



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, March 10, 2021, (6:00 PM)
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

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

ABSENT:

Trustee – Kim Dumore

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

- J. Whiteside, Minister of Education
- S. Higginson, President, BC School Trustees Association
- F. Lento, Chairperson, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)

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 March 10, 2021.

No public input was received.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. English Language Learning and International Education

Moved/Seconded

Diane Wadden presented on the English Language Learning services provided by the school district to students whose primary language, or language of the home is other than English. Tricia McCuaig presented on the benefits of international education and the work of the department.

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation by Diane Wadden and Tricia McCuaig, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees
 - a) Budget
 - b) Finance
 - c) Facilities Planning
 - d) Board Policy Development
 - i. Policy Updates

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that no public input was received on the proposed policies.

THAT the Board approve the following policies:

- Policy 4202: Contingency Reserve
- Policy 5310: Disposal of Surplus Assets
- Policy 6530: Environmental Sustainability

CARRIED

- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

- a) Operational Plans

Moved/Seconded

The Chairperson, Superintendent and the Secretary Treasurer presented a high-level overview of the operational plans and noted that the operational plans are aligned with the strategic priorities set by the board through the strategic plan.

THAT the Board receive for information the Operational Plans for the Board of Education, Education, Business Operations, Human Resources and Information Technology Departments.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent

- a) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent provided an update on the anti-racism initiative, school activities and thanked all school district staff for their work during the pandemic.

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
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association: Provincial Council

Trustee Carreras reported on the recent Provincial Council meeting that was held virtually in February 2021.

BC School Trustees Association: Fraser Valley Branch

Trustee Carreras reported that annual branch elections were held and AGM motions were discussed.

BC School Trustees Association: Indigenous Education Committee

Trustee Trudeau reported on the recent committee meeting that was held virtually on February 18, 2021.

BC School Trustees Association: Professional Learning Committee

Trustee Shaw reported on the work of the committee leading up to the Annual General Meeting scheduled for April 2021.

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Carreras reported that staff and partner groups provided updates at the recent meeting and that the next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021.

Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion (MACAI)

Trustee Shaw reported that the chairperson and vice-chairperson were selected and that the 2021 MACAI awards were discussed.

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Sullivan reported that preliminary planning for the 50th Arts Council anniversary is underway.

City of Maple Ridge Transportation Advisory

Trustee Shaw reported that an overview of the structure was provided, the purpose of the advisory committee was reviewed, and a new chairperson and vice-chairperson were selected. An update on the Active Transportation for Schools Task Force was provided.

Good News Items

Trustee Yamamoto reported on the free online cooking class provided by Chef Randle, Maple Ridge Secondary School for Canada's Agriculture Day on February 23, 2021 and spoke to the English Language Learners Consortium meeting; Trustee Trudeau attended the Indigenous Education Committee meeting; Trustee Sullivan spoke to the work that the school district is doing regarding the anti-racism initiative; Trustee Shaw spoke to the upcoming Spring Break; Trustee Murray referred to the BC School Trustees Association's report on the "*The Case for Increased School Life Cycle Funding*"; and Trustee Carreras spoke to her attendance at a "Gearing Up" Session on Priority-Focused Budgeting and to the work of the school district over the past year during the pandemic.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were posed on the following:

- Policy 6530: Environmental Sustainability

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Korleen Carreras, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer