annual Report of Chairperson

Chairperson Yamamoto presented the Annual Report of the Chairperson, reporting on the Board's key strategic initiatives for 2022/23.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive the Annual Report of the Chairperson, for information.

**CARRIED**

2. Election of Board Officers/Nomination and Election

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve the Trustee Elections proceedings in accordance with Procedure 2915.1: Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

**CARRIED**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board proceed to elect a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson following the nomination and election procedure.

**CARRIED**

The Secretary Treasurer became the Chairperson pro-tem for the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

The Secretary Treasurer called for nominations for Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term. A seconder was not required for nominations.

**Trustee Murray nominated Trustee Yamamoto.**

There were no further nominations. The Secretary Treasurer asked Trustee Yamamoto if she accepted the nomination.

**Trustee Yamamoto Accepted the nomination.**

The Secretary Treasurer called for a second time for nominations for Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term. The Secretary Treasurer then called for a third and final time for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board. There were no other nominations.

It was then announced by acclamation that the duly elected Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) for a one-year period ending November 2024 is **Trustee Yamamoto**.

The Secretary Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term. A seconded was not required for nominations.

**Trustee Sullivan nominated Trustee Dumore.**

There were no further nominations. The Secretary Treasurer asked Trustee Dumore if she accepted the nomination.

**Trustee Dumore Accepted the nomination.**

The Secretary Treasurer called for a second time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson for a one-year term. The Secretary Treasurer called for a third and final time for nominations for Chairperson for a one-year term. There were no other nominations.

It was then announced by acclamation that the duly elected Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) for a one-year period ending November 2024 is **Trustee Dumore**.

3. Remarks of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson thanked everyone.

**C. OPENING PROCEDURES: ORDINARY BUSINESS MEETING MATTERS**

1. Correspondence

- From R. Singh, Minister, Ministry of Education and Child Care
- From C. Broady, President, BC School Trustees Association

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive all correspondence, for information.

**CARRIED**

2. Approval of Agenda

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

3. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

The Chairperson advised that members of the public were able to provide input on decision items on the Agenda by emailing [board@sd42.ca](mailto:board@sd42.ca) by no later than 5:30 pm on December 6, 2023.

No public input was received.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the October 18, 2023, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**E. PRESENTATIONS**

**F. DELEGATIONS**

**G. DEFERRED ITEMS**

**H. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Budget
  - b) Finance

- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
  - i. Policy Review Update

The Secretary Treasurer reported that feedback on revised Policy 7110: Whistleblower Protection was received and resulted in no further revisions.

The Secretary Treasurer also reported that only housekeeping changes were incorporated in the remaining policies reviewed by the Board Policy Development Committee and presented to the Board for approval.

### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve the following Policies:

- Policy 3901: Maintenance of Order in Schools
- Policy 4435: Scholarships, Bursaries and Student Awards
- Policy 7110: Whistleblower Protection
- Policy 9601: Anaphylaxis
- Policy 9610: Health Care Needs

### **CARRIED**

- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

## **I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
  - a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent reported on the new dual credit post-secondary partnership program in Early Childhood Education (ECE) offered at Ridge Meadows College where students can earn 8 high school credits and 5 post-secondary credits, with tuition funded by the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Update, for information.

### **CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Budget
  - b) Finance
  - c) Facilities Planning
  - d) Board Policy Development
  - e) Education
  - f) Aboriginal Education

**J. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

**K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Murray discussed the importance of BCSTA motions not being tabled at provincial council unless they are emergent, meaning they should wait until the AGM for all trustees to have the opportunity to vote rather than only the 60 provincial council representatives. Emergent motions are only those that deal with issues needing an immediate level of intervention, due to circumstances which could be damaging if left until the AGM.

BCSTA Capital Working Group

Trustee Murray reported that Ministry of Education and Child Care representatives were present at the last meeting allowing for ongoing dialogue with the Ministry.

BCSTA Bylaw Review

Trustee Liosis reported that additional information is to be kept confidential until presented at the upcoming AGM.

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Yamamoto reported that the last meeting was well attended, Trustee Murray added that more detailed plans will be shared with parents regarding snow removal.

City of Maple Ridge Transportation Advisory

Trustee Liosis recommended that trustees read the City's comprehensive Strategic Transportation Plan, and provided highlights on school safety initiatives.

**L. QUESTION PERIOD**

No questions were received.

**M. OTHER BUSINESS**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



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Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



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Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer