



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 (6:00 PM)
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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

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 6:04 p.m., welcomed and thanked everyone for attending, and advised that this meeting is being broadcasted live through the SD42 YouTube channel and on the school district website.

The Chairperson gave opening remarks with an acknowledgement of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

3. Electronic Board Meeting Procedures

4. Correspondence

- From the Board of Education to the Minister of Education and Child Care regarding SOGI Inclusive Education

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive all correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

6. 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 by no later than 5:30 pm on December 6, 2023.

Public Input was received regarding ITEM 6 – Amended Budget Changes for the Facilities Department.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the November 15, 2023, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Child Care

The Manager of Child Care, Nicole Marshall, presented on the 22 licensed child care programs operating in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District, yielding 527 licensed child care spaces that serve students from infant to age 12. The Manager also reported that all programs are operated by third party organizations and that all child operators participate in the government's Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, providing services to those receiving the Affordable Child Care Benefit.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on Child Care.

CARRIED

2. Alternate Programs

The Principal of Alternate Education and Trades and Partnerships, Steve Wiebe, presented to the board on SD42 Alternative Secondary and described the three unique student-centered programs: Connex, Reconnex, and Connecting. Principal Wiebe also unveiled the new logo for District Alternative Secondary designed by current and former Connex students.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on Alternate Programs.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

a) First Quarter Financial Statements

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the First Quarter Financial Statements presented to the Board for approval at the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Whole for the quarter ended September 30, 2023.

The Secretary Treasurer provided financial highlights on the Operating Fund, Special Purpose Funds, and the Capital Fund for the first quarter.

Moved/Seconded

That the Board approve the 2023/24 First Quarter Financial Statements.

CARRIED

b) Amended Budget Changes for the Facilities Department

The Secretary Treasurer presented a report that identified operating budget changes needed for the Facilities Department for inclusion in the 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the proposed budget changes totaling \$152,500 for the Facilities department for inclusion in the 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget.

CARRIED

c) 2024/25 Preliminary Budget Process and Consultation Timeline

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of the budget process and the proposed schedule of meetings to support the development and consultation on the 2024/25 Preliminary Budget.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the proposed 2024/25 Preliminary Budget Process Timeline.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

a) Chairperson's Update

The Chairperson reported on the following:

- Trustee's attendance at the 2023 BC School Trustees Association Trustee Academy
- Trustee's visit to one of the school district's new Integrated Child and Youth (ICY) Teams hubs
- Trustee's attendance at an announcement event for a new Youth Emergency Shelter in Maple Ridge

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

b) Trustee Appointments to Committees and Community Liaison Groups

The Chairperson presented the list of trustee committee and community liaison group appointments for a period of one year commencing December 6, 2023.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the attached Trustee Appointments to Committees and Community Liaison Groups for a period of one year ending November 2024.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent shared a video documenting the positive impact of the SD42 International Education program on a host family and international student they had hosted.

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
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H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BCSTA Capital Working Group

Trustee Murray shared highlights from the meeting held on November 23, 2023.

BCSTA Comprehensive School Health Working Group

Trustee Dumore shared highlights from the meeting held on November 25, 2023.

Bylaw Review Committee

Trustee Liosis had nothing further to report on the meeting held on November 26, 2023.

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Yamamoto and Trustee Murray had nothing further to report on the meeting held on November 21, 2023.

Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Art Council

Trustee Shaw shared highlights from the meeting held on November 27, 2023.

City of Maple Ridge Transportation Advisory Committee

Trustee Liosis shared highlights from the meeting held on November 29, 2023.

Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness

Trustee Sullivan shared highlights from the meeting held on November 16, 2023.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was received and answered on the following topics:

- Recent letter to the Board of Education from Pitt Meadows Secondary Teachers
- Public meeting being held online
- Amended Budget Changes for the Facilities Department

K. OTHER BUSINESS

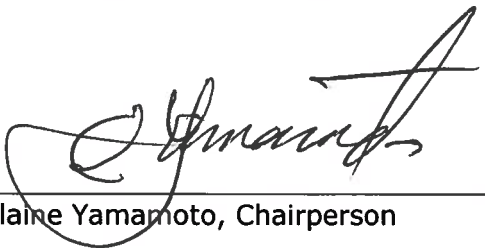
L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard, Secretary Treasurer