



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (6:00 PM)
Boardroom, District Education Office**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Vice-Chairperson – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Hudson Campbell
Trustee – Gabriel Liosis
Trustee – Mike Murray
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan

STAFF:

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:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
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

Vice Chairperson Dumore assumed the role of Board Chairperson for the meeting and called the Public Board meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The Chairperson further opened the meeting with a statement regarding student succumbing to injuries from an accident that occurred this morning, sending condolences to the family members, staff, and students.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

3. Correspondence

4. Approval of Agenda

ITEM 3 - Child Care Presentation was removed from the Agenda as it is being deferred to a future meeting.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be amended and 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 5:30 pm on October 18, 2023.

No public input was received.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the September 20, 2023, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Indigenous Education 2022/23 Targeted Funding Surplus

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the 2022/23 Indigenous Education targeted funding was underspent, resulting in a surplus of \$350,905 as at June 30, 2023 and that approval to carry forward underspent funding to 2023/24 is required.

Moved/Seconded

That the Board approve the spending plan for inclusion of the 2022/23 targeted Indigenous Education funding surplus of \$350,905 in the 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget.

CARRIED

b) 2022/23 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The report is prepared annually in accordance with the Financial Information Act. Included in the report are a schedule of remuneration and expenses that lists all payments made to trustees and to employees with remuneration exceeding \$75,000, and a schedule of suppliers of goods and services that received payments in excess of \$25,000.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the School District Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

CARRIEDc) 2023/24 Capital Plan Bylaw

The Secretary Treasurer reported that in order to access funding for the addition of the Ministry of Education and Child Care's approval of the Food Infrastructure Program (FIP) funding of \$161,000 for two FIP projects, 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. 2023/24-CPSD42-02 – be given three (3) readings at this meeting. (vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (2) THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD42-02 be:

Read a first time on the 18th day of October, 2023;

Read a second time on the 18th day of October, 2023;

Read a third time, passed and adopted on the 18th day of October, 2023.

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 on the housekeeping changes incorporated in the policies reviewed by the Board Policy Development Committee and presented to the Board for approval.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve:

- Policy 2301: Role of the Board
- Policy 2302: Board Delegation of Authority
- Policy 3201: Role of the Superintendent of Schools
- Policy 3202: Role of the Secretary Treasurer

CARRIED

- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

The Superintendent reported on the development of the school district's Land Acknowledgement and played a district highlights video of a land acknowledgement activity at Maple Ridge Elementary during National Truth and Reconciliation Week.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Budget
 - b) Finance
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 - i. Policy Review Update

The Secretary Treasurer reported that changes were being proposed to Policy 7110: Whistleblower Protection 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 November 15, 2023.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive draft Policy 7110: Whistleblower Protection for information and continuation of the consultation process.

CARRIED

- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education
 - i. Receive Minutes of Meeting

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the September 12, 2023, Minutes of the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee, for information.

CARRIED

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BCSTA Capital Working Group

Trustee Murray highlighted that climate change is on the subcommittee's work plans for the year and that more funding may be required.

BCSTA Comprehensive School Health Working Group

Trustee Dumore reported that the committee will undertake a jurisdictional scan to identify current district substance education and overdose policies.

City of Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory

Trustee Murray highlighted the Community Heritage Plan 2022-2032.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Murray reported that many of our trustees attended the Donor Recognition event held at Thomas Haney Secondary.

Youth Planning Table

Trustee Campbell highlighted that UPlan is advocating for a more sustainable funding stream for future projects with a goal of having 600 students participate.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was received and answered on the following topic:

- Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA)

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Kim Dumore, Vice Chairperson



Richard, Secretary Treasurer