



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, February 21, 2024 (6:00 PM)
Boardroom, District Education Office**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore
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

ABSENT:

Trustee – Gabriel Liosis
Trustee – Hudson Campbell

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 6:02pm.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

3. Correspondence

- Letter from E. Yamamoto to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- Letter from E. Yamamoto to District Parent Advisory Council

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive all correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. 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 February 21, 2024.

No public input was received.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the January 17, 2024, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Feeding Futures School Food Programs

The Program Manager, Community Connections and Healthy Living/Food Security, Jeannie Harnett, presented on the Feeding Futures School Food Programs (FFSFP) Fund and reported on expenses incurred up to February 1, 2024, explained additional sources of support and funding the program receives, and shared numbers of how many lunches the food service provider's support. Ms. Harnett also explained the gift card program, reported on the funding of third-party agreements, and shared impact statements they have received from school district staff.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on the Feeding Futures School Food Programs.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) School Growth Plans

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent reported that the School Act stipulates that the Board of Education must approve school plans and that school plans must be made available to the parents of students attending that school.

The Superintendent reported that school growth plan goals relate to five themes: equity, literacy, social emotional learning, assessment and reporting, and secondary innovation.

THAT the Board approve the school growth plans and direct the Superintendent to make the school growth plans available to parents of students attending each school in the school district.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

a) Budget

i. 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw and Second Quarter Financial Statements

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget includes Board approved budget changes to January 2024, revenue and expenditure changes resulting from changes to enrolment, revenue changes announced by the Ministry of Education and Child Care in December 2023, projected revenue and expenditure changes, and proposed additional budget changes to achieve a balanced budget.

Moved/Seconded

- (1) THAT the Amended Budget Bylaw of the Board for the fiscal year 2023/24 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Moved/Seconded**

- (2) THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw be:
- Read a first time on the 21st day of February 2024;
 - Read a second time on the 21st day of February 2024;
 - Read a third time, passed, and adopted on the 21st day of February 2024.

CARRIED

- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development

i) Policy Review Updates

The Secretary Treasurer reported that non-substantive changes were incorporated in the policies reviewed by the Board Policy Development Committee and presented to the Board for approval.

The Secretary Treasurer also asked to remove Policy 10400: Community and Commercial Use of School Facilities and Grounds from the recommendation agenda package so it could be revised further at the next Board Policy Development Committee meeting.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following Policies:

- Policy 4105: Investments
- Policy 6810: Disposal of Land or Improvements

CARRIEDii) Non-Substantive Edits to Policies

Trustee Dumore highlighted the importance of using gender-inclusive language in all policies and other official documents to assist in fostering an inclusive culture of care and belonging where the well-being, diversity, identity, and success of all learners is supported and celebrated. The Board Policy Development Committee recommended that the Board authorize the Secretary Treasurer to approve, as time permits, certain non-substantive changes to policies without the formal process of Board Policy Development Committee review.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board grant the Secretary Treasurer the authority to approve the following non-substantive edits to policies that do not alter the meaning or intent of the policies.

- replacing gender-specific language with gender-inclusive language;
- grammar and spelling corrections;
- formatting adjustments;
- name changes to legislation, organization titles, job titles and document titles; and
- reference updates such as hyperlinks.

CARRIED

- e) Education Advisory
- f) Aboriginal Education Advisory
- g) Accessibility Advisory

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

- a) Chairperson's Update

The Board Chairperson shared a recent announcement from our local MLA's that the Province is investing \$250,000 for a feasibility study to help outline potential post-secondary education opportunities in the area.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent shared a presentation on six-year completion rates for the school district and reported that trends continue to be very positive.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

- a) Enrolment Projections for 2024/25 to 2027/28

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported the enrolment projections for 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28. K-12 enrolment is projected to increase by 246 FTE in 2024/25, 198 FTE in 2025/26, 252 FTE in 2026/27, and 196 FTE in 2027/28.

The enrolment projections will be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC) and will form the basis of preliminary operating grants to be announced by the Ministry of Education and Child Care on March 15, 2024.

THAT the Board receive the Enrolment Projections for 2024/25 to 2027/28 for information.

CARRIED

b) Policy Review Updates

The Secretary Treasurer reported that changes were being proposed to Policy 2919: Trustee Code of Conduct and Policy 6600: Naming of School District Facilities and that input from stakeholders and the public is now invited. The Board Policy Development Committee will review all the input received before the policy is presented to the Board for approval on May 1, 2024.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive drafts of the following policies for information and continuation of the consultation process:

- 2919: Trustee Code of Conduct
- 6600: Naming of School District Facilities

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

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

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Murray had no further comments to add to the report.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation Committee

Trustee Murray highlighted the RMEF 2023 Annual Report.

Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Table Committee

Trustee Dumore shared a list of opportunities coming up in the next few months and that the Committee has been advocating for a safe consumption site.

Youth Planning Table Committee

Trustee Dumore reported that the economic development committee is working to enhance local business and online presence and is engaging with youth from youth plan to see if there is opportunity to collaborate on the project.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received.

K. OTHER BUSINESS


L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard, Secretary Treasurer