



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, April 14, 2021, (6:00 PM)
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson – Korleen Carreras
Vice-Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Trustee – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Mike Murray
Trustee – Pascale Shaw
Trustee – Colette Trudeau
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan

STAFF:

Superintendent – Harry Dhillon
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Deputy Superintendent – Shannon Derinzy
Executive Coordinator – Karen Yoxall

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The Chairperson advised that this meeting is being broadcasted live through the SD42 YouTube channel and on the school district website.

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 of our 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. Observe one minute of silence

The Chairperson recognized April 28, 2021 as the Day of Mourning for those who have lost their lives on the job and asked participants to observe a minute of silence.

3. Electronic Board Meeting Procedures

4. Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

- J. Whiteside, Minister of Education
- A. Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training
- R. Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Canadian Schools Board Association
- S. Higginson, President, BC School Trustees Association
- W. Reichelt, Chairperson, School District No. 33 (Chilliwack)
- S. McDonnell, Chairperson, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley)

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 April 14, 2021.

No public input was received.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the March 10, 2021 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Proposed Preliminary Budget 2021/22

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer presented the Proposed Preliminary Budget 2021/22. Budget background information, 2021/22 Ministry of Education funding, 2021/21 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 2021/22.

THAT the Board receive the Proposed Preliminary Budget 2021/22 for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent
3. Secretary Treasurer

a) 2021/22 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that school districts must provide the Ministry of Education with a 2021/22 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan that includes a list of all AFG projects and expenditures to be undertaken from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

THAT the Board approve the 2021/22 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan and authorize the Secretary Treasurer to submit the 2021/22 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

a) Budget

i. Community and Commercial Use of School Facilities

Moved/Seconded

In accordance with board Policy 10400 Community and Commercial Use of School Facilities and Grounds, board facilities will be made available to outside users for a fee that at a minimum ensures full cost recovery of direct and indirect costs incurred and to be incurred by the board as a result of making that use available.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that rental rates are calculated based on either the full cost recovery per square meter per hour or on market rates which are determined by conducting an annual market analysis.

THAT the Board approve the proposed rental rates for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023.

CARRIED

b) Finance

i. Appointment of Auditors

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the school district financial statements will continue to be audited by an auditor appointed by the Board for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

An Audit Services Request for Proposal was issued on December 12, 2020 and closed on January 19, 2021. The Audit Services Request for Proposal Evaluation Committee is recommending that the Board appoint KPMG as financial statements auditors for the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

THAT the Board appoint KPMG as auditors for the Board for 2020/2021 and direct the Secretary Treasurer to promptly notify the auditor and the Minister of Education of the appointment.

CARRIED

- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development

- e) Education
 - i. Board/Authority Authorized Course

Moved/Seconded

The Deputy Superintendent reported that proposed Strength Training 10 Board Authority/Authorized Course meets the Ministry of Education requirements for the development of BAAs.

THAT the Board approve the Board Authority/Authorized Course: Strength Training 10 effective the commencement of the 2021/22 school year.

CARRIED

- f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent

- a) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent provided an update on school events and activities and recognized Kristi Blakeway, Principal, Laity View for being awarded the "*Medal of Good Citizenship*" by the province for her work in the downtown eastside.

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees
 - a) Budget
 - b) Finance
 - c) Facilities Planning
 - d) Board Policy Development

i. Policy Review Update**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that housekeeping changes were being proposed to Policy 2920: Trustees' Remuneration and its associated procedure and that Policy 10820: Political Activities has been updated to clarify the definition of political activities and the authority given to the Superintendent and the Secretary Treasurer to implement this policy.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that input from stakeholders and the public is now invited. The Board Policy Development Committee will review all the input received before the policies are presented to the Board for approval on May 19, 2021.

THAT the Board receive for information:

- Policy 2920: Trustees' Remuneration
- Procedure 2920.1 Trustees' Remuneration
- Policy 10820: Political Activities

CARRIED

- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**I. TRUSTEE REPORTS**BC School Trustees Association: 2021 Annual General Meeting

Trustee Carreras reported on the planning for the upcoming Annual General meeting.

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Murray reported on two presentations received at the recent meeting: "Out in School" education program by Gavin Somers and Miranda Ruty and the District Internet Safety and Healthy Use of Technology by school district staff.

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Sullivan reported on the 50th anniversary projects under consideration and that an arts learning program is being offered to Kanaka Creek elementary students during spring break.

Social Policy Advisory

Trustee Yamamoto reported that the committee received a presentation by Jill Zacharias of the Tamarack Institute.

Youth Planning Table

Trustee Dumore reported on two presentations received at the meeting: Services to Adults with Developmental Disabilities (STADD) and the Silver Valley Gathering Place. The committee discussed progress on their goals and the uPlan subcommittee reported on their work organizing a community scavenger hunt.

Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Table (CAT)

Trustee Sullivan reported that MLA's Beare and D'Eith presented on the BC Opioid Response and provided an update on the Reels projects.

English Language Learners Consortium

Trustee Yamamoto reported that concerns regarding the need to improve communication with ELL parents and the potential need for additional supports for students who have lost language and academic learning due to COVID-19 were discussed at the recent meeting.

City of Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation and Culture

Trustee Murray reported on the newly formed advisory committee and the appointment of the new General Manager for Parks, Recreation and Culture, Scott Hartman. The committee will meet potentially 4 -5 times per year and a work plan for 2021/22 will be developed over the next few months.

Good News Items

Trustee Trudeau spoke to her attendance at the Indigenous Education Committee meeting; Trustee Dumore spoke to her attendance at the Hospice Foundation fundraiser and the work of the Youth Planning Table; Trustee Yamamoto thanked all staff for their work during the pandemic; Trustee Murray reported that the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation provided a number of schools with grants for various projects and initiatives and that the Rotary Club will be hosting a Caring for Kids event to raise money for a number of programs, including the school lunch program; Trustee Shaw noted her appreciation for the update on school events and activities from Superintendent Dhillon; Trustee Sullivan noted she was looking forward to hearing from Fraser Health about the rollout of vaccines for staff in the school district and also acknowledged Kristi Blakeway for her work in the community; and Trustee Carreras spoke to her work chairing meetings with trustees from across the province in preparation for the upcoming BCSTA Annual General Meeting.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were posed on the following:

- Policy 6600: Naming of School District Facilities
- Renaming of the gymnasium at Pitt Meadows Secondary School
- Funding of clerical committees
- School clerical allocations

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



Korleen Carreras, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer