



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, January 27, 2021, (6:00 PM)
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
Deputy Superintendent – Harry Dhillon
Executive Coordinator – Karen Yoxall

ABSENT:

Trustee – Mike Murray

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. Electronic Board Meeting Procedures

3. Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

- S. MacDonald, Deputy Minister of Education
- S. Higginson, President, BC School Trustees Association
- F. Lento, Chairperson, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
- K. Carreras, Chairperson, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- D. Lawson, Chairperson, School District No. 47 (Powell River)

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

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 5:30 pm on January 27, 2021.

Public input was received on Policy 2915 Board Chairperson – Election, Role and Responsibilities as presented under Item 8: Policy Review Update.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the December 9, 2020 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Outreach Program

Moved/Seconded

Carson Power, Teacher and Trevor Connor, Principal, Maple Ridge Secondary School presented an overview of the Outreach Program which is a district wide alternate program for students aged 16 – 19 years old who are facing and overcoming issues and who need to finish grade 10, 11 and 12 courses.

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation by Carson Power, Teacher and Trevor Connor, Principal, Maple Ridge Secondary School on the Outreach Program.

CARRIED

2. Connex Program

Moved/Seconded

Steve Wiebe, Principal, District Alternate Secondary presented on the Connex and Reconnex Programs explaining that Connex is a part-time transitional program for students aged 12-19 years old who have been out of school or are at risk of being out of school and that Reconnex is a program for students who require more targeted support. An overview of both programs was presented.

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation by Steve Wiebe, Principal, District Alternate Secondary School on the Connex Program.

CARRIED

The Superintendent exited the meeting at 7 p.m.

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
3. Secretary Treasurer
 - a) Budget Process

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the budget process and proposed timelines and noted that due to the fall election the provincial budget will not be tabled in February but on April 20, 2021 which requires an extension of the budget process into May 2021.

THAT the Board approve the proposed 2021/2022 Preliminary Budget Process Timeline.

And Further;

THAT the Board approve the change of date for the Public Board Meeting from April 28, 2021 to May 5, 2021.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees
 - a) Budget
 - b) Finance
 - i. First Quarter Financial Statements

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the First Quarter Financial Statements are being presented to the Board for approval at the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Whole.

The Secretary Treasurer provided an overview of revenue and expense changes as compared to the 2020/21 Preliminary Budget.

THAT the Board approve the First Quarter Financial Statements.

CARRIED

The Superintendent re-joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) School Plans

Moved/Seconded

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

The Superintendent reported that principals of all schools and the Riverside Program have prepared a summary of the goal(s) contained in the school growth plan. School growth plans relate to four themes: social emotional learning, literacy, secondary innovation and improved learning and assessment. The summary documents will be posted on school websites and made available to parents of students attending each school in the school district.

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

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

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

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that housekeeping changes were being proposed to policies presented for approval.

The Secretary Treasurer clarified that in Policy 2915: Board Chairperson – Election, Role and Responsibilities, “term of office” refers to the period between two general school elections as defined in the School Act Section 35 (1) and that in Procedure 2915.1: Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, “one year term” refers to the election of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson that occurs each year.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that Policy 6425: School Size is being recommended for rescission as this subject is included in Policy 9200: Student Catchment Areas and Student Placement and therefore no longer required.

THAT the Board approve:

- Policy 2301: Role of the Board
- Policy 2302: Board Delegation of Authority
- Policy 2915: Board Chairperson – Election, Role and Responsibilities
- Policy 3201: Role of the Superintendent of Schools
- Policy 3202: Role of the Secretary Treasurer
- Policy 4203: Budget Planning and Reporting
- Policy 6801: School Closure
- Policy 9200: School Catchment Areas and Student Placement

And Further:

THAT the Board receive for information:

- Procedure 2915.1: Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- Procedure 4203.1: Budget Process.

And Further that the Board rescind Policy 6425: School Size

CARRIED

- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

- a) Trustee Representative: City of Pitt Meadows Community Support Select Committee

Moved/Seconded

The Chairperson reported that the City of Pitt Meadows has extended an invitation for a school district representative to act as a Community Liaison on the City of Pitt Meadows Community Support Select Committee.

THAT the Board receive for information the appointment of Trustee Sullivan as the Board's representative on the City of Pitt Meadows Community Support Select Committee.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent provided an update of school events and activities and thanked all staff and partner groups for their hard work during her time as Superintendent of Schools.

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 Policy 4204: Contingency Reserve; Policy 5310: Disposal of Surplus Assets, and Policy 6530: Environmental Sustainability have been updated to reflect current practice.

THAT the Board receive for information and continuation with the consultation process:

Policy 4204: Contingency Reserve
Policy 5310: Disposal of Surplus Assets
Policy 6530: Environmental Sustainability

CARRIED

- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Draft Motion to the BC School Trustees Association: Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order and Framework for Enhanced Learning Policy Review Process

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustees Association for consideration:

“THAT the BCSTA work with the Ministry of Education on a review and continuous improvement process of the requirements included in Ministerial Order No. M302 – Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order and the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Policy. The review process and recommendations for improvement should be completed by no later than December 2022.”

CARRIED

2. Draft Motion to the BC School Trustees Association: Food Security

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustees Association for consideration:

“THAT BCSTA strongly urge the Minister of Education and the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to implement and fund a food security program for each school district, noting that the Minister of Education’s mandate letter references the development of such a program; and further, that government be urged to consult with BCSTA in the development of the program.”

CARRIED

3. Draft Motion to the BC School Trustees Association: Funding for Student Transportation

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the submission of the following motion to the BC School Trustees Association for consideration:

“THAT BCSTA works with the Ministry of Education to define a minimal provincial standard for student transportation and that sufficient funding be provided to deliver this minimal standard in all school districts.”

CARRIED

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Social Policy Advisory

Trustee Dumore reported that items discussed included the election of chairperson and vice chairperson, the 2021 meeting schedule, and updates from the Youth Planning Table.

Youth Planning Table

Trustee Dumore reported that the Implementation Plan was discussed.

English Language Learners Consortium

Trustee Yamamoto reported that the consortium advocates for ELL learners in school districts across the province and that one area of concern is how to better support new immigrants.

Good News Items

Trustee Dumore reported that the BC Games Society has awarded Anna Huber with the Karina LeBlanc Game Changer Award and that she is excited to participate in black shirt day; Trustee Shaw commented on the progress of secondary school students with the start of a new semester; Trustees Trudeau and Yamamoto enjoyed the presentation by Monique Gray Smith on “Fostering Resilience” at the recent district wide professional development day; Trustee Carreras attended the “Equity and Excellence: Enhancing the Life Chances of All Students” session and also participated in the January 22, 2021 Partner Liaison meeting which includes Board Chairs, Superintendents, Secretary Treasurers and Ministry of Education staff.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustees congratulated Sylvia Russell on her retirement and thanked her for her work as Superintendent of Schools.

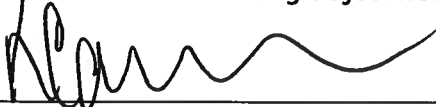
L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded


THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Korleen Carreras, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer