



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, September 23, 2020, (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 – Kathleen Sullivan
Trustee – Colette Trudeau

STAFF:

Superintendent – Sylvia Russell
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan
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. Electronic Board Meeting Procedures

3. Correspondence

Moved/Seconded

- Minister Robinson, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- P. Faoro, President, CUPE BC
- K. Carreras, Chairperson, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- K. Palmer Isaak, Chairperson, School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
- R. Zandee, Chairperson, School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)
- J. Watters, Chairperson, School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

Move Update on Policies and Procedures from Decision Items, Board Policy Development to Information Items, Chairperson

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 5:30 pm on September 23, 2020.

No public input was received at the meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the July 22, 2020 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
4. Board Committees

a) Budget

i. 2020/21 Budget Changes

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported that on August 11, 2020, the Ministry of Education announced the allocations under the Provincial Safe Return to Schools Grant along with the guidelines for the use of the funding.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the total allocation to the school district is \$1,084,402 and that funding has been allocated for reusable masks/face shields, computers and assistive technology, cleaning supplies, cleaning frequency and improved hand hygiene.

The Secretary Treasurer further reported that on September 3, 2020, the Ministry of Education announced the allocation of the Federal Safe Return to Class Fund. The first phase of the funding will be disbursed in September 2020; allocations for the second phase of funding will be announced later in the year when confirmation has been received from the federal government that the funding is forthcoming.

The school district will receive a phase one allocation of \$2,650,455 with a total annual allocation of up to \$5.3 million. The Ministry of Education advised that these funds should be in alignment with the school district K-12 Restart plan and that the funding may be used for learning resources and support, health and safety, transportation, and before and after-school childcare.

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the proposed allocations of the Federal Safe Return to Class Fund are based on the priorities established in the Restart Plan, in the context of the board's strategic plan and the feedback collected from education partners.

The Secretary Treasurer further reported that at June 30, 2020 the Aboriginal Education department reported \$173,089 of unspent funding principally due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on school district operations. It is being proposed that \$61,825 of unspent 2019/20 targeted funding be used to staff two 20-hour Aboriginal Support Worker positions on a one-time basis subject to Ministry of Education approval.

THAT THE BOARD approve the proposed spending plans for the Provincial Safe Return to Schools Grant of the Federal Safe Return to Class Fund for submission to the Ministry of Education and inclusion in the 2020/21 Amended Budget;

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Board approve the allocation of \$61,825 indigenous education targeted funding 2019/20 surplus to fund two 20-hour Aboriginal Support Worker positions for 2020/21 subject to Ministry of Education approval.

CARRIED

b) Finance

i. Audited Financial Statements

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Financial Statements Discussion and Analysis Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. In accordance with the School Act, Boards of Education must prepare financial statements with respect to the preceding fiscal year and forward a copy to the Ministry of Education by September 30, 2020, together with the auditor's report.

Accounting Policies, Financial Analysis, Operating Fund Analysis, Special Purpose Funds Analysis, Capital Fund Analysis and Risks and Uncertainties were explained.

THAT THE BOARD approve the Audited Financial Statements of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) June 30, 2020.

AND FURTHER;

THAT THE BOARD approve the transfer from the Operating Fund to Local Capital for childcare capital of \$32,500.

AND FURTHER;

THAT THE BOARD approve the transfer from the Operating Fund to Local Capital for new classroom space of \$140,000.

AND FURTHER;

THAT THE BOARD approve the transfer from the Operating fund to the Contingency Reserve for Local Capital of \$2,098,920.

CARRIED

- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

- a) Update on Policies and Procedures

Moved/Seconded

The Chairperson reported that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the work of the committee was suspended in March 2020. All policies that were deferred in 2019-2020 will be included in the Board Policy Committee Work Plan for 2020-2021. The committee may also consider other policies required by law or provincial policy.

THAT the Board receive the Board Policy Committee Work Plan 2020 – 2021, for information.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Summer Learning Update

Moved/Seconded

Jeff Curwen, Acting Principal, reported on the Summer Learning programs offered by the school district in 2020.

334 K-7 students participated in the Elementary Summer Learning Program and 460 students participated in the Secondary Summer Learning Program.

Multi-grade students from Katzie First Nation participated in a summer learning program at the Katzie Health Centre.

THAT the Board receive the Summer Learning Update, for information.

CARRIED

- b) Superintendent's Update

Moved/Seconded

The Superintendent welcomed back and thanked all students, families, staff and partner groups.

The Superintendent provided an update on the work that has been undertaken to ensure that all schools in the district could open safely for in-class instruction.

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

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Carreras reported that updates were received from the Superintendent, partner groups and DPAC.

Social Policy Advisory Committee

Trustee Dumore reported that updates were received on the SPAC work plan, Youth Planning Table and CAT Table.

Youth Planning Table Sub Committee – UPlan

Trustee Dumore reported that terms of reference, committee membership and grants received from the Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears were discussed.

Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Table

Trustee Sullivan reported that agenda items discussed included updates regarding overdose protection sites, news from the Foundry, and information regarding local community events.

City of Maple Ridge Transportation Committee

Trustee Shaw provided an update on the Active Transportation for Schools Task Force.

Good News Items

Trustee Dumore reported that the Salvation Army have delivered 350 backpacks to Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows students, and are donating all remaining supplies to Katzie First Nation. Trustee Dumore also noted that the breakfast programs have restarted in the district, and that the Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears and the Salvation Army have partnered together to provide 50 computers to SD42 students. Trustee Murray noted that the Salvation Army lunch program would be restarting shortly and may need volunteer drivers. Trustee Trudeau spoke about the BCSTA Indigenous Education committee meeting and also expressed her appreciation for the work senior team is doing in engaging partner groups. Trustees thanked all staff, senior team, partner groups, and families for working so well together in challenging times.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were posed on the 2020/21 Budget Changes:

- Additional cleaning of school buses
- Funding of proposed health and safety allocations
- Allocation of cleaning supplies for classroom teachers to clean between cohorts
- Funding and posting of additional custodial positions
- Funding of additional CUPE sick time
- Battery costs and installation of touchless faucets in district facilities
- Breakdown of enhanced staffing for the Odyssey program
- Aboriginal Support Worker positions

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Korleen Carreras, Chairperson



Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer