



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 (6:00 PM)
Boardroom, District Education Office**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Hudson Campbell
Trustee – Mike Murray
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan

Superintendent – Teresa Downs
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 – Pascale Shaw

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 Deputy Minister, C. Zacharuk to Superintendent of Schools
- Letter from Deputy Minister, C. Zacharuk to Board Chairperson

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

The Secretary Treasurer proposed to move ITEM 4 - 2024 National Day or Mourning Delegation to go before ITEM 3 – 2024/25 Proposed Preliminary Budget Presentation on the agenda. It was also proposed to defer ITEM 10 – Policy Review Update for Policy 5780 – Appropriate Use of Information and Communication Systems to the May 1, 2024 Public Board Meeting.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

5. 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 5:30pm on April 17, 2024.

Public Input was received regarding Item 3 – 2024/25 Proposed Preliminary Budget in relation to StrongStart.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the March 6, 2024, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

1. 2024 National Day of Mourning

A member of the New Westminster & District Labour Council (NWDLC), Christy Slauenwhite, recognized April 28, 2024, as the National Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured on the job. The Board Chairperson then asked participants to observe one minute of silence.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the delegation on the 2024 National Day of Mourning.

CARRIED

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. 2024/25 Proposed Preliminary Budget

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Proposed Preliminary Budget 2024/25. Budget background information, 2024/25 Ministry of Education and Child Care funding, 2024/25 base operating budget, four-year operating projections, proposed budget changes, and partner group and public consultation schedule were explained.

Discussion ensued on the Proposed Preliminary Budget 2024/25.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the 2024/25 Proposed Preliminary Budget for information and initiation of the public consultation process.

CARRIED

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) 2024/25 Capital Plan Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer reported that in order to access funding for the projects included in the Ministry Response Letter and in accordance with the Ministry of Education and Child Care procedures regarding capital bylaws, the Board must adopt a single Capital Bylaw.

Moved/Seconded

- (1) THAT the Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD42-01 – be given three (3) readings at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved/Seconded

- (2) THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD42-01 be:

Read a first time on the 17th day of April, 2024;

Read a second time on the 17th day of April, 2024;

Read a third time, passed, and adopted on the 17th day of April, 2024.

CARRIED

b) 2024/25 Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan

The Secretary Treasurer reported that school districts must provide the Ministry of Education and Child Care with a 2024/25 Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Spending Plan that includes a list of all AFG projects and expenditures to be undertaken from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the 2024/25 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan and authorize the Secretary Treasurer to submit the 2024/25 AFG Spending Plan to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED

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

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following updated policies:

- 5401: Use of Board-Owned Buses
- 10400: Community and Commercial Use of School Facilities and Grounds

CARRIED

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

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

The Superintendent presented an overview of the 2023 BC Adolescent Health Survey provincial results that shared themes across the province.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
 - a) Secretary Treasurer's Update

The Secretary Treasurer shared that the Ministry of Education and Child Care recently granted funds for all school districts, to be used this fiscal year under the Student and Family Affordability Fund. The allocation for School District No. 42 is \$0.67 million. The school district is engaging with Indigenous rightsholders, the District Parent Advisory Council and others to develop a spending plan to execute before June 30, 2024.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's Update, for information.

CARRIED

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H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BCSTA Comprehensive Schools Healthy Working Group

Trustee Dumore reported that the group is working to collate data received from the substance education survey and that the group will be meeting to further discuss the data.

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Murray reported that items discussed at the meeting included the upcoming budget process, school safety notification system, grad rates, and bylaws.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Murray shared a list of grants the foundation has provided.

Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Team

Trustee Dumore highlighted that there are lots of opportunities to access harm reduction however not enough, additional places to get drug testing strips, and that the OPS at the hospital have increased their hours and have hired a new youth addiction nurse.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were received and answered on the following topics:

- Partner group feedback received
- Early Learning grant funding to support StrongStart

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer